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## Letter from John Muir to Daniel H. Muir, 1866 ca. Aug 12

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upon anything else. [43]  
we have moved to a small  
brick house, one square south  
and two east of the shop -  
Daly & Stokes are still here -  
Stokes wishes you to find a  
place for him, a long very  
long legged Yankee runs your  
saws, he wishes to escape  
to some superterranean position  
just chance -

I recd a letter from mother  
a few days ago, David has  
been telling her that this place  
is unhealthy. I also recd one  
from Dave, he is made  
ruling elder in the presby-  
terian church. I have not  
yet recd any letter from

Ball for you

Mrs. Kennes sends her  
best respects, & also  
do I together with heartfelt  
desires for your happiness  
Goodbye from J. M.

To write soon Dave

[13] Aug 12 & 7 Aug 25

Indianapolis Ind 18 Dec  
Sunday

Dear Dan, I was glad  
to receive your last,  
short as it was, but would  
have liked a little more.  
You almost set me wild  
with your ferns although  
you did tell your story in  
ed humorous & unbotanical  
a style, with your "both eyes  
shut and one open" I could  
~~could~~ see your beautiful forests  
of waving ferns in the deep ~~out~~  
shade of these tall trees until  
I felt as though I must leave  
the shop and see them,  
and now Dave, none of your  
nonsense about them, but set  
yourself diligently to collect  
specimens of those you think  
I have <sup>out</sup> seen for me, and of  
all for yourself. Fill an

envelope with small portions  
 of printed specimens as soon  
 as you can for me and I  
 will get full specimens af-  
 terwards - I am glad  
 you got into a shop that  
 suited you so well, I think  
 that you are on the right bus-  
 iness track now, endeavor to  
 get your Ball to roll into  
 some similar establishment  
 as set town & wheel till he can  
 turn himself. How are you  
 getting along at the lathe, How  
 do you turn broom handles,  
 is the broom end of the handle  
 put on a centre or on a socket,  
 what kind of timber do you  
 use - how much do you turn  
 out - & when do you find a  
 market. What wages do you, or  
 see you to get - what will they  
 pay per thousand for turning

This is now in wood

of handles, will see a long  
 letter soon, do not work  
 so hard as to run yourself  
 into the ground, your job they  
 concerning Payson & Smith  
 is not yet accomplished -  
 I am taking it easier now  
 all of my lumber is brought in  
 now and saved off for me -  
 the weather too is cool and  
 I begin to feel much better  
 My Cythe is at last finished  
 and the drawings etc will  
 soon be disposed of, I will  
 soon have the lathe under way  
 I mean to set up my  
 whittling at the State fair  
 which comes off on the first  
 of Oct, I wish you would  
 come on a visit - then  
 I mean you can to give my  
 whole attention to machines because  
 I must I can not get my mind