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**Letter from Earl N. Hale to John Muir, 1905 May 15.**

Earl N. Hale

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Dayton Ohio  
May 15-05

Mr. John Muir,  
Martinez, Cal.

My dear Sir:

America, the greatest and grandest of all nations, has produced many great and good men. Ranking among the foremost of these men is Mr. John Muir; who by his genuine American pluck and makeups has risen to be America's leading explorer, naturalist and writer.

I am sixteen years old and in my sophomore year at High School. I am now starting an autograph collection and the purpose of my letter is to ask you for your autograph, as I would not consider my collection complete in the least without yours. Autograph collecting to me is not

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merely a hobby,<sup>[2]</sup> but rather a study  
and an environment.

As I have no picture of you  
I would be greatly pleased to re-  
ceive one from you; so that I can  
have it framed and then hang it  
in the most important place in my  
room.

Wishing you good health,  
happiness and success in what-  
ever you undertake and thanking  
you for doing me this favor;

I remain,

Your loving friend,

Carl N. Hale

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