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## Letter from J. E. Mathewson to John Muir, 1895 Dec 15.

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21, NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. 1895.

Dear friend Miss

I hope you will  
excuse me for the long delay in replying  
to your kind letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

It was placed carefully aside in  
my desk at the office to await a  
favorable opportunity to reply to same,  
but unfortunately every time it appealed  
to me, <sup>until now</sup> my time & attention ~~were~~  
demanded on pressing business  
matters. I hope that you are not thus  
so much taken up with worldly  
affairs. However I might feel contented  
now without business worries, but should

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very much like to try it for a time.  
Am arranging to go over to Phila<sup>a</sup>  
at the end of Jan<sup>y</sup> to see Mr. Tilyman,  
but do not expect to stay for more than  
a week, or two weeks at most. If you  
should ~~be~~ happen to be east at the time  
I shall be delighted to arrange to meet  
you, but it will be impossible for me  
to go out to California this time. Will  
let you know later on, when I shall  
sail from Liverpool.

Am glad that you were interested  
in the article in the Society of Arts  
on Sand Blast. Shall keep you fully  
posted up in future improvements  
in the process. I do not know whether  
the Sand Blast is in use in San Francisco  
or not. Ward & Nash, Chicago, are the  
agents for our apparatus in the States.

Have often read the name of Senator  
Spooner of Wisconsin, but did not dream  
that he was my old schoolmate, <sup>at the</sup> ~~at~~  
University. I remember James High  
too. He was high in build as well as in

name if I remember rightly. Vilas  
was the son of a lawyer at Madison  
I think, Was it he or his father who  
was the Post Master General some  
years since?

I have not had time to write  
to Prof Butler, but will do so at the  
first opportunity. Remember me  
to him if you should write him.

My family are all well & join me  
in heartily wishing you & yours a  
Merry Christmas & a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

J. S. Matthews.