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**Letter from J. E. Calkins to John Muir, 1913 Apr 16.**

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Which of these (2) things gives me the greater pleasure. Possibly the being personally remembered. That is the subtlest and most seductive form of flattery, and I own that it is a style of Compliment that takes me completely captive. I simply cannot thank you enough.

I am the poorest poor Oliver that ever was. When you are treating me to one of your outpourings you will always find me coming up and crying for more. I suppose if you were to write and publish one book on his of another I should still be hungry. Certainly I have never yet had enough. I know there is a very treasure mine of the richest and best of stuff where these other books have come from and I can't help wishing and hoping that you may yet point your quill afresh and dig into it, for the benefit of us all.

Mrs. C. says, "tell Mr. Muir to come on out to the ranch and we'll arrange things so you (meaning me) can keep him, at his will." If I had any glimmering notion that I could be of any slightest aid or value to you I should even insist. It would be a delight to work or do some such thing

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as these books with you, - and if it should happen that you should need my weak hand and feeble sense you would be more than welcome here, Come work, Come play.

I wish we might have you here for even a few days. I have been on the point of writing you, more than once, since you came back from that last globe-girdling tramble of yours, to beg and insist that you come for a while, at your convenience. Now that I am already so much in your debt I am making bold to tell you that nothing could do much delight us. Can you find time and the way, one of these days. Soon? I am now engaged in some work for the County Assessor, but that will presently be out of the way, and that we can have time for a quiet word. We await your pleasure in this. We are well, but considerably occupied with the effort to recover from the jamon freeze, which cost us dear. We all send our warmest regards to you, and beg to be remembered to Mrs. Frank, of whom we cherish very delightful local lectures. We hope to see you some day soon, and when we shall see you, we hope you will not be in any hurry.

So hoping I am  
Sincerely yours,  
J. E. Calkins.