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January 24th, 1898.

R. W. GILDER, EDITOR.  
R. U. JOHNSON,  
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Mr. John Muir,  
Martinez, Cal.

My dear Muir,

Your frank and interesting letter of the 7th of January has come to hand, and I am sorry to have misunderstood your note regarding the "Memoranda of an Explorer," as before I went to Europe I certainly understood that you would try your hand at this.

I inclose a letter from Mr. Scott, the President of our Company, which you will find not lacking in friendliness. We are very glad to have it explicitly understood that we are to have your book on the Yosemite and anything you may write on the Klondike, and the other articles you speak of—the "Sled Trip across the Muir Glacier," the "Auroras," and the article on the "Salmon."

We are very glad to have our distinguished Century contributors appreciated by other houses from a financial point of view. It is not difficult after one magazine has exploited a writer to find other magazines willing to step in and pay a larger price than he has been receiving; but we hold ourselves ready to pay the market price for anything we take, and you need not have any solicitude

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on that point.

May I repeat that the object of holding your article on Alaska three years was for the purpose of getting illustrations for it, and as further illustration of our good faith may we say that we sent with our Mr. Drake an artist of the same name on the Alaska trip, but our enterprise came to naught. I trust you will no longer regard this as a slight or as indifference to you.

Thank you for your appreciative words about my book.

I see a good deal of Tesla these days, and though he is not looking very well he is in high spirits.

This letter is delayed a week by reason of my absence in Washington, where I tried to get a chance at the President on the forestry question but found him engaged on other business. I hope to write to him before long.

Faithfully yours,

R. U. Johnson.

When do you think of starting for the Klondike if you go?

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My dear Johnson:-

I have read with much interest Mr Muir's letter to you of January 7th, and am very glad to know that he has not entirely deserted us. When you write to him will you please assure him from the publishers that any book by him will be a welcome addition to our lists, and say to him that if he will give us when ready full details as to the scheme and size of the Yosemite book, with the probable date when it can be published, we think we can arrange entirely satisfactory terms. And the same applies to the other volumes which he has in view. Please also express to him my sincere personal regards, and believe me

Very truly yours

Frank H. Scott

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