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## Letter from John Muir to Osborn [family], 1911 Sep 20.

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Para, Brazil, Sept. 20, 1911

Dear friends Osborns all

I fancy you home from the health-giving Rockies full of icy radium and ozone and silver fir balsam, if possible happier and lovelier than ever

I've had a glorious time up the great river into the heart of its vast forested basin and have gained far more telling views of the trees than I ever hoped for. The river as you know is immensely wide but for hundreds of miles the steamer ran so close to the densely forested banks that I could almost touch the out-reaching branches, fancy how I stared ~~and~~ <sup>✓</sup> sketched. At Manaus I wandered about in the woods guarded and guided and befriended by the best citizens, almost civilized. Mostly due to introductions by Mr. F. H. Sanford a graduate of Yale.

I did not go to Iquitos because I couldn't without waiting a month or six weeks for a steamer in the midst of lots of Yellow fever and Malaria, while the whole round trip from Manaus to Iquitos ~~and~~ <sup>✓</sup> return would require about three or perhaps four months time that I judged <sup>^</sup> could be more profitably spent elsewhere. I suppose Cook ~~and~~ <sup>+</sup> Sons will <sup>^</sup> return the cost of this unused part of the ticket. I received two lots of letters forwarded from Castle Rock on my return from Manaus a few days ago, ~~and~~ <sup>✓</sup> am now waiting for a steamer to Rio. Will probably get away on the 25th of this month. From Rio after a short stay I plan to go <sup>^</sup> [to] Buenos Aires, thence up the La Plata and Uruguay rivers, over the Mountains to Valparaiso etc. etc. Then after all this couldn't you join me somewhere in a trip to S. Africa?

Anyhow wherever I may wander I shall always be your faithful grateful affectionate friend

John Muir

I think letters sent to Buenos Aires C/o American Consul will reach  
Don't let lovely Osborn <sup>E</sup> Sanger forget me

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