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Martinez, Cal., Jan.26/07.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Many thanks for your kind letter. Should the New York cold get worse just jump on a fast train and come straight to our house for the balance of the winter, and cure is sure.

The Paleobotany job I imposed on you is I fear, giving you lots of bother in the midst of your huge winter work-pile. I have "Studies in Fossil Botany". Scott. "Fossil Plants". Seward. Vol.1. "Fossil Botany". Solms-Laubach. and on the way from Europe I have Schimper's "Paleontologie vegetale", and Brongniart's "Histoire des vegetaux fossiles". But I have none of our Government publications. Do you know Dr. David White of the National Museum? He probably knows all our Government publications, and I would like to get what he has written. I wonder if he would like to get some specimens from the Arizona park to examine and report on.

As to those confounded things which ought to have reached you before the New Year, I ordered them in San Francisco, and as I had forgotten your home address I thought you would have no trouble in ordering them direct from the station. The earthquake has shaken everything. Some goods I hear have been on the rails three months between New York and San Francisco.

Helen and I thank you for your kind invitation. Had I been as free as usual I should probably have been glad to spend the winter in the Washington Libraries and Museums studying stone trees. As it is we'll have to stay at home awhile.

With love to you all I am

Ever faithfully yours,

JOHN MUIR

Dear Dr. Merriam- Thank you very much for the beautiful picture you sent for my window. Both Wanda and I are delighted. And do come and make us a good long visit. If Papa and I can't go to Washington this winter why don't you come to California? That's much better. Sincerely, Helen. 09966