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The Country Calendar

13 ASTOR PLACE NEW YORK

New York, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1904.

Mr. John Muir;
Martinez, Calif.

Dear Sir:

You may possibly have heard of us through Mr. Gilder and will then know that The Country Calendar is the new magazine which is coming out with the sponsorship of The Review of Reviews Company.

Our stand and scope will be something that of the English "Country Life." The magazine will be beautifully illustrated but this we intend to be but "an outward and visible sign of the inward, spiritual grace" of really worthy matter. We mean to give as solid information in modern methods of agriculture, horticulture and intelligent forestry as the enfeebled digestion of the public can stand.

Dr. Shaw's interest in the magazine insures it breadth and sanity. Professor Sargent has been consulted on the trees and shrubs, and Samuel Parsons, Jr., is interested in our landscape gardening and we have the cooperation of other experts.

Now, will you write for us an article on the destruction of the Redwoods at the hands of the wool and mutton man? I know the subject was taken up in your "National Parks" but it was one that can stand a little insistence. If the Redwoods do not tempt you, is there another subject on which you would like to write? I had feared you might be irrevocably wedded to "The Atlantic," but Mr. Greenslet thought you would write something for us, ^{since} we intend to fight a good fight for a sane and intelligent treatment of the forests which have found in you their best advocate.

We shall be very glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Frances Duncan

Associate Editor.

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