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Mr. John Muir,
Martinez, Cal.

Dear Mr. Muir:-

Your letter of Jan. 9th has laid on my desk a long time unanswered. I hope you have had time since then to try your microscope, and that you find it works all right. If it does not, I suggest that you call at the San Francisco office of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. and get their advice.

Our bookkeeper says that we have received a credit from San Francisco which she cannot exactly understand. Did you return anything more than the one illuminator which was sent you by mistake, and, if so, did they refund the price to you? If you did return more than the one illuminator and did not get the money for it, why you see we owe you some money from here.

You wrote that you had just got your daughter comfortably settled in the Mohave Desert. I hope she is getting along finely. My friends tell me that if I do not let up in my strenuous life, I shall have to do the same thing before long.

I was in Washington, a few weeks ago, and called at Secretary Garfield's office, in regard to the Hetch Hetchy matter. I suppose you noticed a little editorial in Collier's Weekly, of last week. You know they promised me, several months ago, to mention it, but they had been so long in getting around to it, that I feared that they had let it slip their attention. I am going to write them to see if they will not mention it again, and am going to send them a copy of the Sierra "Bulletin", as your article and Mr. Crosby's letter put the subject so strongly and so clearly. I believe the best way to handle a thing of this sort is through the magazines, as they can reach and stir up a great many people at once, - many more than we could reach by personal talks and letters.

I have read, with interest, the accounts of the "gift of Muir woods" to the government for a reservation. I believe this generous

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example will be followed by many others in all parts of the country.

My folks have just bought a large farm in Reading, 14 miles out from Boston, and are going to live there and enjoy the country life. At the same time my father and I will come into work every day. We have 15 ot 20 acres of fine young woods, mostly white pine, and shall guard them with jealous care. I hope next time you come East, that you can come out and see our farm and the fine old colonial house on it. I am thinking of sleeping out in a tent, or under the trees, this summer, as I like the open air. I would like to go with the Sierra Club up into the Kern River country, but I fear I cannot get away this year.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Fred A. Barber

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