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Letter from G[eorge] H. M[ifflin] to John Muir, 1911 Jun 29.

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Blazing my own trail.

You will of course
decide. And also
don't forget to send
us the illustrations
with suggestions as
to your preferences,
number to use, &c.

We will all now
put our shoulders to
the wheel to make
this preliminary part
of your Life Story
a great success.

Sincerely,
Houghton Mifflin Co.
by E. W. M.

P.S. We have conferred with
the Atlantic but, as they could
only use portions of the MS.
they reconciled themselves to
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June 29/11

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY

4 PARK STREET · BOSTON

Dear Mr. Muir

Many thanks for
your appreciative letter of
the 25th received this
morning. We are glad
you like the appearance
of my First Summer.

We will see that
your complimentary list
is at once attended to.

We appreciate what
you say as to your
Publishing obligations
in regard to the MS.
of your Autobiography.

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Our interest in this
Ms. is such and our
proud in undertaking
its publication, that
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we accordingly enclose
duplicate copies of
the contract, one of
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with your signature.

Tell you also kindly
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same your revised
Ms., as we want
to get our sample

pages or in form at once. We
were preparing to follow the type
page of the Summary which we
think it would be
to improve. But in the business
we should adopt a more simple
style. And also please give
us your final choice of type (when
you the contract is left undetermined)
our Editorial Dept has suggested
Story of my Boyhood,
How does this strike you?
and the title which has been

4 Park Street,
Boston,
June 29, '11.

Dear Mr. Muir:

Many thanks for your appreciative letter of the 25th received this morning. We are glad you like the appearance of "My First Summer". We will see that your complimentary list is at once attended to.

We appreciate what you say as to your publishing obligations in regard to the Ms. of your autobiography. Our interest in this Ms. is such and our pride in undertaking its publication, that we will cheerfully waive the slight difference between us in the royalty, and we accordingly enclose duplicate copies of the contract, one of which kindly return with your signature.

Will you also kindly send us at the same time your revised Ms., as we want to get our sample pages, etc. in form at once. We were proposing to follow the type page of the Summer, which we think it would be difficult to improve. But in the binding we should adopt a more simple style, and also please give us your final choice of titles (which in the contract is left undetermined). Our editorial dept. has suggested, "Story of My Boyhood"--- how does this strike you? Another title, which has been suggested as a selling feature is "Blazing my own Trail". You will, of course, decide and also don't forget to send us the illustrations with suggestions as to your preferences, number to use, etc.

We will all now put our shoulders to the wheel to make this preliminary part of your life story a great success.

Sincerely yours,

Houghton Mifflin Co.

by G.H.M.

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