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~~DAVENPORT, IOWA,~~

2843 H street, San Diego, California, March 12, 1906.

Mr. John Muir,
Martinez, California;

Dear Sir:—

Some two years ago I wrote you, soliciting for myself the privilege of a meeting with you at your home, through which I was soon to pass on my way back to Iowa after a winter in California. Months afterward I received from you a delightful letter, setting forth the details of the round-the-world trip on which you were absent at the time you should otherwise have received my letter of inquiry, and asking me to "call again."

The substance of this communication is an inquiry whether it will be agreeable for you to have me call upon you some day, say about April~~th~~ 4 — 10, merely for the sake of a friendly visit. I shall not repeat what I have written to you on other occasions concerning the pleasure your books and magazine articles have given me, and the delight I should take in such a visit. Neither am I on the hunt for material for a newspaper story or a magazine article. I feel that I have known you for years, and I should like to meet you and talk with you, and so to feel that I have some real sort of acquaintance with you. Mrs. Calkins is with me, and would be as much charmed as I to meet you. All of which presupposes that we pay our own freight, and that the Muir household, in any event, is not thrown into upheaval by our coming. It is not entertainment that we are seeking aside from that of a genial hour with you. And if this is not altogether agreeable and to your liking I trust that you will have the candor to say so.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Calkins x

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