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304 HOYT STREET
PORTLAND, OREGON

June 15, 1912.

Dear Mr. Muir:-

I thank you for your kindly courteous letter granting my request for an autograph inscription in my copy of "My First Summer in the Sierra". The volume goes forward by today's mail. Whatever you may write therein will be much prized and greatly appreciated, as it will give the book that personal touch which I so value in the volumes I love best. I do not want to ask too much, but will say that you cannot make the note which you may direct to me in the book, too long.

Thank you for expressing the wish that we might sometime meet. I can imagine no more delightful experience than to meet and converse with one who has for so many years lived in the very Temple of Nature and stored his mind with memories of her wonderful, musical rites. I hope that you may find it some day necessary to come to Portland, and that when you do, I may have the pleasure of having you with us for a time. I can sit on my porch and across the house-dotted Willamette valley see the mighty dome of Mt. Hood dominating the horizon, between the folds of fir-clad hills that fill my foreground and frame the mighty picture. Words, written or spoken, cannot transfer to another the feeling which overcome one's being at such a sight, no often how constantly seen, but I know that you will understand. Superlatives only are in any way adequate, and they sound flat because cheapened by constant use on lesser things.

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Sincerely hoping that the Fates will be kind to me and grant me the privilege of some time meeting you face to face, and with affectionate regards, I am, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

Charles N. Elliot.

Monday June 17-

*P.S. I mailed the book Saturday, but carelessly failed to send the letter, which however I hope will reach you in time. *C. N. Elliot**