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**Letter from Dorothea [Draper et al.] to John Muir, 1899 Oct 28.**

Dorothea Draper

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Arden  
Orange County  
New York  
October 28<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Dear Mr. Amier.

The reason that the  
G. G. have not answered your  
letter was that we hesitated to  
attempt to cope with your over-  
flowing, poetical queries, and  
~~felt~~ that we were  
all well while we  
assembled and put  
our wits together  
to reply. A handwriting

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sharp would revel in  
the incongruity of the  
styles but we hardly  
dare to hope that such  
a well-rounded, polished  
and glacialized poet will  
take the same delight.  
Now you are in for it, &  
~~now~~ will have to read  
with patience this lengthy  
document.

Your deadly enemy; John  
Bourroughs, has been here, and  
has won us all over to his side, so  
you will surely have to come  
East post haste, to counteract

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his bad influence. He did  
give me a beautiful start on our  
line of nature, and which I  
am surely going to follow up,  
especially after your advice.  
You certainly converted  
us all in that respect  
— but Dr. Couvrose  
seems to have run  
in the wrong direction  
I wonder why? Perhaps  
because the glacier  
chill had seized you  
in thought! But is so  
wily that it quite  
overpowers a plain ordi-

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Mary person like me  
and I am at a loss  
how to keep up with  
her. It is perfectly great  
to be with the other  
S. G. once more and  
as you may easily  
imagine our principal  
delight is talking over  
the trip and the people  
of this summer. -  
We are soon going to  
play the great Astor  
Game Golf for which

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I must get ready so  
I will relieve you  
and remain with you

Dorothea

It is sad that we have  
to wind up so soon,  
but in the country  
young people have to be  
out in the air a good deal.  
We have seen various  
members of the N. A. S. B.  
lately, & all look well,  
but when we get  
together it is impossible  
to refrain for talking  
of the trip & all the sights  
of Alaska. I have heard

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that at the time of the  
earthquake there the  
Aurifer glacier had entirely  
disappeared but I hope  
it is not true, for it  
would be too sad to think of  
that wonderful glacier  
having been destroyed.

It is time to stop now  
for Mary wants to add  
a line

With love

Cornelia

But just little  
Beth will put in  
a word or two again.  
I received your  
letter telling of



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Dr. Merriam's expected  
visit and would  
have paid my  
"Corresponding Club" dues  
even though had I not  
been busy at school  
in New York. Will  
this make up for  
the answer? I  
trust so, and am  
as ever  
Lovingly your H. A. E. friend

Beth

I think the finder is better  
than the find, so am not as  
disturbed about the Muir Glacier  
as though you were there yourself.

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This letter makes up in length  
if not in brilliancy, with your  
own, and I hope we will have  
another one soon from you. It  
makes us feel as though the  
H. A. E. were not so separated  
as they really are. Please  
remember me to the H. A. E.  
of your side of the Continent,  
and please don't forget  
us on this side, especially  
your loving little friend  
Mary Merriam

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