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glorious. I got back from <sup>CHS</sup> Whitney this  
 P.M. How I shall sleep. My life now  
 was like with those lofty yularkto was  
 now it may wearily flat <sup>float</sup> for a time along  
 the smooth flowery plains. Love to all

my friends Ever. Cordially Yrs  
 John A. Stuart

It seems that the  
 give Takimians like  
 to carrying some  
 dirt in the necessary  
 it I got water  
 I will send you a  
 sketch of the region  
 for the bookland

#46. Independence  
Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1893

Dear Mrs Carr,  
 All of my seasons Mountain  
 work is done. I have just  
 come down from Mt Whitney  
 & the newly discovered Mtn five  
 miles S.W. of Whitney. Now our  
 journey is a simple saunter  
 along the base of the range to  
 Tahoe where we will arrive  
 about the end of the month or  
 a few days earlier.

I have seen a good deal  
 more of the high Mtn region  
 about the heads of Kings & Kern  
 Rivers than I expected to do  
 in so short & so late a time  
 - Two weeks ago I left the  
 doctor & Billie in the Kings  
 River Yosemite & set out for

Mt Tyndall & adjacent Mtns  
 & Canons, I ascended Tyndall  
 & ran down into the Kern &  
 Canon & climbed some name-  
 less mtns between Tyndall  
 & Whitney & thus gained a pretty  
 good general idea of the region.  
 After crossing the range by  
 the Kearsage pass, I again  
 left the Doc & Bill, & pushed  
 southward along the range & I went  
 & up Cottonwood Crk to Mt Whitney  
 then over to the Kern Canons  
 again & up to the new "highest"  
 peak, wh I did not ascend  
 as there was no one to attend  
 to my horse, thus you see  
 I have rambled this highest  
 portion of the Sierra pretty  
 thoroughly though hastily  
 I spent a night without fire  
 or food in a very icy wind  
 storm on one of the spires of the

new highest peak by some  
 called Fisherman's Peak  
 that I am already quite  
 recovered from. The tremendous  
 exposure proves that I cannot  
 be killed in any such manner  
 on the day previous I climbed  
 two mtns - making over 10,000 ft  
 of altitude.

I saw no mtns in all this  
 grand region that appeared  
 at all inaccessible to a  
 mountaineer, give me a  
 summer & a bunch of  
 matches & a cack of meal  
 & I will climb every  
 mtn in the region.

I have passed through Lone  
 Pine & noted the Yosemite  
 & local subsidences accom-  
 plished by the earthquakes  
 The bunchy bushy Compositae  
 of Owens Valley is intensely