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**Letter from Joanna [Muir Brown] to John Muir & Louie {Strentzel Muir}, 1888 Nov 13.**

Joanna Muir Brown

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wishes Grandpa and Helen had been here to eat some of her birthday cake that had "Ethel" on it in Candy.

Walter says he knows he ought to have written you, and will soon, but is not quite ready, he has had some very trying delay in his business. He did not tell me to say this but I know it is a long time since he has written you.

I hope that one or both of you will write some times for we like to know of your well fare. We have had a very pressing invitation to come to Cal. to visit Mr and Mrs Turner who are located in Los Gatos. It would be very pleasant to accept the invitation and visit you too, but that will be impossible at present, doubtless the time will come. Walter wishes to be remembered with kindest regards to you all.  
With much love Joanna.

Kansas City Mo.  
Nov. 13. 1880.

My dear John & Loui:-  
I am surprised when I think how long I have been in telling you how much pleased I am with the childrens pictures and also the exquisite little shell with its treasure of sea mosses. The photographs are lovely and I am sure must be very liked the children. I had been wishing for their pictures for Annie & had written

so much concerning their  
 charms, and I do not  
 think she can have exag-  
 erated, what delight you  
 must take in them, and  
 what pleasure in teaching  
 them. I know by the ex-  
 quisite comfort we take  
 in our own little ones,

How does

"Picturesque California" pro-  
 gress, and how does your  
 health endure the close  
 application? I manage  
 to write a little story once  
 in a while for the Children's  
 Book, but household  
 cares take so much of my  
 time that I do not accom-  
 plish much in that direction

Oh, John, I had such a  
 delightful visit at home  
 this summer, it does me  
 good yet, it had been  
 nearly seven years since  
 I had seen Mother and  
 Sarah and all the young  
 folks, and every body,  
 friends as well as relatives,  
 did so much to make it  
 pleasant for us. I did  
 not know I could enjoy  
 it so much.

We are having magnificent  
 weather, the children play  
 out of doors most of the  
 time and are in robust  
 health. Ethel wishes Maud  
 to know that she has just  
 had a nice little birthday  
 party, it being her sixth  
 birthday. She says she