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Martinez, Cal., April 14, 1910.

Miss Clara Barrus,  
State Hospital,  
Middletown, N. Y.

Dear Miss Barrus;—

I thank you for your long cordial letter. I have been very busy, almost stupidly so, of late, else I would have answered sooner. I have just got completed a rambling sketch of my first summer in the Sierra, some of which may prove to be worth while.

Glad you are taking an interest in the National Park.

I have heard from both Mr. Brown<sup>e</sup> and Oom John, both busy and happy as usual.

I sympathize with you in your efforts to shake off the dust of the hospital and build a place of your own in the woods. Keep this thing in view and you will surely succeed ere long.

I shall look forward with pleasure to reading your article in the Century this summer.

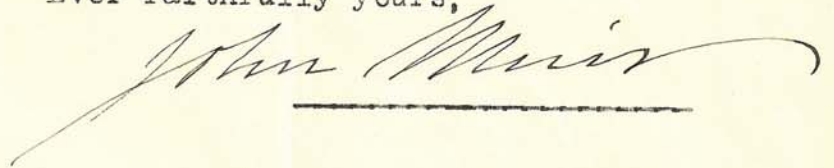
As to the geological story you refer to, I was at Independence Lake, not far from Truckee, in the Sierra. A man whose name I have forgotten kept a tavern there for the accommodation of visitors who <sup>went to</sup> ~~wanted~~ the lake ~~in which~~ to fish for trout. He asked me one day how that lake was made. I told him that it was a glacier lake, the basin of which had been

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excavated by a glacier which descended from the summit of the range. He replied, "Well, it's no use talkin', this place has all been hev up, or sunk, or somethin'."

With my kindest regards to Mrs. Ashley and Mr. Burroughs when next you see them, believe me,

Ever faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Muir". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line. The line is slightly irregular and appears to be a simple underline.