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**Letter from Joanna M[uir] Brown to John Muir, 1889 Jun 23.**

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Love to Louie and the sweet little girls and much love to my dear brother John. Joanna H. Brown

time he has been home once and then only for three days. He is still working away with all his might on the Trust Co. and R.R. and hopes to be able to get it all going this season. He has had many unexpected difficulties to encounter, principally the close money market and has spent a small fortune on it, forty or fifty thousand dollars, so it is high time something were coming out of it.

I am expecting him home now to take us out with him for I am tired of living alone. He writes to us every day however which helps the matter very materially. The children are very well, Ethel wonders why Grandpa does not write to her. I enclose to you my photo, which is the first I have had taken since I was married and I hope you will like it.

Kansas City Mo  
June 28-1899.

My dear John: - It seems long since we heard from you, and we do not have Annie to tell us how you all are. I do hope you are in your usual health and that your work prospers. Doubtless we are all doing the work best suited to us or for which we are best fitted, but to one human eye you are the only one

in the families doing any thing greatly worth doing, anything that will stand through the years to come.

And so we would like to hold up your hands with a word of love and encouragement.

Of course I do not mean that I am discontented with my place in life, for the dear little girls put their arms around my neck and tell me every day that they love me, and Walter is very kind kinder as the years go by, but then for all that our work seems very common by the side of yours, and comes

times when I greatly long to be doing something more noble in life I believe I sort of seat myself with a thought of you and your work - a sort of lazy feeling, that you are doing for the whole family - How do you like that, Can you stand the pressure?

Well, we are intending to go away again for a few months to avoid the summer heat of N. C. and I think likely we will go east as Walter's business seems to keep him there so much, He has already been there three months (in Philadelphia) during which