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Letter from Geo[rge] Nicholson to John Muir, 1904 Mar 2.

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How I should have liked to see Egypt and India in your company; the immemorial East has always been a dream of mine, but I fear it will remain a shadow for me. Also California - another dream. I have not the courage now to undertake a long journey, nor indeed the means necessary. So I diligently peruse Travels in various lands of which I possess quite an interesting series in my library.

Yours very sincerely
Geo. Nicholson.

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RICHMOND.

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Dear Mr. Muir

I have tried hard to procure Hooker's Journal in the Himalaya, but so far have failed. The first edition is out of print (2 vols) but a cheaper one I felt sure could be had. The other day however my order of a copy came back endorsed out of print. I am sorry but I shall

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keep a look out in second-hand bookseller's lists and I am sure to succeed in time. I wonder what you are doing and where you are. I am busy with my microscope every day among lower forms of life and get a deal of pleasure out of it. The micro-fungi are my especial pets and I have a lot growing under a bell glass on the table I am now writing on. So far I have made several additions to our knowledge

of these wonderful things. Prof. Sargent has written me once or twice but I am afraid I have left his letters unanswered. This however must be remedied. I am looking forward to your opinion on Leslie Stephens "Playground of Europe". The only thing I collect now is alpine books. As I shall never climb again I content myself with reading of the regions "far above the ordinary haunts of the devil" and the pestilence "that walketh in darkness".