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CHICAGO Jan'y 11th 1902.

My dear Mr. Muir:-

Altho' I had bought your last book, "Our National Parks", and read much of it, and had bought several other copies to give to friends, we were greatly pleased to receive a copy from you, for it showed us that you thought of us. Wife and I value very highly the expressions of affection you have inscribed on the fly leaf. I have enjoyed the book, so far, very much, and expect to derive a great deal more pleasure, and instruction from it, for it is one of those books that can be read with enjoyment and profit over and over again.

A few days after its arrival, Mrs. Sellers was taken down with another attack of pneumonia. We took it in time this time, and so prevented it from becoming so serious as the last attack she had. She is now up and about, but not feeling very strong, and only went out of the house yesterday for the first time. While she was ill I took a very bad cold which resulted in bronchitis, from which I am now just recovering.

We had planned to go to California again this winter, but Mrs. Sellers mother, who is at our house, has had several attacks that indicate paralysis, and my wife does not want to go so far away from home. Mrs. Hancock is 79 years old, so that these attacks are serious, and greatly alarm the family. Should she improve in health enough to warrant it, we may possibly come out later, and spend our time in central California, San Jose, Monteray &c, and return home by the Canadian Pacific. It will all, however, depend upon Mrs. Hancock's condition.

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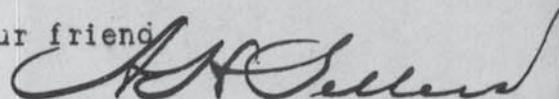
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We met at our Club house, this fall, Dr. Meacher of Portage Wis, and had a pleasant talk with him about you and your father's family. One of your sisters was a near neighbor of the doctor in Portage, and he now owns a farm near your father's old place. The doctor is becoming quite famous, more so than his father was, and that is saying a great deal. Wife and I spent 2 months this fall in our little cottage at the club on Puckawa lake, and enjoyed it very much indeed. We often spoke of you, and wished that you could be there with us, and planned many pleasant excursions that we could take with you. We talked several times of taking our steamer, and running up the Fox to a point near your old homestead, and going over to visit it, but something always came up to prevent. Someday we are going to make that excursion, as I am told that the old farm is only a few miles from the river, and we hope you and the girls may be of the party.

Mrs. Sellers had intended making a dozen carbons of your picture, and sending them with the negative (which she says she promised you) to you as a Christmas greeting, but illness of her mother, and herself prevented. She hopes to get them ready to send soon.

She joins me in affectionate regards, and best wishes for the New Year to you, and to your dear wife and girls.

Sincerely your friend



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