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Letter from John Muir to Houghton Mifflin Co. , [1911 ?] Jul 4.

John Muir

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July 4.

Houghton Mifflin & Co
Dr Sirs

I've just read the correction Nov 5.
I want to spend a half day or so on it
before forwarding it to you. In the mean
time please send me the copy I left
with you that I may copy the correction
as I shall need to use it in making
other plans arrangements for publishing it at
least in part since the Atlantic & I
suppose the Youth Companion
have unexpectedly declined it.

This will of course cause some
delay. For wishing naturally
to have as many readers as
possible ^{boy my youth} I want the greater part
of it ^{to appear} first in some good maga.
Your right to the book will of course
be reserved. The advantage in
some maga publication is illustrated
as far as my own experience goes
by both the Works of Cal wh as a book
only about 10000 copies sold, while about 200,000
of the Mag in Cop m. ⁷⁻⁵ Slicker had probably 200,000

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copies sold
in a single day. All the National Parks
was first published on the Atlantic

Probably the whole has left
until I return from
5 am in the mean
time it can be hurried
through a magazine

[rough draft of letter]

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July 4 ~~1910~~

Houghton Mifflin Co.,

Dear Sirs:

I've just received the corrected M.S. I want to spend a half day or so on it before forwarding to you. In the meantime please send me the M.S. I left with you, that I may copy the corrections as I shall need to use it in making other plans for publishing it at least in part, since the Atlantic and I suppose the Youth's Companion have unexpectedly declined it. This will, of course, cause some delay. For wishing naturally to have as many readers as possible for my story, I want the greater part of it to appear first in some good magazine. Your right to the book will, of course, be reserved. The advantage in magazine publication is illustrated, as far as my own experience goes by both the "Mountains of California" [of] which as a book only about 10,000 copies sold, while about 200,000 of the magazine copies [were sold]. Stickeen had probably 200,000 copies sold in a single mo[nth]. All "The National Parks" was first published in the Atlantic. Probably the whole [may] be left until I return from S[outh] Am[erica]. In the meantime it can be running through a maga[zine].

[John Muir]