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Cherry trees are not known in California - as I remember in the trunk must have been two feet & a half in diameter, the tree stood 60 or 80 feet high - & its branches proportionately large & spreading - the cherries were black - not large - not nearly as large as the California variety but - a good appreciation made them huge! Your Red variety was to me the best, though both kinds were delicious. Thank you very much for the thought.

Have you got any place for a young man to learn fruit farming - willing to work but with everything to learn.

Please present my compliments to Mrs. Muir whom I hope some time to meet. I note that you did not come to my house as you had promised. Sincerely yours  
A. D. N.

San Francisco [1]  
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16th June 86

Prof. John Muir  
My dear Muir

Excuse my  
Excuse my failing to acknowledge your kindness in sending me the "Bulletin" clipping, containing an account of your visit to the National Park. I read it with great interest. I was - am sorry not to have been there to see what you so graphically describe. The prospect of falling of the plain columns of water is beyond my power to comprehend - it is awe inspiring to think of the power applied to project

The great Columns of water  
 which you describe + I cannot  
 understand how the Crust of  
 the Earth can withstand  
 the force + impact of these  
 continued blows - remembering  
 the effect of "Continual drop-  
 ping of water" - a single drop  
 at a time I should sup-  
 pose the region would  
 show great areas undermined  
 + gnarled out below the  
 general surface - If such  
 an effect was produced I  
 suppose the geyser Column  
 in a given locality while  
 not "changing its base" would  
 see another tube to propel  
 itself through or spreading

over large area lose its Col-  
 umnar form. In few words  
 I cannot understand how  
 one of these great Columnar geys-  
 ers can exist for many  
 years - a great many years  
 in the same spot?

The cherries you were  
 kind enough to send were  
 highly appreciated + com-  
 pared with those varieties  
 I raised in back to the  
 day when my daily occu-  
 -pation after school hours in  
 Cherry Farm was to climb  
 a big Cherry tree in my  
 mother's yard in Washington  
 City + think I was in the  
 the confines of Paradise  
 Such