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Rancho Chico,
April 8, 1881.

My Dear Muir,
When in San F. early
in last month I inquired of Mr
Upham about you, not knowing
whether you had already migrated
towards the Sierras, or Alaskan glaciers
and ice-bergs, or were still hibernating
in less frigid climes. Upham gave
me some surmising which,
when in Martinez a few days
subsequently, caused me to
inquire for you, but not to
dare a nearer approach to the
sacred precincts even if I had
time, which I had not.

We have often mentioned you

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and mixed possibilities and wishes
and probabilities, and among them
most prominent a visit from you
and your other self. But!!! from
reliable information we do not now
expect you both - all, I should say -
quite so soon! but when will
it be? Please do not delay
too long. You have our
sincere congratulations. But
look out, when spring opens,
it may take flight. Watch
carefully its early years, and if
found missing look for it in
the direction of Alaska or other
whittlingly wild and beautiful region.

Till I learn more, will forbear to
instruct further. So good bye, and
believe me always

Very Truly Yours
John Bidwell