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Martinez, Apr 28, 1902

My dear Lummis

I have to go to Kings River Yosemite next June to help the Sierra Club outing, thence to the Upper Kern. Can't go with the Canon party, but hope you can, as guide missionary eye-opener & friend. I was at Bright Angel last January to get a glimpse of the Canon in winter garb, - made one trip to the bottom, rode & sauntered thirty or forty miles along the rim, gazed & dreamed on gable & promontory, watched dawns & sundowns, etc, & enjoyed two small snow storms. The flight of the snow & the coming & going of the clouds were glorious. - but so is everything. A few years ago I made the trip by stage from Flagstaff & went down the Hance trail to the River



& I have seen something of the  
head fountains in the Rockies  
but its all untellable, unspeak-  
-able. Yet I was fool enough  
to try to write about it after  
years of editorial prodding, &  
am still trying. The job is  
rightly yours, but wiser than  
I, excepting a few Clarion cock-  
-crows, you have held your  
wheel most ably.  
You had just been to the Canon with  
the Kipling party & I had no hope  
of getting you to go with me  
in January. Still I look forward to  
a grand trip in that glorious  
region with you visiting the  
Patuxent Forest, Old Cakes,  
etc, just our two selves, for  
I want to make your acquaintance  
& this is the only way  
with love to Turbini I am  
faithfully yours John Muir