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Eastman's Ranch,

Jan. 17, 1895.

John Muir.  
Martinez, Cal.

Dear Uncle John:-

I think  
it is high time I  
wrote and acknowl-  
edged the receipt of  
your Christmas gift,  
received some time  
ago.

It was so kind  
of you to think of  
all of your far-away  
Wisconsin folks.

I'm going to send  
away, and I get your

The weather was about the best. I've glided along the green & yellow shore  
in comfort. The birds passing in harmonious succession like ideas  
in a ~~gliding~~ <sup>gliding</sup> form. ~~The~~ rain did not hinder us but when the wind was  
too wild we stayed in camp. The birds usually improve such storms in dis-  
turbance while I examined the wells & woods. Most of our camps were  
made in nooks that were charmingly embowed & fringed with fern & bushes  
& after supper we sat close by the fire, listening to the stories of the birds about  
the wild animals. Their ~~stories~~ <sup>stories</sup> adventures, wars, traditions, religion, customs,  
etc. While every bird party we met we interviewed & visited every  
village we came to. Thus passed our days & nights until we reached  
the W coast of Admiralty Island, intending to make a direct course  
thru up Lynn Canal. When we learned from a party of birds that the  
Chaleats had been drinking blood & fighting. ~~that it would not be~~  
~~safe~~ <sup>we could</sup> go safely into their country until their quarrels were settled.