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**Letter from John Muir to David [M.] G[alloway], [1871] Sep 8.**

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Dear brother David G

I am truly much  
obliged to you for the  
pains you have taken  
concerning that strip of  
Fountain Lake land

If you think that the  
cattle & hogs can be kept off  
by any ordinary care & fencing  
considering the character of the  
neighborhood I wish that you  
would offer Emis from 2 1/2 to 10  
dollars per acre as you can  
agree, but if you think  
that the stock cannot be fenced  
out I do not care to have the  
land at all

It is a splendid natural garden

I wish that I could send  
a portion of myself to guard  
it, I am glad to hear that  
you are making so comfortable  
a home for yourself & precious  
little ones few portions of the  
world can be more beautiful  
& healthful than Wisconsin  
would that I could spend a  
week with you. Tomorrow  
I start upwards again in the  
summits to study. I will  
be very busily engaged for  
the next two yrs upon the  
marks & ways of the ancient  
glaciers, who did most of the  
work of forming & fashioning  
this grand Yosemite

I am with my love  
to all John Muir

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