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## Letter from [John Muir] to Helen [Muir], [1890] Aug 3.

John Muir

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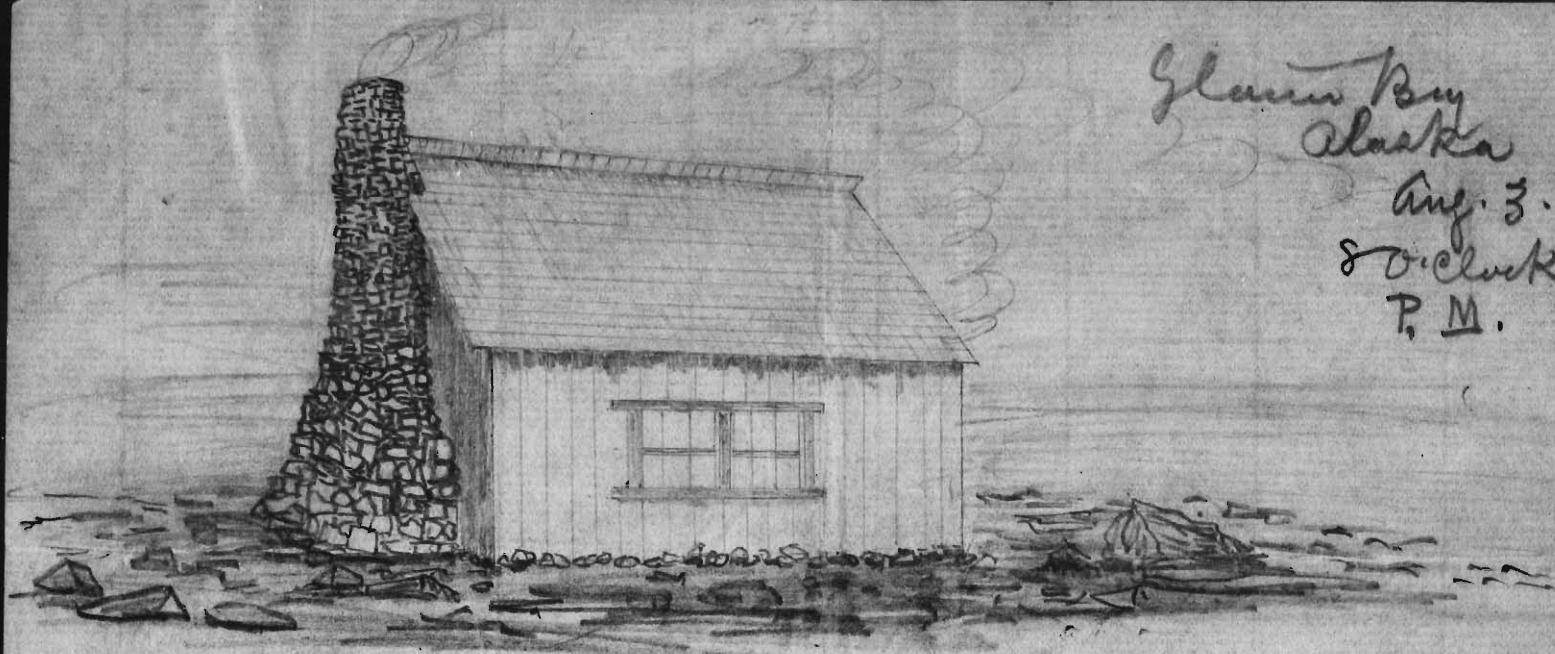
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Glenn Bay  
Alaska

Aug. 3.

8 o'clock  
P. M.



My dear little Helen  
I hope when the steamship comes next time that I will get another nice letter from you. I wrote a letter to Wanda & now I must write one to you. Wanda's letter has a picture of the house we made in this cold rainy country to live in, & here is a picture of the same house showing the chimney. It is not a very warm house, for there are many cracks & holes in it & the wind comes into it piping & laughing at us, but we laugh too & never mind the wind when we are dry & have a fire & a bed. The bed is hard but warm & I don't mind the hardness. If you were here I think you would be afraid at first for the big pieces of ice that come from the glacier make a terrible sound & shake the ground & shake the house more than a mile away. But the little pretty flowers are not afraid & the little birds & so you would soon get used to it like them. Papa will be very glad when he gets home to you again & to Wanda & Mamma & he will soon be home. Now I

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Send you many kisses & much love & hope  
that you will be very good to mamma  
& Wanda & Bob & grandpa.

It has been raining nine days but  
today the sun came out & this is  
a beautiful night though it is cold  
& big black & gray clouds are  
hanging about the big mountains  
& the glacier & some of the big  
pieces of ice floating about  
in the water look dark & gray  
& I am glad my little girl  
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When I come back from a walk that I  
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