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## Letter from John Muir to [A. H.] Sellers, 1904 Sep 24.

John Muir

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Martinez, California  
Sep. 24, 1904.

My dear Sellers,

You say you thought I had gone to Australia & I began to think you had all gone as far. For your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. is the first I have received from you since I got home from my big ramble.

Now that the fine Avenue house is sold you must all come to California as soon as you can, build your next home here & be my neighbor. Then we can grow old or young handsomely together. The High Sierra will be our glorious back yard, the Pacific our pond where we can sail when we like - to Alaska



for icebergs & glaciers, & fresh air,  
To the Andes for exercise & noble  
aboriginal Araucaria forests.  
To South Africa & Madagascar for  
giant Baobabs & back by India  
for another look at the  
Himalaya & deodars. etc. etc.

I congratulate you on  
having won all the world for  
a house, & yet I can't help  
feeling a little sad at the loss  
of the Avenue home, the only  
home I ever had in Chicago.

I'm futtering a little with  
my pen trying to write another  
book & have planned five  
others. When is ever I can get  
any of them off my hands I  
don't know. It seems hardly  
worth while to waste so much  
precious time on them.

With love to you all, & sympathy  
for the sick mother I am  
ever faithfully yours  
John Muir