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New Sentinel Hotel,

A. G. BLACK, Proprietor.

Yo Semite Valley, May 31 1872

Dear Mrs Carr. Yours, announcing
the Jouquin & the Daggetts & more is here
I care not when you come so that you
come calm & timeful. I will try to compel
myself down to you in August but
these years & ages among snows & rocks have
made me far more unfit for the usages of
civilization than you can appreciate.
My nerve strings shrank at the prospect
even at this distance, but if by diving to
that slimy town sea bottom I can touch
Huxley & Tyndall & mount again with you
& calm months in the Sierras I will draw a long
breath & splash into your fearful muds

I would rather have you in Sep & Oct
than at any other time but a few weeks
of this white water would be very glorious.
Merrill Moores who was with me in Wis
and at your Madison home will be
here soon to spend a good big block of a
while with me, why cant you let Allie join
him?

Tell Kellogg that there is one here who will be
ready to welcome him in all kinds of times & weathers, when
he comes here, he will come & his own, "this are the mtns & the valleys his"

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For the last week our valley has been
 a lake. & my Shanty is in flood
 But the walls about us are white this
 morning with snow wh has checked
 the free life of our torrents & the meadows
 will soon be walkable again.
 The snow fell last night & this morning
 the falls will ring loud & long this
 year the mountains are fat with thick
 snow that the sun will find hard to fry

Your other letter telling of John & sheep came
 a few days ago You ought not to
 gray yourself away among these
 ghastly & morbid philanthropists,

I am ever your
 house with unvaried kindness

You must know me better when you come
 The doctor is killing himself
 with overwork, tell him to run away

A month hence would be no loss to any of his works
 Even your John Main