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She told me too of the loss of your
manuscript, I hope you can re-write
without too much trouble.

I have been hard at work all winter
studying - not Nature - but her sister
Art. I have I hope been helping friends
a little by a series of readings illustrated
by the photographs & engravings collected
abroad and the day we left home sent
off the last pages of a translation of
Charles Blanc's Grammar of Painting &
Engraving that I hope some dark night
next winter when you can't get out of
your cabin you will like to run through.
I wish my body had wings as my mind has
for I should fly away to see the big trees &
the waterfalls. We must get to the Valley one
more before you go away to Switzerland.
Give our love to dear Mrs. Hutchings. With
pleasantest memories of you truly your friend
Kate N. Daggett.

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Hot Springs, Arkansas.
19th April. 1873.

Dear Mr. Muir,

I used to believe
that where there's a will there
would be a way found, but I
don't get into the one that leads to
Agassiz' work on glaciers. Mrs. A.
wrote me her husband had not
a single copy of it she he would
with pleasure send it to you.
It has been out of print for a long
time but I shall try on the other
side of the sea to get it. And please
never say that word trouble in
connection with any little thing I
can do for you, the occasion for that

expression was when you were
lifting me over the rocks in Yosemite.

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Mrs. Agassiz offered to send me
some pamphlets of the Professor's
upon glaciers and hundred themes
"when she should have time to
look them up."

Were you not glad to hear of the
princely gift of Anderson to the great
naturalist for a national school
where students can learn of the good
Mother from her own books of rocks
and tree, in her own school room
with Heaven for a roof. Perhaps you'll
come and give a vacation to help
in this grand undertaking.

As you see we are from home
and unfortunately this is a health trip

³³
else we should be in a different
part of the country. Nature has
stored up medicines here in the
bright, sparkling waters that are said
to be a "sure cure" for rheumatism,
and for three weeks Mr. Doggett has
daily taken a partial boiling in them.

Next week we are going for a short
visit to New Orleans, then home.

Fannie writes she has been pleasantly
at work superintending the planting
of the University grounds but the
work is suspended because the new
President "does not quite see how the
Agricultural & Horticultural Departments
are to be developed." He had very much
better leave it to the Doctor & Fannie
who do see.

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