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Letter from Katharine Hooker to John Muir, [1911] May 13.

Katharine Hooker

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Have seemed to be a
reversed sky, full of
twinkling constellations -
all the stars and hamlets
for leagues around,
visible from this
height!

It is pleasant to
think of you in that
Grand Cañon excursion -
no doubt it is a delightful
party.

I was glad to hear
Houghton, Duffin were going
to put "My first Summer
in the Sierras" in
print at once. It is
a dear book - I loved

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Place: The Inuir Woods,
Time: May 13th in
the present year.

Characters of the play: Katharine Hooker,
Marion Hooker.

And here we are
in the place named
for you, the first time
we have visited the
spot since its christening!
It is very beautiful, but
a little more populated
than in the old days,
when I used to walk
to it over the hills, without
even a trail - and find

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The brink of the brook
set thick with the prints
of deer's feet.

You see there is an
breathing spell between
examinations, and Marian
and I are taking two
days off. Last night
we slept at the little
West Point Inn, well
toward the top of the
mountain. They have
built cabins, (with their
backs to the wind,) so
constructed that you
can throw one whole
side open, and have

^{C73}
you had in full view
of the sky. At three-
o'clock Mr. Kinch
landlady, masked, came
and woke us, telling us
to look at the comet.
We opened our eyes, and
there directly opposite us
was the wonderful thing,
in all the glory of a
crystal-clear mountain
atmosphere, lying
obliquely across the
sky, and just under
it hung Venus, bigger
and more brilliant
than I ever saw it
before. Underneath

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it as I read it, and
I shall want to read
it again as soon
as I can.

Is it the autobiography
or the animal stories
you are at work upon
now?

I wish you were
here with us - we would
"go up a canm"! I'm
not forgetting you are
looking over the brim
of a very big one where
you are.
Ever affectionately yours
Katherine Hooker
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