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ARNOLD ARBORETUM,

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Jamaica Plain, Mass., February 26, 1897.

My dear Muir:

I happened to see the editor of The Atlantic Monthly yesterday who talked to me about Forest Reserves, etc., etc., and wanted the subject treated in his journal. I told him that there was but one *man* in the United States who could do it and that his name was John Muir. He is going to write you today on the subject. I should be glad to see you a contributor to that venerable and rather dull periodical. The circulation is not large but it carries weight in many good quarters and still maintains its reputation. What is now wanted is a general discussion in as many places as possible of the Reserves and the necessity of some general forest management. You can do this better than any one else because you know the subject and how to put in attractive form what you have to say.

We have all got to do a lot of hustling in the next year if anything really is to be accomplished, for unless some wise and comprehensive scheme is adopted it ~~would~~ ^{will} be impossible to hold the Reserves, and if they are allowed to go, the total destruction of the western forests is merely a question of time. Mr. Page, the editor of the Atlantic, said he would write you today and I sincerely hope that you will consider his proposition favorably.

Faithfully yours,

A. S. Murray

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