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Indianapolis, April 10-1893

Mr John C. Mear:

Martinez, Cal.

My dear Friend:

A few weeks since I received, through the kindness of Mrs Hayden, your instructive and beautifully illustrated "Picturesque California" inscribed to me by your own hand. I have <sup>been</sup> busy of late in preparing and perfecting "World's Fair" Exhibits; and for the first time since we were fellow workmen have been sick for a week or more. These things have kept me from promptly acknowledging the receipt of your book. But I must say that none of these things have kept me from reading it and admiring its wonderfully realistic illustrations. I thank you for it and prize it very highly, both because of its merit and particularly, I think, because the work is edited by one who was once a fellow-laborer with myself. I often think of you, and Mrs Riley and I often speak of you. Your name is a household word with us. The world has travelled on at a great rate in the twenty five years since you and I made wheels together, and

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You, I am proud to say, have travelled  
with it. You have made yourself  
useful and known to all who care  
anything for the secrets of nature and  
the far away wonders of the world  
And this must indeed be to you a  
source of happiness as it is a gratifi-  
cation to our old friends here.

As for myself I remember much as I  
was useful to those dependent upon  
me, and the forman of a number  
of men.

Mrs Riley joins me in the wish that  
your researches and discoveries may  
bring you additional fame and  
gratification.

Very sincerely yours  
J. H. Riley