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**Letter from R. U. J. [Robert Underwood Johnson] to John Muir,
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Bring the Sierra Club in line for these good causes.
 Can you not come East this winter?

As soon as I can get Gilder's attention I will write you about what he says about the arrangement of your material.



EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT
THE CENTURY MAGAZINE
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Nov. 11. 1894
(at home)

Dear Miss:

Here is a note from Burroughs. I hope to get someone to come with the boys. How I wish I might go, too! But that seems impossible. Perhaps Tisla and Dr. Walter B. James, a fine fellow who says he is a friend of friends of yours in California. Of course I've not yet spoken to him of the trip. ~~W. Drake~~ is back, looking his very best, and bringing good reports of you and yours, by which I am much delighted.

How we did scoop Tammany and David B! Among the Constitutional Amendment is one forbidding cutting or sale of lands in the Adirondack Preserve. I worked hard all election day as a Good Government Club watcher (4:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M.) fighting with the beasts at Ephesus (Tammany heebies) and challenging and arresting them! (Mat

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"The capacity of these scoundrels, sir, is such that if they were landed upon an uninhabited island it would not be twenty minutes before they would have their hands in the pockets of the naked savages!"
Or this:

"Mr. President, an apple of discord has been thrown into our midst and unless we nip it in the bud it will spread into a conflagration which will deluge the earth!"

How is the new California delegation on Yosemite matter? Aminatti is to stay at home I see. We must watch his bill? and will you not examine it and write me a separate letter to use at Washington? Remember the limits of the Park are substantially yours and any modifications must have your approval. The Southwestern part we might chop a little but not the northeastern. Am I right? Remember a separate letter on this topic.

I telegraphed you this past week for something for our symposium. Your letter was not enough. I am pushing the McRae bill. See my editorial

New York, Nov. 11, 1894.

My dear Muir:

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Mr. Drake is back, looking his very best, and bringing good reports of you and yours, by which I am much delighted.

How we did scoop Tammany and David B! Among the Constitutional Amendments is one forbidding cutting or sale of lands in the Adirondack Preserve. I worked hard all election day as a Good Government Club watcher (4:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.) fighting with the beasts of Ephesus (Tammany heelers) and challenging and arresting them! That is a pretty good example of mixed metaphor, but not so good as this: "Why, gentlemen, they will shear the sheep that lays the golden egg until they pump it dry!" "The rapacity of these scoundrels, sir, is such that if they were landed upon an uninhabited island it would not be twenty minutes before they would have their hands in the pockets of the naked savages!" Or this: "Mr. President, an apple of discord has been thrown into our midst and unless we nip it in the bud it will spread into a conflagration which will deluge the earth!"

How is the new California delegation on Yosemite and forestry matters? Caminetti is to stay at home, I see. We must watch him this session. Will the Sierra Club oppose his bill? and will you not examine it and write me a separate letter to use at Washington? Remember, the limits of the Park are substantially yours, and any modification should have your approval. The southwestern part we might chop a little, but not the northeastern. Am I right? Remember a separate letter on this topic.

I telegraphed you this past week for something for our Feb. Symposium. Your letter was not enough. I am pushing the McRae bill. See my editorial in Nov. Century. I am writing for Review of Reviews (Dec.) "Why not more Forest Reserves?" proposing their creation at headwaters of every western stream. Why nibble at the problem? I have urged this policy on the President, and shall stir him up again.

Bring the Sierra Club in line for these good causes. Are you not coming East this winter? As soon as I can get Gilder's attention I will write you what he says about the arrangement of your Glacier material. We must first see the pictures the other Drake has made.

Ever yours and Mrs. Muir's faithfully,

R. U. J.

[Robert Underwood Johnson]

New York N.Y.

Oct-11, 1894

Dear Johnson:

Many thanks
for your letter, also
for the invitation to go
to Cal. next summer.

June is a long way off
& I cannot arrange so
far ahead. I will see
of course, am pretty
poor this year - only $\frac{1}{2}$ a
crop of grapes.

Cordially yours

John Burroughs

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