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## Letter from John Muir to Helen [Muir Funk], 1910 Oct 6.

John Muir

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Los Angeles, Cal., October 6, 1910.

Darling Helen:-

I arrived here Monday morning, and found your letter of September 26th.

Don't give yourself the slightest trouble about Tom's bank fight. It did not amount to anything. He was simply provoked to think that the Bank had loaned Mr. Treat sixteen thousand dollars to redeem a ranch near Concord that Tom and his mother had bought at a foreclosure sale. He was very anxious to keep the ranch, thinking he would make a lot of money out of it, and of course hoped Treat would not be able to redeem it. But now, by the loan he secured at Martinez Bank, Mr. Treat has redeemed it, and so Tom lost it. He was trying to show that the Bank had no business to lend that money because the title to the ranch, he claimed, had a cloud upon it, but it could not have been much of a cloud, when Tom had put his own money and his mother's money into it, and the Bank knew well enough what they were doing. But never mind, no harm has been done, and therefore give it no further thought.

I am surprised to hear that the geraniums have not arrived. Tom and Wanda said they would send them off a week or two ago, but I learned just as I was leaving that they had been

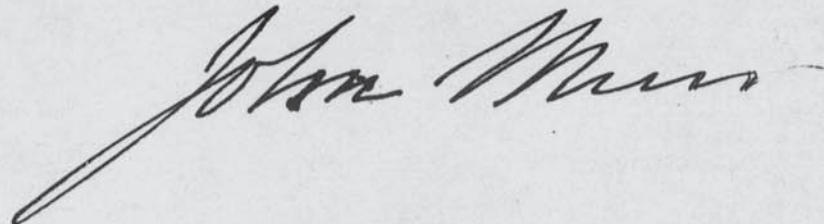
neglected, and Wanda promised then to send them off immediately. I hope you will be successful in making a fine red show in your windows this coming winter.

That you are, as you say, feeling as fine as ever is the only thing that I care about. As long as you are well I am well, and Tom and his ranch and all the other ranches can go tapselterie-o, as the Scotch say, for all I care.

Give my kindest regards to Buel, my little girl Funk, Mr. and Mrs. Funk, and the blessed old Judge.

I am working away on that animal book, which is still far from completion.

Ever your devoted father,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Munn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text of the letter.