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## Letter from John Muir to [A. H.] Sellers, 1899 Feb 20.

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Martinez Feb 20. 1899.

My dear Sellers.

Your letter has the right jingle. A few months more or less in the business woods spent in hewing a way out is all right. Still I think you should have been out ere this, & you need special grace for these last months to avoid overwork & worry & prevent them from growing into years. Few Chicago business men lose less than ten years of life beneath the weight & worry of these huge compound forty-story commercial affairs. Tell Frank to say a moderation prayer every morning as a help against overwork. How calm trees & stars appear after seeing Chicago streets.

You saw had rough weather & never I guess needed California snow. The days are warm here - most everything in blossom. Wanda & Mrs Mum have had supper. I am now well or better. I'm pezzing away at forest work making mighty slow progress - slow as a glacier. Remember me to Mrs Sellers & Frank & welcome me even years <sup>heartfully</sup> John Muir