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flower show to get funds for our poor
 and some of his wonderful plants would
 be a great attraction. I expect to have
 the show at the end of April and the
 principal flowers will be Daffodils and
 Primroses in all their varieties. This year
 I am collecting for this purpose. One year
 I made \$300 in a small attempt I made
 at a village, so I hope here I can get
 \$1,000. We have much poverty this year
 amongst the unemployed, Farming does not
 pay in England and manufacturing is over-
 done and we cannot compete with your
 adopted (for you are a Scottishman) country.
 Please remember me kindly to your daughters.
 My regards to M^{rs} Muir and with many many
 good friendly wishes to yourself

Sincerely yours
 E. F. F. 578

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ALPHINGTON,
 FRIMLEY,
 SURREY.
 Mar. 21. 1905

Dear Prof. Muir

Your letter of Feb. 15th
 was a real treat. I am very glad that
 you have not forgotten me. How I
 should like to make you a visit! When
 I can go to California again I cannot
 tell. I know I have to go to the eastern
 States towards the end of the Summer
 but only for a few days. I must return
 before one of my sons goes to India. Then
 I expect to go to Egypt where my youngest
 son is going. He has suddenly given up

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the idea of entering the Diplomatic service and has chosen the Egyptian Civil. This because it requires more individual work and a man that intends to work will surely advance. My boy is a good worker and the Government Agent at Cambridge advised him to take it up. I was called to go to Cambridge to discuss the matter and agreed to his taking this career. After that I expect my brother will join me and we hope to go to Ceylon for the winter. I have suffered so much lately with gout and am still suffering that my staying in England during winter is out of the question. With all that my gout is not in the legs I cannot take

all the exercise I want and my gardening work has been curtailed. We are not so fortunate as you are. No oranges or any fruit at this time but imported. At present we have a great number of Daffodils, primroses, polyanthus and to day I noticed the primus in bloom. By the way, yesterday I read in a paper called the "Country Gentleman" about the wonderful things your countryman Luther Burbank, Santa Rosa, has brought out. Is it all true? Certainly we have daisies five inches diameter that he sent to the Horticultural Society. If so I must ask him to send me some seed or plants. I hope next year to have a