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## Letter from David Douglas to John Muir, 1894 Dec 14.

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10 Castle Street  
Edinburgh Decr. 14 1894

My dear Mr. May

Your "Mountain of California"  
has reached me rendered  
all the more valuable to me by  
your kind inscriptions. I have  
already read your excellent treatise  
the study of the D. & G. and I  
promise myself much pleasure  
in the remainder as soon as the  
dark days are past but my  
oculist has forbidden me to  
use <sup>my eyes</sup> them more than absolutely

necessary with artificial light  
so I am perforce obliged to  
do my reading in the evening  
by candle & oil viz. either my  
wife or daughter, both willing  
helps. - I hope the year  
that is now drawing to a close  
has upon the whole been a  
fortunate one for you. That  
1895 will be as happy as my  
wishes could desire -  
I wish to give you (and possibly  
your wife & daughters too) a  
heartily <sup>01895</sup>congratulation during the Christ.

man holidays. I rec'd a  
 new book of the author of  
 "Ocean Folk" called the  
 "Humors of the Sea" which  
 goes by the same mail.  
 You will I dare say recognize  
 some very old Joe Miller's  
 but there are some new ones  
 which will I fancy be appreciated  
 by you.

I have been looking in vain  
 in Scribner or the Century  
 for your "Dog story". Dogie

it to the world & also gave  
 personal adventures in Alaska  
 with the Grosscup. Such  
 have not been for some time  
 the invention of 22 Drummond Place  
 now reduced in number as  
 one of the boys a married &  
 the younger has gone to London  
 to follow his practice as a  
 Doctor - The old couple have  
 with your friend Willis  
 thousands his kind regards &  
 best wishes from  
 David Douglas

10 Castle Street,  
Edinburgh, Dec. 14, 1894.

My dear Mr. Muir:

Your "Mountains of California" has reached me, rendered all the more valuable to me by your kind inscription. I have already read your excellent truthful study of the D. Squirrel and promise myself much pleasure in the remainder as soon as the dark days are past, but my oculist has forbidden me to use my eyes more than is absolutely necessary with artificial light, so I am perforce obliged to do my reading in the evening by another voice, viz. either my wife or daughter, both willing helps.

I hope the year that is now drawing to a close has upon the whole been a fortunate one for you and that 1895 will be as happy as my wishes could desire. I wish to give you (and possibly your wife and daughters too) a hearty laugh during the Christmas holidays by reading a new book by the author of "our ain Folk" called the "Humour of the Scot," which goes by the same mail. You will, I daresay, recognize some very "old" Joe Millers, but there are some new ones which will, I fancy, be appreciated by you.

I have been looking in vain in Scribner and the Century for your "dog story". Do give it to the world and also your personal adventures in Alaska with the missionary, which have not been forgotten by the inmates of 22 Drummond Place now reduced in number as one of the boys is married and the younger has gone to London to follow his practice as a Doctor. The old coupled have still your friend Willie, who sends his kind regards and best wishes. I am,

Yours sincerely,

David Douglas

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