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"I always read it, for I am heartily in sympathy with so many of the things for which it works."—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

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Editor's Office

Los Angeles, Cal. . . . April 25th . . . 1903.

Dear John Muir:

I hope the "Glaciers" have by this time made their way to the encyclopedic sea, and broken off and drifted away, leaving you foot-loose. I have just this morning mailed my article on California to the same office -- and it has made me hump this week to put so much California into so small a pinhole as ten thousand words.

I am mighty glad you are going to the Yosemite with the President, part of my consolation being that he can't lose you as easily as he did Brother Burroughs in the Yellowstone. Only look out that you bar horses. A challenged party has the right of

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weapons and don't you let "Teddy" get you to busting broncos with him. Just keep him afoot and guessing. This is really a moral obligation on you for the honor of the West. I want him to find that even the Jeremiahs out here can stay with him all day. I wish I could be a fly on a redwood stump, while the procession goes by. I am going over to the Grand Cañon about the 2nd and see if we can pull it up a little nearer the surface so that he can explore the whole business in nine hours besides shaking hands with the whole population of Arizona. I hear that numerous suspicious looking boxes, whose contents are not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith, are being sent to the Grand Cañon Hotel in my name to be presented to the President; but I am forming a dark plan to open those boxes just before he gets there, and encourage the assembled population of Arizona to take his health so heartily that

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by the time of his arrival they will all be sitting down and leave him foot-loose. Don't you think this would be justifiable?

Your program does not look very encouraging but I shall continue to hope that after all you will squeeze out two or three days to roll in and see us before exposing yourself to the dangers of nervous prostration among the tenderfoot circumnavigators.

Turbese sends her love to all of you.

Hastily but
Always your friend,

Chas. F. Sumner

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