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At your
service
before you
start for the
valley I wish
you would
ask me
about a
matter
which I left
with me last
fall
by your
kind
of

Thursday eve June 22d

Dear friend Mrs Carr

Amid all your things
there is this constant thought
your early coming

I hope to see the mill
race dry in one or two weeks
when I will be ready for the
high Sierra I hope that you
will be ready about that
time for a month of rambling
a month containing a greater
number of days than was ever
heard of in rhyme or reason

I expect to be free from
this confounded mill about the
first or second month of next month
& you must be here to go with
me to a thousand places that
I wish to show you, a little

Scotch photographer will go with us to procure some sun pictures but he will not share sun-
enjoyments. You will require one pack animal to carry a small light tent, blankets, bread etc. You can obtain all necessary provisions here.

Mr Libby is to purchase a few small articles for me perhaps you can bring them in.

Now Mrs Carr comes - a thousand voices are calling from many a forest & stream & meadow of the grand Sierra crown. Bring your doctor & Allie if you possibly can & any of your other friends if you cannot possibly help it.

We will have a season of unmeasured bliss & I am stupid with the whole prospect

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I spoke to Mr Hutchings about that section of sequoia. He said that he knew nothing whatever about the matter which statement is doubtless entirely correct.

I then wrote to Helen Clark. She informed me that a section fourteen feet in length by about fifteen or twenty in dia was cut from the Fresno grove last year & hauled to Stockton at an expense of about \$2500.00. The Fresno grove can be reached by wagon & a section procured at less expense than from the Mariposa or Calaveras groves. Of the section taken from the Fresno grove last season, only the bark & a small portion of the wood was taken, in small numbered sections like staves.

The Libby party left the valley Tuesday morning.

I was sorry to see them go so soon. I liked most of the party, especially Mrs & Miss Libby & perhaps Mrs Hoit & Miss Birmingham.

Tell Libby that I am very sorry that I did not run away from the mill. & go with them to Eagle Point & Mr Hoffman.

I seldom see Mrs Hutchings now but I know that she would like to go with us. I fear she will not get away. She spends her spare moments in painting Yosemite flowers.

I shall be nervously anxious about our ramble until I verily behold you here.

Remember me to the Doctor & Albi & all my friends.

I wish Le Conte could come.