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Letter from John Muir to [A. H.] Sellers, 1895 Feb 11.

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Keith's Landscape Picture.  
William Keith, the noted artist, has just completed for the Press Club a large and valuable landscape picture something like the former picture presented by him which was hung in the Pine-street rooms, but much more comprehensive and finer in detail. It represents a tangled forest in which are great live oaks like those seen about Menlo; in the opening far away the stupids beyond stretch, showing a herd of cattle under some of the great oaks, while in another part are a number of woods, the popples and buttercups and the varied tints of the sky all go to make up a typical California scene. The picture is six and a half feet in size and is valued, even at the present low prices for art work, at \$2,500.

Martinez  
Feb. 11,  
1845.

Dear Sellers. Last Thursday I sent off  
glaciers, & Friday went to the city & saw  
Keith. He is quite well again, & of course  
quite wild, painting charming pictures,  
& mumbling about money like a brook  
lost in weeds. In particular he has painted  
some lovely small pictures which you must  
see when you come back. They are perfect  
little poems. Wonder the growling sinner could  
do it.

What dreadful weather has been  
scourging the other side of the continent. Think  
how poor Chicago & Lake Michigan has been  
lashed & thrashed, while for weeks we have  
bathed in sunshine & Clark song, all the days.  
homogeneous masses of purple & gold.  
Surely your headaches must now be charmed  
away & your health be as bright as the weather.  
Hoping this is so I am ever faithfully yours  
John Muir