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Martinez, April 3, 1894

My dear Mr Johnson the book, begotten Heaven knows when is finished and out of me, therefore Hurra etc. and thanks to you, very friend, for benevolent prodding. Six of the sixteen chapters are new, and the others are nearly so, for I have worked hard on every one of them, leaning ^{them} against each other, adding lots of new stuff, and killing adjectives and adverbs of redundant growth - the verys, intenses, gloriousises, ands and butts - by the score. I feel sure the little alpine thing will not disappoint you. Anyhow I've done the best I could. Read the opening chapter when you have time. In it I have ventured to drop into the poetry that I like but have taken good care to place it between bluffs and buttresses of bald glacial geological facts.

Mrs Muir keeps asking me whether it is possible to get Johnson to come out here this summer. She seems to regard you as a Polish brother. Why I'll be hanged if I know. I always thought you too cosmically good to be of any clanish nation.

By the way During these last months of abnormal cerebral activity I have written another article for the Century which I'll send you soon. Ever very truly your friend John Muir

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