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**Letter from John Muir to Louie [Strentzel Muir], 1889 Jul 5.**

John Muir

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Grand Hotel.

S. F. Thorn, Manager,

San Francisco, Cal.

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1889

Dear Louis, Here are  
 more snakes that I found  
 in the Call this morning  
 The curly crooked things have  
 fairly garned the papers & his  
 fair to crawl through them  
 all leaving a track never  
 I fear to be obliterated  
 The Chronicle's town will come  
 next I fancy & others will follow  
 I suppose I ought to write a good  
 post-glacial snake history for the  
 Bulletin for just see how much  
 better this lady's snakes are than  
 mine in the Examiner  
 "The biggest snakes that ever waved a  
 warning rattle" - Almost-poetry  
 compared with "John Min says they don't  
 eat sheets"

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"Wriggling & rattling aborigines"  
 I'm ashamed of my ramshackle  
 Examiner prose. The Indians  
 "tree the game" & hang up his  
 snakeships" "beautifully cured"  
 in "sweet fields arrayed in  
 lumpy green" & very beautiful  
 they are" etc etc etc - Oh dear  
 how scrawny I lean & mean  
 my snake composition seems  
 worse in its brutal simplicity  
 than Johnnie's composition about  
 "a owl" Well it must be born  
 I'm pezzing away - Saw Wigham  
 today. Dr Vincent is at Palace - can't  
 call on him, too busy. Come to  
 all don't tell anybody about  
 my poor snakes - Kiss the babes M.

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