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many new sights & sounds  
of the people & mountains.  
It seems wonderful that  
so low a temp - as 115°  
should be even barely  
tolerable to you not to  
say pleasant & according  
to your own heart. It is  
like being tried in a firing  
furnace which surely  
surely roasts out all the  
base disease ore & leaves  
only the pure health gold.

How does old St. Anne  
take such temperature  
I suppose we will start  
home the day after tomorrow  
& you therefore should

Junston Camp July 18/08

Darling Helen,

About 100 of the Whitney  
party got back to this main  
camp yesterday & today all  
except 2 having got to the top  
of course are happy & ex-  
hilarated. Almost everyone  
in the outing is a good  
tough walker & climber but some  
could not walk or not climb  
now when you were at your  
best in the anti-grip & pen-  
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the speed toward complete re-  
covery you are now making  
you will soon be as tough  
& sound as ever, & even  
stronger & better in every way.  
I got your 1st letter on the  
17th & was very glad after so  
long a silence. We returned  
July 18, 1908

send all letters to Marjorie  
hereafter. Tho any reaching Michael  
King after we pass it will be  
forwarded.

I had a fine trip all alone as  
of fare up one the tributary  
streams reaching far up in  
the Karuah Mountains saw  
a watercousel feeding its young  
etc etc wh. I'll tell you about  
soon.

I'm feeling better every day, &  
less & less regret loss of time  
on this fine scenery mountain  
outing. My kindest regards  
to all the good Daggott folk  
who have been & are so kind  
to us these late eventful &  
trying times. Much love to you  
Darling. I am  
Your own John Moore

Funston Camp July 18/08

Darling Helen:

About 100 of the Whitney party got back to this main camp yesterday & today, all except 2 having got to the top & of course are happy & exhilarated. Almost everyone in the outing is a good tough walker & climber but none could outwalk or outclimb you when you were at your best in the ante-grip & pneumonia days, & doubtless at the speed toward complete recovery you are now making you will soon be as tough & sound as ever, & even stronger & better in every way.

I got your 1st letter on the 17th & was very glad after so long a silence wh seemed longer on account of the many new sights & sounds of the people & mountains. It seems wonderful that so torrid a temp - as 115 should be even barely tolerable to you not to say pleasant & according to your own heart. It is like being tried in a fiery furnace which must surely roast out all the base disease ore & leave only the pure health gold. How does old ~~Spitzer~~ take such temperature.

I suppose we will start home the day after tomorrow & you therefore should send all letters to Martinez hereafter, tho any reaching Mineral King after we pass it will be forwarded.

I had a fine trip all alone as of yore up one of the tributary streams reaching far up in the Kaweah Mountains. Saw a waterouzel feeding its young etc. etc. wh I'll tell you about soon.

I'm feeling better every day, & less & less regret loss of time on this fine piney mountain outing. My kindest regards to all the good Daggett folk who have been & are so kind to us these late eventful & trying times.

Much love to you Darling, from your own

John Muir