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Jamaica Plain, Mass.,.....June 11,.....1900.

My dear Muir:

Thanks for yours of June 3rd with the newspaper clippings.

I am of course interested in the movement to preserve the Santa Cruz Redwoods but do you consider that a reservation at that point, useful and desirable as it might be, would reserve a good typical block of the Redwood forest? My idea is that we ought to go somewhere north of Russian River, probably in the neighborhood of Humboldt Bay. I had supposed that the Redwoods south of San Francisco were now very few and scattered, although of course there are a number of large individuals. What we want really is a big block of the virgin forest. How do you suppose Mrs. Hearst would feel about such an enterprise, or is she putting all her spare cash into the buildings of the University of California? If it comes in your way why don't you sound her on the subject? I understand from one of your clippings that the movement to secure the Calaveras Grove has fallen through for the present--too bad!

I am busy all the time with miserable pattering things and really accomplish nothing. I am getting tired of this sort of existence and wish I could get down to real work again. There are too many calls made on my time from all sorts of people and every year the

Arboretum takes more time and energy to manage.

How foolish you are to have influenza when you might cure it by coming east. Come on and have a good summer in a country where they have green grass and something beside your everlasting conifers.

Faithfully yours,

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