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ГОСТИНИЦА
"ПЛАВАНСКІЙ БАЗАРЪ"
на Никольской улицѣ
въ Москвѣ

HÔTEL
du Bazar Slave
rue Nicolskaïa
Moscou.

August 1, 1903.

My dear Johnson

I'm still
alive after this
most monstrous dose
of civilization, London
Paris Berlin etc etc
with their miles of
art galleries, museums
full of old armor &
sundered implements,
endless architecture,
parks gardens palaces.

From Paris we went
to Holland - wonderful
country. visited Rotterdam
- Dam, The Hague, Harlem
& Amsterdam, thence to
Berlin, to Petersburg
to Moscow. From here

we made a hard hot
 3000 mile side trip
 through the Crimea; to
 Sebastopol, thence by
 carriage to Yalpa along
 the picturesque bluffs of the
 Black Sea over the
 Balaklava battle grounds
 etc. Thence by steamer
 to Batoum - a fine sail
 along shore - thence
 to Borjoni in the
 magnificent richly
 forested ante-Caucasus
 mountains - thence to
 ancient famous Tiflis -
 very hot very dirty & very
 interesting Georgian
 city - thence across the
 Caucasus through the
 grand Dariel Pass, past
 the base of Mt. Kazbeck

a noble mountain over 16000 feet high topped with ice + snow, wreathed with clouds + the loveliest alpine flowers. Had glorious side trip among its wild gardens above the lower reaches of its glaciers. Thence to Vladivostok thence back here by another road. Three or four hours from Vladivostok had magnificent view of Mt. Elbruz, over 18000 ft high looming pure massy white above dark forests + foothills + broad sunny grain fields. We have been here five days. This evening we start on the long R.R. trip across continent glad to think of the wildness ahead - glad to leave Holy Moscow Kremlin Fall. Give my love to your family + the Gilders. Remember me also to Mr Beebe.

Ever faithfully yours
 John Muir

beautiful
 grand
 sublime
 majestic
 sublime
 grand
 beautiful