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## Letter from C[harles] S[prague] Sargent to John Muir, 1899 Feb 23.

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*Jamaica Plain, Mass.,*..... February 23, 1899.

My dear Muir:

I am distressed to learn from your letter of the 16th that your wife is still suffering from the grippe and that you are having an unsatisfactory time of it. I hope the advent of spring will restore her to health. I have had about as unsatisfactory a winter as you have, and practically have accomplished nothing but letter-writing. I <sup>have</sup> mulled over Crataegus so long that my mind is <sup>is</sup> blank.

You do not say if you have received the twelfth volume of The Silva. I am anxious to hear how you like it, for although small in bulk it cost a lot of hard work. Even Canby does not appear to have discovered that it is dedicated to him.

I return your newspaper cuttings and Mr. Van Trump's excellent letter. He seems to be a good man. The Coville to whom he refers is the botanist of the Department of Agriculture who was sent out by Bliss to demonstrate the fact that sheep would not injure the Cascade mountain forests. I feel perfectly helpless in this matter now. As long as the present incumbent is in the General Land Office it is useless to hope for much relief from the sheep. He is an Oregon politician given over body and soul to the sheep men. The whole situation is monstrous, and if we try to improve it we shall be met with the statement that Pinchot and the other Government experts believe in forest pasturage. These men have done the country incalculable dam-

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age. I feel weary and worn out over the whole business. If I can pluck up a little energy I will write to Johnson, I think, and see if he has any suggestions.

Why don't you come east in April and go botanizing with Canby and me?

Faithfully yours,

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