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**Letter from John Muir to [Family], 1903 Jul 30.**

John Muir

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ГОСТИНИЦА  
"СЛАВЯНСКІЙ БАЗАРЪ"  
на Никольской улицѣ  
въ Москвѣ

HÔTEL  
du Bazar Slave  
rue Nicolskaïa  
Moscou.

July 30. 1903.

Dear wife &  
our boys. It was  
delightful to  
get an "All well  
again & Happy  
greetings so promptly  
yesterday morning.

I started that cable message to  
you about noon on the 28<sup>th</sup>  
from an old dingy cellar  
below the hotel & received  
your reply at the Consulate  
the next forenoon about  
10 o'clock. less than a day.  
This is the first & only  
word since leaving home  
you will say it is only  
2 1/2 months. but to me it  
seems as many years  
so many & strange things  
& places we have seen  
& experienced. I'm  
afraid you have been

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sick. The Sargents have  
received 100<sup>2</sup> of letters. One  
of the last received day  
before yesterday told that  
Alice had been operated on  
for appendicitis. He cabled  
for news & received  
reply in about 6 or 7 hrs  
that she would soon be  
up & fairly well again.

We have just completed  
a long hard interesting  
side trip to the Caucasus  
& Crimea. About 3 weeks  
ago we came up here  
from St. Petersburg but  
instead of stopping went  
south 1000 miles to  
Sebastopol. Thence by  
carriage to Galpa along  
the bluff shore of the  
Black Sea. Thence by

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From the Caucasus  
to Vladivostok  
by rail  
to Moscow

Steamer to Batoum. Thence by rail to Barjoun, a grand forested mountain region in the Anti-Caucasus, thence by rail to Tiflis a very famous, very green, very dirty & very interesting Georgian town. Thence by diligence with 4 hours armed Cossack conductor etc through the great pass of Darial across the Caucasus to Vladivostok. Past the base of Mt Kazbek over 16000 ft high loaded with the loveliest alpine flowers & ice & snow. We climbed the most charming wild gardens to height of 9500 feet & had grand views of the glaciers etc. Thence by rail back to Moscow. A few hrs after leaving Vladivostok had a glorious view of Mt Elbrus over 18000 feet high over vast grassfields & foothills & white rolling clouds. We mean to start on our long trip to Vladivostok Saturday evening. By stopping off here & there will probably be more than a month on the way. Ever affectionately, John Muir