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June 7th, 1894.

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My dear Muir:-

First of all, let me thank you most warmly for your kind invitation to my son to come to California. Any other year but this it would be feasible, but I do not see how I can arrange it this year much as I prize the opportunity of having him with you in the mountains. His school will be out of the 27th of June and I wish with all my heart he could leave on the 28th for California. Please consider me deeply indebted to you for this invitation. I don't think there is a ghost of a chance of his being able to come, but I should really like to know your further plans with reference to the Yosemite so that if anything unexpected should happen to admit of his coming, I would know the situation. Is there any possibility of your going into the Yosemite next year?

Now as to your book. I am sorry you did not ask me to read the proof, but I appreciate your motive in not wishing to give me the alleged trouble. However, as the "labor we delight in physics pain" I have volunteered to read the proofs without invitation; not that I expect to find anything of serious import, but because I am thoroughly interested in the volume and might as well read it now as later. The first

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few pages have been sent to the foundry, but I shall have a good chance at the rest.

Now as to your article on "The Discovery of Glacier Bay". In looking it over with reference to the arrangement of the cuts I find what I had not before noticed - that you have said very little in regard to the Muir Glacier,- hardly anything, in fact,- and as the article as it now stands is not a long one I wish you could send us a thousand or twelve hundred words of description of that great glacier. What if you do not actually explore it until a later time? It is an integral part of your subject and a description of the main features of the glacier will be expected. Moreover, we have made a lot of illustrations of it which need some appropriate mention.

Mr. Gilder and the publishers both think that it would be better for us to use your article after the appearance of the book, or at the time of its appearance, rather than before, the fact being that we have to make room in the August, September and October numbers for a lot of articles which are to appear in book form and therefore cannot wait. We are especially embarrassed this year in that respect, though every year there is more or less of this sort of thing.

I do not send you back the manuscript because we want to send it soon to the printer; but if you will send me the addition about the Muir Glacier I will see that it is fitted in.

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J.M.3.

I find that Reid's map which we have borrowed from the Appletons does not include all the points named by you in the text or referred to in the illustrations. I do not know where, for instance, come in the pictures of the Davidson Glacier or Dease Lake. Perhaps you have a copy of the article and can include a reference to each of these so that we may not lose the use of the illustrations.

My Servian Paraphrases with the aid of Tesla are progressing. I have made four or five recently - principally short ones - but I hope to get hold of him soon for more extensive work, of which next year I hope to make a volume.

Believe me, my dear Muir, with kindest regards to
Wm Muir, Very gratefully and ever faithfully yours,

R. U. Johnson

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