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Martinez, Calif.

Oct. 23, 1898.

Dear Papa,

I suppose that by this time you are in New York or Boston or some where near them and that you are having a fine time, but I hope that you will not like them well enough to stay quite as long as you say Prof. Sargent wants you to.

We have not received any letters from you for several days but we have enjoyed the ones from Knoxville, Chattanooga, Huntsville and all the other places so much, and your descriptions

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of the wonderful forests that you have seen, I wish so much that I could be with you and see them all too, but it will be fine to have you tell us all about your trip when you get home.

Everybody here is as well as usual, Helen is very well and happy but wishes very much that she could see you: she has just come in from teaching Stickeen tricks and is studying her Bible lesson now.

Aunt Margaret is just about the same as when you left, we are going over there this afternoon to pick up walnuts.

We have been having delightful weather but this morning it looks as if it might rain

before night. Everyone has been hurrying off grapes lately but they were very badly hurt by the first rains.

A great deal of grading has been done on the railroad and the little tunnel back of the house is in a long way, a good deal of track is down near here and we can hear the cars buzzing back and forth all the time.

Mama received a letter from Aunt Sarah yesterday and one from Aunt Annie a few days ago, they said that they were pretty well and wished that you had time to stop and visit them. Aunt Annie has learned to ride a bicycle!

We have a new neighbor down at Palmer's, a little boy two days old, I have not seen him yet

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but he is said to be ^{very} very
wonderful baby and very
handsome.

Cousin Fannie is still stay-
ing with us but expects to go
home next week.

How did it seem to you to
be traveling where you took
your long walk 32 years ago,
did the country look the same
as it did then?

How soon do you think that
you will be home?

Hoping you are well
Your loving daughter
Wanda Muir