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"I always read it, for I am heartily in sympathy with so many of the things for which it works."—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

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Editor's Office

Los Angeles, Cal. . . . May 12th . . . 1906

Dear Jeremiah:

Who's killin' hussel with "over industry"? I would like to join you in Arizona, but I don't care anything about getting out of the library. If you will come out on my roof garden in the library I will show you an unpetrified forest almost as good as that at Adamana. Seriously, if you go back to Arizona without coming this way, and stopping to see me, I shall expect the scriptural fate of the other godless kids that mocked their elders to overtake you. It is going to be hard for me to get away now; but this is right on your main road and I think it would be positively indecent for you to go past us without stopping.

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I am very glad Helen is so much better. Give those good girls our love. We would be more than glad to have them come in here when they want a breath of sea level. As for the pneumonia, I thought seriously of having it, but concluded that I could not play on it well. I have not my swearing voice yet: and while it is a big risk for me---since you are provocative of Language---you had better come while I am a compulsory listener.

I would like to snort along with you in the Petrified Forest. I know a little about that place myself and think may be I could show you one or two extra ones---just as I know you could teach me a billion things about all of them. I don't know a blooming thing of the Forest except where most of it is.

Don't forget to give our love to Keith and Jordan and all the other White People. And don't forget to bark up this sycamore tree on your way to the agatized forest. Just at present I can rival the chief attraction of your fossil paradise ---I am myself the "petrified bird, sitting on a petrified twig and singing a petrified song".

Always Your Friend,

Chas. F. Zimmerman

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