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## Letter from S [arah] M[uir] Galloway to John Muir & Louie [Strentzel Muir], 1890 Dec 22 .

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Portuge, Wis.

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My dear brother John, and Sister Louie,  
 it does not seem so very long  
 since we were exchanging  
 Christmas greetings, and yet  
 we are just about to enter  
 upon a New Year, and soon  
 will have passed another  
 of the mile-stones on our  
 life journey. as we pass  
 along the way, dear ones  
 are leaving us for the  
 better land, and we go on,  
 under the clouds, if we try  
 to go alone, but amid the  
 sunshine (even if we do not  
 see it sometimes) if truly  
 under the guidance and  
 direction of our heavenly Father.  
 what who cares for the back of us.

I wish you could look in upon us, we are a very busy household, each in our own way, the house is well filled too, Mother and Aunt Annie, Joanne and her three children Grace and myself, then there is a daughter of Levi Hutton who is boarding with me and attending school, this is our every day family this winter" so you can guess there is some boiling and baking going on. The weather so far, has been very mild, indeed, we have had no severe frosts yet, but our worst storms usually come after Christmas. Your Alaska trip must have proved a very pleasant change for you the past summer. I saw

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a newspaper article describing the Muir Glacier, also Prof. Muir's summer cottage on the ice, of Prof. Reed and staff who set up their tents next to yours of your climbing, sketching, and sitting up all night admiring the wonderful Aurora borealis. I can imagine your pleasure and delight. We greatly enjoyed your Yosemite article in the Century, it revived memories of what I had read, and of so many things you told us of, while Maggie and I were with you these years ago, it seems a long, long time since then, there seems to be a space there that cannot be easily bridged over, can you tell why?



Louie I have been busy  
for some time as I had  
had opportunity knitting  
some woolen lace for Grand  
and Helen, I thought it  
would be pretty for their  
planned undershirts, I  
had hoped to have it  
finished to be in time for  
Christmas but it will be  
a little late.

May you all have much of  
happiness this Christmas  
time, and may the coming  
year be filled for you, with  
God's best gifts.

Remember me lovingly to  
Grand-ma, may the sunshine  
of love, crown every step of  
her pathway through life

Yours Affectionately  
S. W. Gallouf.