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Martinez, California
June 16, 1904.

Dear old friend
William Frost.

I am delighted to hear from you & wish you could come & see us. A second letter from you has just arrived but the "great long one" you mention with a draft from Charlie Jay, sent about the time I left home has never arrived. Mrs Muir says no such letter came & as she examined all my mail & piled it into a box for safe keeping until my return, I have gone carefully through the whole talus of a pile & no such letter is among them

But don't give yourself any
trouble about the confounded
draft. It is only a piece of
paper until signed. & since
it is lost you can get another
from the bank that sold it.
Only the loss of the long letter
is to be deplored.

I found a lot of letters from
the President of the Wisconsin
University requesting me to be
present at the jubilee &
make a speech. But I arrived
home too late & I don't like
speech making anyhow
I got home on the 27th of May
last having been away more
than a year, & a few days
after reaching home had to go to
the Grand Cañon & Petrified Forest
of Arizona so I may say I have
just arrived, & commenced getting
accumulated correspondence of my
hands.

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After leaving the President I made
1 visit to Boston where I joined my
companion Prof. Sargent. Thence
we went to London - Paris,
The principal gardens & parks
of Holland, Berlin, etc thence to
St Petersburg & Moscow, thence
to the Crimea, along the Black Sea
to Batoum, thence to Tiflis through
the Caucasus by the Darial Pass,
& back to Moscow, - across Siberia,
through Manchuria etc study-
ing the forests & rocks. From
Vladivostok to Japan visiting
Korea by the way, thence to
Shanghai, here I left my companion
& went out alone on the
principal part of my trip, going
thence to Hong Kong, Singapore,
Rangoon & Calcutta & up ^{into} the
highest part of the Himalaya -
Kinchenjunga Mt Everest etc.
At Darjeeling, thence back to
Calcutta & on through the
main cities - Benares Lucknow,
Cawnpore, Agra, Delhi & up the
Himalaya again at Simla

among the ⁴cedar forests
etc. Thence to Bombay & Egypt
up the Nile among the old
towns & Temples, Obelisks, Pyramids
could not get to the Cedars
of Lebanon or to the Holy
Land on account of cholera
from Port Said went through
the Canal & Red Sea to Aden &
Ceylon, thence to the South
~~side~~ end of the world, Australia
New Zealand, ^{thence through} the Malay
Archipelago to the Philippines
to Manila. Thence back to Hong-
Kong & home by Japan &
Honolulu. What a glorious
time we had! but telling it
in a letter is out of the question

It is interesting to see that you
are still inventing machinery. It
brings back the old days at the Hollow.
Soon like you I'll be 70 if all
goes well, only 4 years are lacking
but I don't feel old. Dave is older
in appearance. Write soon or come
to yours faithfully John Muir