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John Muir, Esq.,  
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Dear Mr Muir:

The Review of Reviews people are about to start a new magazine, largely on the lines of the English "Country Life," and it is their intention to make it as sound on all matters relating to gardening and forestry as Prof Sargent's "Garden and Forest" was. I believe Prof Sargent himself is to help the editor, in various ways; & my friend Pinchot, the Forester, is booked as <sup>a</sup> contributor. The editor, Miss Frances Duncan, who has just brought out through The Century Co. a capital little book, called "Mary's Garden," is a delightful writer, and knows her subject intimately and not as an amateur--except so far as that word indicates a lover of her subject. The magazine is splendidly backed, and I think it is bound to help certain causes in which you are professionally interested.

Naturally enough the editor is very desirous of having your support in her undertaking, and (for less obvious reasons, but perhaps because she knows you are a friend of my brother's), she has asked me to see if I can get your permission to have your name included in the list of contributors, even if you are unable to promise a contribution to one of the earliest numbers. I am very glad to forward her petition, as I do not think there can be too many periodicals that cultivate an interest in gardening, forestry, and the study of nature in all its aspects. If you can see your way to giving the desired consent, I shall be delighted at having been instrumental in securing it.

Faithfully yours,

J. B. Gilder.

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