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[2. May 1912]
Martinez, Wednesday

Dear Mrs Hooker: I have received
the N. Y. letters you forwarded,
and as to your Tahoe Junipers
I'm sure I saw them in all their
raggedy jaggedy many-angled many-
elbowed glory, perhaps in the new
gilded edition of the Mountains of
California, published just as I was
leaving N. Y. for the Amazon and
which I've not seen since.
You say you're working yourself
out of breath reforesting the garden
etc. - hope you won't mar your fine
lawn with feet William James' pepper
blackguards. Waste not a breath on any
such silvan vanity. Fortunately you
now have Marian to moderate your
overindustry. Tell her I rejoice in
her good health and good everything.
Nothing finer may be seen in these
frivolous flaming commercial days
than a brave soul holding a straight ahead
way to a noble aim in spite of health
wealth or the want of it.

I'm at work in my lonely den clearing
away a big eight months tailus of letters
to get at something worth the while.

Remember me to Fred & Alice.

Ever faithfully affectionately yours

John Muir