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Los Angeles, Cal., December 23, 1910.

325 West Adams Street.

Darling Helen:-

Your letter was forwarded from Los Angeles and I was delighted to find that you were ten pounds fatter after sojourning so short a time on the mountain, and that you were having such fine weather.

I trust that you will gradually be able to soften the feelings of good old Judge Van Dyke. It troubles me to hear such unpleasant news about him.

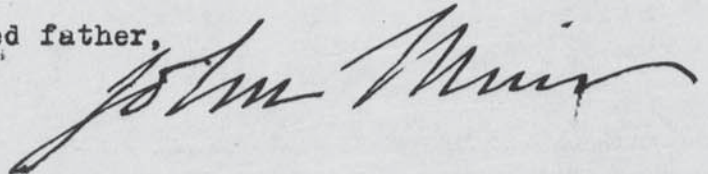
Last Tuesday, according to instructions in your letter, I sent you some nuts, raisins, candies, etc., from Goldberg-Bowen by express. I suppose the box will reach you before this letter does.

I arrived here Wednesday morning, saw Colonel Sellers yesterday, and find everybody well and happy.

I have just made a beginning on the Yosemite book. It is going to be a more difficult book to write than I thought, on account of changed conditions which make pretty much all that I have written heretofore non-available, so that the book will almost have to be wholly original. Still, I hope to get it off my hands before Spring.

Wishing everybody on your alfalfa ranch a "Happy New Year," and hoping you will remember me to all the Funks, big and little, and the old Judge, I am,

Ever your devoted father,

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