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Letter from John Muir to [Robert Underwood] Johnson, 1889 Oct 29.

John Muir

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Martinez Oct. 29, 884

My dear Mr Johnson

I am very sorry to learn
that my dulness & stupidity
has occasioned so much
trouble. I have not failed
however through carelessness
I began that confounded
letter a dozen times & could
never make anything
satisfactory out of it. It now
lies & has lain on my table
for more than a month, a
scrawny orderless mass of
fragments. You would have
written such a letter in half

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an hour, & ²no doubt would
like to see me hanged for
not being able to write it in
a month. But I will send
that letter yet & when you
see it you will agree with
me that it is worthless.

That such a yawp should
have such imaginary value
in your estimation passes my
comprehension. Any one of the
letters you have engaged for the
series would I feel sure have
a name for a beginning better
than mine. Just wait until you
see it.

Your Examiner is always

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shamefully
as I'm no doubt has told
you. The Argonaut is probably
at the bottom of it. all
But such stuff will do
you no harm, & I hope you
will not notice it.

The Probs from Doubless & Dr
Nicholas are very interesting
many thanks. Mrs Muir is
delighted with Gilders Poems
& the children with their
fairy books. Hoping that my
poor dull Yosemite growl may
cause you no more trouble I am

Yours very truly
Edwin Muir

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