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Jamaica Plain, Mass., December 16, 1899.

My dear Muir:

How are you getting along? Better, I hope, than we are in this part of the world. I have had a horrid attack of bronchitis which kept me in the house for ten days and which is still troublesome but better, and my oldest daughter on her return from Europe was taken with typhoid fever, fortunately not a bad case. She is better but not sitting up yet.

CRATAEGUS still bothers me and seems a hopeless task. I do not think I shall ever finish it. I have at last received specimens from Oregon which satisfy me that the fruit of Hooker's *Juniperus occidentalis* requires two years in which to ripen. It is possible, therefore, that the species of the high Sierra is the same as that of the plains of eastern Oregon. The specimens, however, look somewhat different but I find no way of satisfactorily separating them. Some one who knows about Junipers ought to see these trees growing. Any chance of your getting to Oregon this winter or in the early spring, or on your way east?

We can meet either in St. Louis or San Antonio as you may prefer. Canby and I are both counting on your company.

With kind regards to your family and the compliments of the season,

Faithfully yours,

John Muir, Esq.

02649 *C. S. Sargent.*