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Letter from John Muir to [Robert Underwood] Johnson, 1894 Nov 7.

John Muir

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Mrs M. is waiting & watching for it
 with wild eagerness. Send her
 a copy as soon as possible, and
 Gilbert book, & the book on
 paper names as an addition to the
 Grand Century Dictionary & Church
 & My acct.

I had a delightful day with Drake
 and I had seen more of him. If
 Rowley had not or could come with you
 & Gilbert boy send Drake next of Dring
 With kind regards & everlasting admiration of your
 place at home & must repeat all wrong I'm

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 Martinez, Nov 7, 1894
 My dear Johnson -
 I have yours of
 Oct 31, Mrs Muir heartily
 thanks you for the sealed
 letter & has laid it away
 with Kenons & other illustrious
 specimens.
 I think the book looks very
 well. The illustrations might
 have been better but as the
 book was made in a hurry, & in
 a sad democratic year I make
 no complaint. The type had it
 been a little smaller & heavier
 faced I think it would have
 been better for the reader - &
 I am not sure that the few
 pages of scientific matter that
 were cut off had not been

been left. For although the book as it is is full of the truest & hardest science the ordinary reader will not be able to see it. The few notices I have seen show this but the few working scientists will not fail to see that the book is full of science especially of geology however covered & smothered with brush & bloom. Sometime I mean to write a hard geological book. In the meantime I am writing a little book on Yosemite that will answer for a guide book. & I have a half dozen others in mind - letters, adventures etc. The Century Co. will of course

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have the approval of them - but since as late they have been published. I and Frank Stone in favor of Sargent's forestry bill, to turn over the whole care of management to the War department. It is the sworn Clerk Brown who I will see that you hear soon. This will be the solution of all forest troubles. When is your Star book coming out