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Letter from Charlotte [Hoffman] to John Muir, [ca. 1906] .

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The life ^[47] out side the
pallies, and in
your own mountains
and rivers & their
people.

I wish we might
go to hunt for the
do dars in India
& to see the "muggins"
in New Zealand.
but you will have
to take Helen & me

What are you working at now?

[13] Sunday, 12, en route

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My dear Mr. Muir:

I am more
disappointed than I
can make you know
not to have found
time to run over
the hills to Martine
to find out what
you are doing
and how you are

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[22]
before I started off
to put "The mountains
of separation" and
"The salt, strengthening
sea" between us.

But how those
metaphors have lost
their force in these
days of sunset
limitations and
ocean grey hours.
The poets will have

to invent ^[23] a new
imagery.

I am off for a
year or more, with
a very intelligent
and companionable
girl about lightening.
And I am determined
make it a year
of rest and delight
in all the beauty
collected together in
the galleries & museum
but chiefly in all

the I can ²⁸³ think
Please be good.

My permanent
address is 11 Rue
Scribe, Paris, 90
Amer. Exp. Co.

And so good luck
to you, my dear friend
through all the year
I hope you will be
able to work as you
wish - My love to Helen
& Wanda. Will let you know
where I am once in a way. Charlotte.

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the same day. Why
don't you? Helen
will write poems &
take pictures (but
never send them
to the friends she
promised them to)
and I all the while
will hunt squirrels
& posies for you.

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And you can write
and write and
gather into yourself
riches which we
will spend in
journeying further.

I want the
picture of you in
the petrified forest
and if Helen won't
send it, please you

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do.
My steamer is the
Columbia Anchor Line
sailing from N. Y. to
Glasgow, June first.

I would rather have
a letter from you on
this steamer telling
me what I ought
especially to see in
Scotland. I would
of some person I ought
to see. I have anything