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Letter from John Muir to [A. H.] Sellers, 1898 Nov 22.

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Hotel Ethel..

C. B. Willard,
Proprietor.

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Hot, Cold and Shower Baths.

...SAMPLE ROOM FURNISHED...

Live Oak, Fla., Nov 22 1898

My dear Sellers
I've been hoping all
summer that my good
angel would guide me
to you through the seasons
work, but now it seems
I can only wave my hand
in salute from this distance
on the Florida lines on my
way home. It is but little
more than two months since
I left California. So far
I have been my
wandering through these
eastern forests & so fast
& devious it seems years
& years. I came around by the
Great Northern to Duluth, down
the Lakes to Buffalo & thence to

..Hotel Ethel..

C. B. Willard,
Proprietor.

[2] Hot, Cold and Shower Baths.

...SAMPLE ROOM FURNISHED...

Boston - to Cape Cod - North Carolina
Georgia - Alabama - Tennessee -
Kentucky. Live Oak, Fla., ~~then back~~ to
Boston & from there to
Canada through the White-Mtns
& the Green Mtns with their
gloriously colored woods. Again
to Canada through the Maine
woods by Moosehead Lake
& back to New York thence
short trips through the
Berkshire Hills & up the Hudson
reveling in the autumnal red
& gold of the woods. Thence
south again through the grand
Yellow & purple oak forests
about Wilmington, Del. Baltimore
& Washington & on to St. Augustine
Miami & Key West thence on a
sloop to the southmost Isalmy
Keys that stretch towards Cuba

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Proprietor

Hot, Cold and Shower Baths.

...SAMPLE ROOM FURNISHED...

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I drove over to the west side
of the peninsula by Palatka
& Sansville Live Oak, Fla., to Cedar 189
Kept on my old truck made
32 years ago. At Archer I discovered
most of the family who nursed me
through a long fever. The old lady
failed to recognize me & demanded
my name, & when I said Meier
she almost screamed "John Meier!
My California John Meier? & how
we talked over old times glad to find
we were not forgotten through
all those long icy years & sunny
years you may imagine.
I mean to stop a day or two at
Mobile with an old German
botanist friend of Ann Gray to
see the forests there, & at New
Orleans with another botanist
then straight home.

Hotel Ethel.

C. B. Willard,
Proprietor

Hot, Cold and Shower Baths.

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...SAMPLE ROOM FURNISHED...

through the glorious Alleghany
forest. I was with Prof Sargent
& Cady

Live Oak, Fla., In Canada 189

then I was & am alone
but how many are my
tree & flower & rock friends
& birds & streams & hills & lakes
& swamps all lovely & familiar

When we are to have a trip
together I hope we long

I met few people - had no
dress clothes or time. Spent an

evening with Teale, & several
mornings with Linn Hobson in

N.Y. The Magazine people at
Boston & N.Y. Dined with

Lawyer Choate & talked forestry
had fine ramble with Silliman

at his Country place & Prof
Osborn on the Hudson. & on

the Berkham Hills etc etc etc.
Will you come to Cal this winter?