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August 19, 1902.

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R. U. JOHNSON,  
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ASSISTANT EDITOR.

My dear Muir:

Proofs of your article on the Grand Cañon were sent to you some days ago, preceded by a check, the balance of the amount named by you, asking you if that is what you expect. In accordance with your directions we sent two sets of the proofs. We want to use the article in the November number and should be glad to have the proofs back at your earliest convenience. It is so graphic in itself that we have given up the idea of putting any illustrations with it, particularly as Parrish is very much overcrowded with his work. It will, however, go into the same number with his picture of the Cañon which appeared with Baker's first article on "The Great Southwest" and which now will be printed in the colors in which it was originally made. We hope you will like it.

I want very much to have my friend Mrs. Tully (Eleanor Gates) have the pleasure of knowing you. She is also a friend of Mrs. Hearst. I presume you have seen the first part of her "Chapters from the Biography of a Prairie Girl" which we have published in the August number. We are to print three instalments out of the Biography, which is to appear this fall in book form from the press of The Century Co. I think her de-



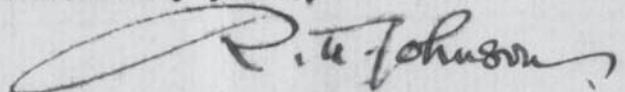
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scription of the blizzard in the August number is very good, and the book as a whole is a genuine addition to the record of American life. She is a young woman who after coming from Dakota has lived up near Shasta, where she taught school. She is a graduate of the University of California and a very nice person. I am asking her and her husband to make themselves known to you, and I am sure you will find them congenial.

About the last of September I expect to go with Mrs. Johnson to Italy for three or four months. I wish I could be here to push along the recession scheme, but I am relying on you to get the Sierra Club to take the initiative in this matter. Does not the California legislature meet this winter? Now that the management of the Yosemite National Park has vindicated itself, there ought to be no objection to the recession, which will be of decided advantage to the smaller reservation and which would protect it against a lot of vulgar schemes. Please let me know if anything is likely to be done and how I can help it before leaving.

I am sure you had a royal time in the King's River Cañon. How I wish I might have been there!

Faithfully yours,



P. S. I have also sent you my book of collected poems.

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