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May 14th, 1895.

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Mr. John Muir,  
Martinez, California.

My dear Muir:-

I have been hoping against hope that it would be possible for me to come to California this summer, but as Mr. Gilder is to sail next week for Europe, to be gone during the summer, and, in fact, for a year, with the exception of two months' return in the fall, it does not seem possible for me to go so far away from the seat of war, and I therefore feel that I must be counted out.

I think there is not much hope, either, that Tesla and his friend will go. If, however, there is any real probability of it I will let you know. Tesla cannot be counted upon in a matter of this kind, and the only hope of his going would be in his friend - who is also his business adviser and associate - organizing the expedition and insisting upon his going with him.

I give up the chance of going with much reluctance, having nursed the illusion for quite a while. You have been most kind in your offers of companionship and hospitality, and I heartily appreciate them.

I thank you for your personal letter. I think it would be injurious to you, as seeming to come from you, to have that

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lady announce that you had been offered a professorship in Harvard when no formal offer was made, and I venture to write to her to-day putting her on her guard about that statement, as she claimed that the information was based on an interview with you.

Very sincerely & faithfully  
R. U. Shudson.

I shall recognize in the Century the new "Home for Yosemite" in the action of the Legislature and have telegraphed for the official text of the bill, and at the same time I shall say that they will be watching!

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