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mornings. Palo Alto is a pretty village with its fine trees, and I hope that we shall all have the pleasure of welcoming you and your family here one of these days. I spoke with Dudley, who joins me in these hopes; you may be assured that there will not be any circle of chairs arranged around you, and no 'talk', 'lecture' and unnecessary handshaking. We are two ^{innocent &} good-natured for that, and not as wise as the B. snakes.

With the kindest regards to Mrs Muir and your daughter and thanks for your many kindnesses (last not least the charming book and the pin-coin)
yours faithfully
Ewald Haupt.

Stanford University
Jan. 10. 1902

My dear Mrs Muir,

You and your dear wife (as I should say in German; in 'Amierica': Mr. Muir) must regard me as a most ungrateful wretch ~~after~~ for not having written a line yet after my return home from your hospitable roof! I plead guilty of having been painfully negligent, but I can assure you that I have not been ungrateful! On the contrary whenever I was able to take a few breath under the

avalanche of work, whenever I thought of your quiet home and of the beautiful view from your study, down the little peaceful valley, I felt refreshed and happy and thought of you in gratitude and with the best wishes.

The month before X mas was a very busy one, I had some extra lectures to prepare, an address before the Am. Philological Association which went off smoothly the second day after X mas, then came some quiet days with the children to whom I read parts of your new charming book, a day's trip to a gigantic lonely redwood on

our Coast range (with Mr. B. Hudson) and now again the Semester with a number of cares and 'worryment' and another article to be finished by next Wednesday - - - the old dance of American 'overindustry', the stupefying effects of which you criticize so truly! I often think of your wise way of spending your earlier days in nature, with nature as part of Nature(!), and I hope that I shall yet have a chance to imitate you. -

We have spent a very happy X mas time, and the New Year has found us all in good health, and enjoying the fine sunshine of the afternoons as much as the fogs of the