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I am enjoying a fine rest. I have "the blue room" in this charming home & it has the daintiest linen & embroidery I ever saw. The bed is so soft & fine I like to lie awake to enjoy it instead of sleeping & a servant brings in a cup of coffee before I rise.

This morning when I was sipping coffee in bed, a red squirrel looked in the window at me from a branch of a big tulip tree, & seemed to be saying as he watched me "Oh John Muir! Camping tramping, tree climbing, scrambling, Churr Churr why have you left us, Chip Churr who would have thought it

WING AND WING,
GARRISONS-ON-HUDSON.

November 4, 1898.

My Darling Helen,
This is a fine calm thought-ful morning, bracing & sparkling, just the least touch of hoarfrost quickly melting where the sun-beams streaming through between the trees falls in yellow flashes & lances on the lawns. Every now & then a red or yellow leaf comes swirling down though there is not the slightest breeze. Most of the hickories are leafless now, but the big buds on the

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ends of the twigs are full of baby leaves & flowers that are already planning & thinking about next summer. Many of the maples too & the dogwoods are showing leafless branches but many along the sheltered ravines are still rejoicing in all their glory of color & look like gigantic goldens. God's forests my dear are among the grandest of terrestrial things that you may look forward to

I have not heard from Prof Sargent since he left New York a week ago, & so I don't know whether he is ready to go to Florida, but I'll hear soon & then I'll know nearly the time I'll get home. Anyhow it won't be long.