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"I always read it, for I am heartily in sympathy with so many of the things for which it works."—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

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Editor's Office

Los Angeles, Cal. . . . Apl. 23rd . . . 1902.

Dear John Muir:--

What is this? Do I understand that you are preparing to trespass on my private preserves without leave or license? I hear from a disinterested third party that you plan to lead your Sierra Club into the Grand Cañon, that ^{general} giant neck of the woods. I suppose if you really want to go, I shall have to let you, although it is a rather dangerous experiment to allow you to enter into fragile scenery like that of the Cañon, where there are no glaciers to sleep on and where you cannot climb up and down the sides everywhere you

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like. This same gentleman invites me to go in the crowd, and I am slightly tempted to think I ought to go to keep an eye on you all. The only thing that daunts me is the fact that there will be a crowd; but the Cañon is a very good and convenient place for disposing of superfluous companions; and if there were a reasonable probability of having a fair whack at you and a few others that I should care to be with, and of being able to shin up a tree away from the rest, or drop the most inevitable of them ~~through a limb~~ ^{over the rim,} I should be a good deal minded to try to shape things to go. Let me know a little of what you plan to do; just about what time you expect to spend there, and whether you intend to go anywhere else.

I wish you could get down here before that time and see us, or at least start a little ahead of the excursion and stop over here and

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go on with us, in which case I should be pretty certain to run out at least for part of the time.

Turbese sends her love to all your house.

Hastily but always sincerely yours,

Chas. F. Sumner