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**Letter from John Muir to Helen and Wanda [Muir], 1898 Oct 2.**

John Muir

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# Armstrong Hotel,

J. W. YOUNG, Proprietor.

—RATES ACCORDING TO LOCATION OF ROOM.—

PASSENGER ELEVATOR.  
HOT AND COLD BATHS ON EVERY FLOOR.  
ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND CALL BELLS IN EVERY ROOM.

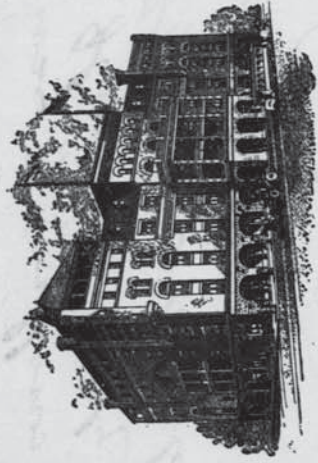
Rome, Ga. Oct 2 1898

My dear Helen & Wanda -  
We are in Georgia now as you  
see & not far from where I spent  
on my long walk to the Gulf of Mexico.  
long ago. We hired a team this morning  
& a negro boy for a driver & have  
been riding most all day in the  
beautiful woods & along the Cousa  
River & over some pretty steep hills  
making many stops to examine the  
rare plants & trees & bushes. There are  
3 kinds of hickory trees here & Mr  
Sargent made the negro boy climb  
I don't know how many to get  
specimens of the nuts & it was fun  
to see him making faces about it.  
The oaks are very beautiful 7 or 8  
kinds grow here, some with leaves

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long & slim like those of willows  
others very broad & glossy & deeply  
divided or plain. There is a huckle-  
-berry bush in these woods that is  
very tall & may be called a tree in some  
places. but the berries are small  
The children call them sparkle-  
-berries. I have not seen a single  
squirrel all day, & very few birds.  
- but I saw hundreds & hundreds of  
little negro girls & boys laughing,  
grinning muggins jet black or brown  
too comical & cunning for anything  
This being Sunday many were in their  
best clothes. & My! if you saw  
the glory & grandeur of their Sunday  
best Solomon in all his glory etc  
was nowhere. Well its late & I must  
go to bed Tomorrow we go to Tuscaloosa  
Alabama. In about ten days we  
will be in New York. I then  
to Boston & perhaps Adirondack's  
& home. I do hope you are all  
well. I expect to get a telegram

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From <sup>3</sup> previous tomorrow on  
next day at Huntsville, Ala.  
New 2 heavy sand to them  
Now. Good night  
Sincerely Good night  
Yours Truly  
John M. M...