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shown in your ²²⁵ Father's treatment
of his boy pains me but
perhaps inured you to the
hardships you were to meet
on Mountain and glacier in
later life - all physiques could
not have endured burdens
such as were put upon you.
On the other hand we seem
to have swung the pendulum
far toward the other extreme
and youth today is weakened
by indulgence and lack of
reverence and the finer fiber
it seems to me.

Donald is getting off on a
two months trip to Egypt and
desert tomorrow under contract
to Mr. Dawson. He sold

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Dear Mr. Muir,


Your good letter and
the Book Boy hood days reached
me last week and both were
welcomed with enthusiasm
in the Greeley home I assure
you. I have read most
of the latter in the Atlantic
but mean to go through it
again now I have it as a
complete chapter in your
life experience - the Scotch
mistaken sense of discipline

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him all his ⁽³³⁾ bird pictures for the book
which is to come out in a year or
two - and will be collecting mammals
and photos this spring until June
then he leaves for the east to be gone
six months. I do hope your visit
this spring will come before he
goes finally. I want him to see you
again and exchange words notes.
He is so happy to be really at work.
I hope he will go seriously into the
natural history part. It would
please me to have him give up all
money making ambition - and devote
his life to this work he loves best.

I learn through the Millards that
Ellie and all the Hookers are to go
abroad for the summer. Fine for
them but we shall miss them -
I am going over to spend a week
with Mrs Hale, just to break the
joint loneliness when Donald goes
as Mr Hale is away until July -
she wants me to stay all the time
but I can't bear to leave my home.
Let me know ahead when you
come down & I shall be ready
for you any time and get along

Diary

home, if only I have notice -
about side over from Hollywood
without naming  for my
friends and me about at a
great rate when I am alone.

I am delighted to hear you
are at work on Alaska notes
My dream has not been
given up that you should
lead Ellie, Marion, Mrs
Hooper, Donald and I up
Muir glacier (in sight of)
but evidently it is not to be
this year -

Bessie is looking forward
to feeding you up when you
get through hibernating her

your den^{ess} it was indeed
kind of you to send me the
book and I value it and
the friendship of the giver beyond
words - I rather like the
article on you in the Craftsman
December by Coda Barrus -
He is cleverer than I dreamed.
I would join in love and
best wishes

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