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Hill Girt,
Nov. 11, 1912.

Dear Mr. Muir:

I have never got hold of anything more absorbingly interesting than these typewritten pages and they will be read as classics by posterity.

But now I want you to take pity on my ignorance and tell me when and where the spelling of pigeon was changed to pidgeon, for it must be there has been an authoritative change or neither you nor the typewriter would use it. On page 40 you say "gave David and I" instead of "gave David and me", but on the whole it is excellently typed.

O here's to the whole Autobiography, and may we all live to see it in print and listen to the plaudits which will welcome it! John Swett is fairly gloating over the noble addition it will be to all the school libraries in the land. What an avenue of influence it will open to the hearts of the children of the next generation! How it will teach them to know and appreciate and love and respect the rights of the lower animals!

When you consider how much typewritten proof I have corrected for John all our lives together, you will realize how almost impossible it would be for me to refrain from noticing and commenting upon anything in the nature of a typographical error, and will excuse me, I know, for "butting in" and will let my sincere admiration and ardent praise offset my mild criticism. Do not answer this note; I realize the value of your time, but tell John what there is to be said about "pigeon vs. pidgeon" and let me sign myself,

Your friend and admirer and well-wisher,

Mary L. Swett

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