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[First draft of letter, in note-book #59]

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[Harry Fielding Reid]

My dear Mr. Reid:

[Jan. 1901]

The funny fake about the destruction of the Alaska glaciers by the earthquake of Sep. 1900? was believed and swallowed by most everybody, and I have been commiserated and consoled with at a great rate ever since on the loss of the poor fragile Muir Glacier. I have been busy telling the mourners to dry their tears for as far as earthquakes are concerned glaciers are less destructible than the mountains. Excepting the premature discharge of bergs I can conceive of no other effects likely to be caused by a shake, but I have no authentic information. I can easily believe that a big mass has fallen from the front of the Windam Glacier, for on the very day of my first visit to the Taku glaciers a large mass fell from the under-^{*}mined part of the snow over the main draining stream damming it.

[John Muir]

[* See Travels in Alaska, p. 240]

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