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Martinez Apr 3, 1903

Dear Sir:

I prefer No. 5 of the Yosemite Trip  
itineraries. ~~submitted I prefer~~  
~~No. 5,~~ I would suggest a slight  
change in it for May 17<sup>th</sup>,  
going up the trail only as far  
as the foot of the Upper  
Yosemite Fall, a thousand  
feet above the Valley floor,  
instead of to the head of it.  
And for May 18<sup>th</sup> perhaps  
it would be better for  
most of the party to leave  
out the Signal Peak trip,  
since the time is so short &  
the rides so long. Too much  
will be crowded into the  
four days anyhow. Rapid  
restless motions will make

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everybody tired: + what  
sort of impressions are  
to be gained while men  
+ horses, landscapes + wheels  
go whirling + grinding  
like boulders in pot-holes  
~~if you try to crowd <sup>into</sup> these four days, the  
less will be got into them.~~  
Faithfully Yours

Mr Victor Henderson  
Berkeley, Cal.

everybody tired; men + horses  
scenery + wheels will be kept  
whirling + dancing like  
boulders in pot-holes, + the  
impressions made by the  
grand landscapes are sure  
to be hazy, however profound.  
Nature cannot be forced to tell  
her story in a hurry. ~~The more~~