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Letter from Gifford Pinchot to John Muir, 1894 May 23.

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GIFFORD PINCHOT,
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May 23rd, 1894.

Mr. John Muir,
Martinez, California.

Dear Mr. Muir:

I hope you do not mind typewritten letters. If you do please let me know and I will send you no more of them. But as it is so much easier to write this way I fall into it on all occasions. I am just up from the south, where your letter reached me, and have been in the woods for something over three weeks. In a very small way I have tried your plan of going alone, and was off for four days by myself. Except that I happened to be a little under the weather at the time, they were as pleasant days as I have ever passed in the woods, and I am only waiting for the chance to do more of the same thing. I am perfectly satisfied that I can learn more and get more out of the woods than is possible when there is any one else along, or at least any one who has not the same feeling about them that I have. While I am afraid that I shall never be able to do the amount of hard work that you have done, or get along on such slender rations, still I am going to put together a camp kit this summer that will weight not over 20 lbs. and will keep me in working order for a week or two, and then I hope to be able to get more into the life of the forest than I have ever done before.

I sent you the other day a pamphlet about the Adirondacks in the hope that you might be interested in looking it over.

Mr. Alvord has been kind enough to send me certain publications of the Sierra Club. These are Bulletins of January and June, 1893, and January, 1894, and "Articles of Association, etc.", 1892. Could you help me to get the others? I have been greatly interested in them, although I have had almost no time to look them over.

My people would all send their best regards if they knew I was writing. We have all said very often how greatly we missed your visit last fall.

Very sincerely yours,

Gifford Pinchot.

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