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Martinez, May 21, 1900.

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grippe & pneumonia all the time.

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were the happiest of his life.

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I wish we could secure a Redwood
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You need a rest anyhow -
Remember me to Conby
Ever yours faithfully,
Jim Merriam

(Original in possession of Charles S. Sargent)

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