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Letter from C[harles] S[prague] Sargent to John Muir, 1904 Oct 6.

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Jamaica Plain, Mass., October 6, 1904.

My dear Muir:

What in the world has become of you? Are you still resting from your journey or have you started on another one, or have you given up the ghost entirely?

It is better to be stupid than careless, so you will be glad to hear that the small portfolio containing our passports and letter of credit turned up a few days ago carefully hidden inside the lining of my traveling bag where it has been for the last eighteen months. It seems that the lining back of the pocket in the bag was loose and that in trying to put the portfolio into the pocket it got inside the lining and worked down to the bottom of the bag. If we had been a little smarter we might have been saved a lot of trouble and anxiety.

There is a movement on foot to erect a simple memorial in the park at Wilmington in honor of our old friend Canby. I am very much interested in this and am anxious that it should be put through. It won't be an expensive matter but there are not many persons to subscribe and possibly you might like to make a small contribution, perhaps of \$25. or \$50. The contribution will be much appreciated by Canby's relatives and friends in Wilmington.

I have been away botanizing for the last three weeks in New York, Ontario, Michigan and Pennsylvania, looking for *Grataegus* of course. In the meantime my book has had to take a rest. It is getting on slowly, however, and I hope it will be out by Christmas. It is a very tedious job and I shall rejoice when it is off

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my hands.

Let me hear how you are getting on.

Faithfully yours,

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