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Jamaica Plain, Mass.,..... August 24, 1899.

My dear Muir:

I have been much disappointed at not getting any word from you since your return. I hope this does not mean that you are ill or are forgetting old friends.

I am very keen for having you for a companion on this last botanical journey which I expect to make. I may not get away quite as early as the 15th; possibly about September 20th would be a good time to meet in St. Louis. In any case do not go back on me and we will arrange details later.

If you come east I wish you would come through eastern Oregon and take a look at Nuttall's *Juniperus occidentalis*. I used to think I knew a good deal about this tree, supposing it to be the same as your *Juniperus occidentalis* of the high Sierras. I believe now the two species are distinct. I have never seen the east Oregon tree which appears to be common from the Klamath Lakes to the Blue Mountains. You could probably reach it easily from the line of the Oregon Railway & Navigation^{Co}. I very much want your opinion about it, and especially specimens showing whether the fruit requires one or two years in which to ripen. I have written to Piper and all east Oregon correspondents but don't get anything satisfactory from them. It is very common, I understand, to the eastward of Klamath Lake where we were three years ago.

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Don't go now and plead the necessity of literary work to stay at home. Winter is the time for that and now is the time to be in the field trying to find out something about trees. If you feel that you know as little about them as I do now after passing the summer looking at *Crataegus* specimens, you will pack your grip forthwith and start forth to the woods.

Canby was here the other day improved in health and next week I am going down to Wilmington again to see him and hunt *Crataegus* with him there and in Pennsylvania. I now expect he will be with us in the autumn.

With kind regards to your family,

Always faithfully yours,

C. S. Sargent.

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