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February 18th, 1897

R. W. GILDER, EDITOR.
R. U. JOHNSON,
ASSOCIATE EDITOR.
C. C. BUEL,
ASSISTANT EDITOR.

My dear Muir:-

About a fortnight ago, Mrs. Osborn, mother of Fairfield, left New York for Japan by way of the Pacific Slope. The information having reached us here that ^{the} bubonic plague has reached Japan from India, Prof. Osborn is inclined to telegraph his mother not to sail as she intended to do on the 4th of March. In case she should decide not to do so, she will probably be in California quite a little while, in which case I am sure you will be very glad to see her, and I have asked her to announce herself to you. I believe you met her at Garrison's, but I doubt if you know what a lovely woman she is. She is traveling with Mrs. Hobson, who is a sister-in-law of Vice President Morton, and an exceedingly intelligent woman. If you should be going toward the Yosemite this spring, and they should be making the trip at the same time, it would be most fortunate for them, and, I think, very agreeable for you.

I am awaiting news of the fate of the recession bill with some anxiety. Please let me know as soon as you can about it. If it passes I will do what I can to have the necessary legislation set on foot in Washington. I sent you Perkins' letter

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in which he said he favored it.

Keep your eye on Washington. Something interesting and agreeable to us on the forestry side is going to happen, but keep this quiet.

Ever faithfully yours,

R. U. Johnson

Mr. John Muir,
Martinez, Cal.

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