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## Letter from Vernon Bailey to John Muir, 1900 Nov 3.

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Washington, D.C.  
Nov. 3, 1900.

My Dear Mr. Muir:

For the first time since breaking camp we begin to feel that the rush and hurry is over for the present.

We are fairly settled in our winter ~~house~~ and can find time to more than think of our friends to write them a few words to say "hello", now & then.

I wish you could drop into our den, just to see how much we are still among the mountains & forests and wild

things ~~still~~. Our baskets and skins and horns and pictures and books all keep the wild, free life fresh and as real as the mountains themselves.

Those glorious days in the mountains are no less glorious as we live them over again & again. But we never think of them without thinking of you. Perhaps you will never know how much you added to our enjoyment on that trip nor how we appreciate your deep sympathy with "nature, in all her varying moods." It is so good to meet someone who understands & tries to understand truly.

We want to keep in touch with your work and your kind of life. What are you writing this winter and what are you publishing in? Is there any advertisement or list of your published articles? If there is please put me on the track of it.

I wish we could hope to see you here this winter. There is always a welcome and a place by our camp fire for you, here or in the mountains. Come & tell us some more stories.

We enjoyed our visit at your home and meeting your interesting family and only regretted that we

could not stay to tramp over your hills & catch your gophers.

Young Goldwain's family have moved to Berkeley so he & his sister can go to the high school. He would be delighted to come over the hills & catch gophers for the sake of old times.

We have so much to thank you for that I will not try to put it in words.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Muir, your sister, Miss Wanda & Miss Helen,

Very truly  
Vernon Bailey.