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## Letter from John Muir to [A. H.] Sellers, 1898 Dec 28.

John Muir

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Martinez, Dec. 28, 1898

My dear Sellers.

Mrs. Minn & I were greatly shocked & distressed by the news of your accident. You must have suffered horribly & long in any case but after the ligaments & muscles were swollen & inflamed, to have your arm set 48 hours after your fall was enough to kill. I am glad you have weathered the storm & I devoutly hope that soon you will be perfectly free from pain & sound & strong as ever.

I have always felt that sidewalks & every thing artificial & civilized were dangerous & this dreadful accident is surely enough to drive you into the wilderness. Providence has to all but kill us <sup>to get us</sup> into safety.

in the way - <sup>2</sup> me I should go.  
Of course now that you have  
tumbled out of your Trust Company  
you will stay out. Surely  
you will not trifle away any  
more time on mere business  
It is growing late & it behooves  
us to be up & away on our  
mountain tramps while the light  
lasts & our bones are whole  
& strong. Anyhow come here  
as soon as you can for  
this way lies wisdom - The best  
on the continent. In the mean-  
time "for a' that & a' that" I wish  
you a happy New Year, all  
three, with good living grants  
for your feet.

Write as soon as you get this that  
I may know how you come on.  
Ever your friend John Muir