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Martinez, Dec. 12, 1898

My dear Mrs Osborn

I'm home ~~and~~ find all, including the Wing and Wing walking fern, well  
Leaving your lovely ~~and~~ loveful cottage I spent a day in New York, Met  
Tesla here Hobson Johnson, the Gilders etc. Joined Sargent at Wilmington  
spent a day in the woods then another about Baltimore, another around Washing-  
ton enjoying especially the magnificent whiteoak woods. Then we went to  
St. Augustine then to Miami and on to Key West ~~and~~ the Marquesas Keys for  
palms etc. Then we returned to Palatka ~~and~~ crossed over to the West Coast  
at Cedar Keys near which I found the family that nursed me through a long  
dreary fever 31 years ago. The views along the coast ~~and~~ rivers, ~~and~~ through  
the sunny flowery palm ~~and~~ pine woods I enjoyed ever so much. Sargent left  
me at Archer, Florida ~~and~~ I made my way home by New Orleans, stopping at  
Mobile to see the Magnolia forests ~~and~~ at New Orleans to visit a blessed  
old botanist - Mellichamp ~~and~~ all the way I went on in the strength I  
gained in the downy rest days at your home on the Hudson.

Now I'm looking forward to our Yosemite trip ~~and~~ so are Wanda ~~and~~  
Helen. Here are the verses I promised Mr. Osborn. Don't forget the  
photographs you promised to send me.

I'm pegging away at an article on The Yosemite Park making slow  
awkward progress. I wish someone would write the Hudson woods, ~~and~~  
squirrels ~~and~~ waters ~~and~~ people. With kindest regards ~~and~~ thanks to  
all the family I am

Ever faithfully yours

John Muir

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