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CENTRAL PARK (77TH ST. & CENTRAL PARK, WEST).

NEW YORK, July 17th 1899.

DEPARTMENT OF
VERTEBRATE PALÆONTOLOGY.

Mr. John Muir,
Martinez,
California.

My dear friend:-

We have thought of you very often this Spring on your journey to Alaska, surrounded by many philosophers with every kind of training and scientific temperament. No news has come from the party, except a letter from Dr. Duncan's mission. I have no doubt you have found it delightful.

I am just off for the great bone quarry in Wyoming. I hope to spend a fortnight there prospecting for Dinosaurs, then I go down to join the family at Glenwood Springs, Colorado. We are going into the heart of the Rockies, to the White River Plateau, for a four weeks camping trip. This is designed to test the metal of my family in rough work and if they all enjoy it and keep in good health, it will be the first of a series; if they do not enjoy it, it will be the last.

We should be delighted to go into the Yosemite with you, but I would much rather wait and make the trip, at just the right season of the year, selected by yourself, when we can see everything under the very best possible circumstances, and so with your good will, let us leave the compact to visit the Yosemite together standing and take it up another year.

In the mean time I hope you can come out and visit us again, your room at Wind-and-Wing, has been supplied with a large bath room, which does not disturb the squirrels in the least. Can you not bring out the daughters in the Autumn and make us a visit of a week or ten days.

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