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Letter from [Louie Strentzel Muir] to Annie [L. Muir], 1888 oct 12.

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Martinez, Cal.

October 12, 1888.

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[Letter unfinished, evidently only a copy]