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Letter from C[harles] S[prague] Sargent to John Muir, 1899 Aug 29.

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Jamaica Plain, Mass., August 29, 1899.

My dear Muir:

I have always said you were ^{to further} and your letter of the 18th confirms my opinion. The idea of pleading the necessity of staying in the house to string words together when you can be in the woods looking at *Crataegus*! You may deceive yourself with such platitudes but they make no impression on me, so please be prepared to meet me in St. Louis when you hear that I can be there. It will be a little later than I supposed and very likely not until the end of September as I am detained at home by a most troublesome matter of business which I cannot shirk. I will give you, however, due notice if I hear that you are putting aside your childish notions. Then, as I wrote you the other day, I am depending on you for this Juniper matter. There are so many questions to be settled in so many different parts of the country that that final volume of *The Silva* seems more remote to me now than the twelfth did when I first put pen to paper.

I am delighted at what you tell me about our friend Patton's Spruce for you carry the range of this noble tree much further to the westward than any one has before. I shall have a note about this, of course, in the supplement to *The Silva*. Can you give any more accurate information as to the ^cford where you saw it growing in Prince William's Sound, and did you see it anywhere else west of Sitka, which I had to give as the extreme western habitat of this species as known

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ARNOLD ARBORETUM.

to me?

Cheer up, pack your gripsack once more and look ^{happy} up, and don't forget that the choicest product of Martinez can be obtained in the east.

Faithfully yours,

C. S. Sargent.

John Muir, Esq.
Martinez, Cal.

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