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## Letter from John Muir to [J. E.] Calkins, 1906 Apr 8.

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Adamana, Arizona.

Apr. 8, 1906.

Dear Mr Calkins

I am very glad to hear from you again & sorry I am not at home in California to welcome you there. Since I last wrote you my wife died & my daughter Helen had a severe attack of pneumonia from which she has not completely recovered but is getting well slowly. For her sake I have been in Arizona for nearly a year. Most of the time on the high dry plateau about Adamana. My other daughter Wanda is here also most of the time & the old home at Martinez is closed.

For a long time I was shunned & deadily tired, but hard work in the wonderful petrified forests hereabouts has brought back something of the old free life with Mother Nature.

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Can't you come & visit me  
here? I should be delighted  
Adamana on the Santa Fe R.R.  
is easily reached & I would  
show you not only the forests  
of silicified trees known to tourists  
but four new ones discovered  
by Helen & I in the beautiful  
bad lands within a radius of  
eight or ten miles of the station  
& by the many fine specimens  
I have found - Sigillarias &  
their dotted stigmari roots -  
Lepidodendrons, Cycads, Tree ferns  
etc etc besides oldest ferns &  
Arancarias - restore for you  
in some measure the enchanting  
and Langsyne forests of the  
Carboniferous period.

Do come if you can. We  
are as near you here as in  
California. Anyhow I  
am faithfully yours  
John Muir

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