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**Letter from Janet [Douglass Moores] to John Muir, 1887 Mar 1.**

Janet Douglass Moores

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and stay over Sunday?

Don't say for me to come, if it is not convenient.

Mary is not at home today, but I do not think she can go.

I want to see you and hear you talk - & see if you are in any way the same.

How much you have seen and learned and lived & how much you will have to tell - I have been of so little use, for so long a time, that I feel as if I had not half-lived.

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With kindest regards to your wife & yourself  
I remain  
your friend  
March 1st. 1847. 03  
1829 San Pablo  
Oakland.

I was delighted to receive your illustrated letter - & thought the sketches as lovely as did your little girl - The one I was most interested in, however was not pretty - I am glad you have prepared me - but I do not believe you look quite so shaggy as you pretend -

I, too, must prepare

you - You must not look  
for a delicate, fairy creature.  
it pains me to undecieve  
you, but I think it best -  
I am not pretty - I do not  
even feel as if I could be  
counted so in the score of  
"pretty is as pretty does" -  
for I ~~feel~~ feel decidedly cross.

I should love to take  
a long walk with you &  
wear it off - there is noth-  
ing like it, for improving  
one's temper - I mean?

After much discussion

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of what is best. Mary and  
I have at last decided to  
go south, to Los Angeles -  
she to stay in that neigh-  
borhood, probably, & I to  
be with her for three or  
four months - to try the  
country and climate -

I want Mamma to  
come out in May, but  
I cannot tell whether she  
will think it best.

If the roads are good,  
& the telephone in order,  
may I come up Saturday