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Martinez, June 9, 1848-

My dear Prof. Sargent-

Yours of June 2 was received just after I had mailed you a letter stating the condition of the abies flower business, & sent a few half opened staminate specimens. Miss Eastwood should be back from the summit of the Sierra tomorrow, & she promises to report to me promptly as there is now no time to lose. Should she & Soume fail I'll go to the woods above the Yosemite next week & try yet once more - the flower crop this year is very scant.

I have about made up my mind to take that Southern Mtn Trip with you & Canby in Sep. The weather will be cool & the leaf colors glorious, & in the meantime I may be able to finish those park articles for the Atlantic. This haggling to shove nature into words is a monstrous devourer of time & prevents one from learning anything. I ought to have been in Alaska ere this.

I have no fear² about the triumphant
completion of the Silva. The booking of
these majestic western Abies that have
so long been growing in your heart
& head is a glorious job; & in describing
them, after you are done with the
technical parts do not fail to let your
heart go free for a few moments & give them
a line or two of hot praise.

I have the announcement of the marriage
of Henrietta to Guy Lowell - happy fellow
give him my congratulations -

And give Conby my hearty regards & compel
him to the Allegheny tree festival

Notwithstanding what you so kindly say I am
most immoderately proud in having my name
associated with the shining host of American
pines amid which my best days have
been spent.

Ever yours

John Muir