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ARNOLD ARBORETUM,

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Jamaica Plain, Mass.,.....January 30, 1895

My dear Mr. Muir:

Do you remember you told me that when you were in the Kerne River country you got into clumps of White Oaks that were so thick that you had difficulty in penetrating them? The Oak must have been *Quercus Breweri* and I wish you would tell me where this place was, at what elevation, etc., and how high the bushes grew. If I remember what you said correctly they were not less than twenty feet tall. Any information about the locality of the bushes I shall be glad of.

I am reading your Sierra book and I want to tell you that I have never read descriptions of trees that so pictured them to the mind as yours do. No fellow who was at once a poet, naturalist, and a keen observer has to my knowledge ever written about trees before and I believe you are the man who ought to have written a *Silva* of North America. Your book is one of the great productions of its kind and I congratulate you on it.

Faithfully yours,

C. S. Sargent

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