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Martinez, Cal. Oct 3, 1894

My dear Mrs Sellers

I'm sorry to learn that you have been ill but glad to be able to congratulate you on return to health.

The ten portraits came safely in the most perfect package I ever saw - every one of them comfortably clad like babies belovest + clad in fine linen.

I had no idea how much I was asking when I requested a dozen or I should never have had the conscience to do it. Many thanks. As for making a frontispiece for the book it is now much too late. The book was out of the hands of the printer two months ago, & will appear



OCT 8 1894
 Mrs A. H. Sellers
 3420 Michigan Avenue
 Chicago Ill.

Oct 3, 1894

in a week. I have not yet seen it & don't know whether it has any portrait in it or not. never having said a word on the subject to the publishers, however I have a half dozen more vols to write - & this photograph may yet be engraved.

This is a popular book & easily read, though a good deal of science lurks in it unseen covered with brush & words.

One of the chapters was scientific but by advice of the publishers I took it out, for use in another volume.

I have been at the ranch all summer, reading proof, boxing Chinese etc, so comparatively

This has been a barren year.² Not a single glacier in it or trace of wild woods or garden though I have seen the wilderness at times in dreams & half-dreams, & have heard the hum of bees in the bryanthus beds on top of the Alaska mountains. the wind in the woods & the boom & crash & roar of avalanches & icebergs on the slopes of the peaks & at the heads of the icy fiords, notwithstanding this summer has been Saharaaly hot I have been hibernating - living on the fat of better times like a bear in its den

I had a pleasant letter a week or two ago from your friend Ruth of Pasadena in which our charming evenings at your home last summer were lovingly remembered
I often see Keith & he always

Says the Sellers Days were the best of the trip. He is getting rich selling lots of pictures, & is perhaps a trifle less moony & absurd than usual, though suffering from lack of contact with Greek nature. He is making Cark too quick to leave his studio, but is making charming paintings nevertheless. He also is drawing on the wealth of other Greek & better days.

All the family remember with pleasure your & the Colonel's visit years ago at the ranch & hope to see more of you when next you come to this side of the Continent. My kindest regards & remembrances to Mr Sellers & Frank. With more thanks for the fine pictures & congratulations on your return to health I am ever Yours Truly
John Muir