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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 ^{ce} New-York, ⁺ Met
Tesla hero 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 ^{ce} we went to
St. Augustine then ^{ce} to Miami and on to Key West ⁺ and the Marquesas Keys for
palms etc. Then ^{ce} 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, ^{ce} 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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