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Letter from Ray Stannard Baker to John Muir, 1902 Jan 24.

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MCCLURE'S MAGAZINE,

141-155 EAST TWENTY-FIFTH ST.

NEW YORK.

Jan. 24, 1902.

Mr. John Muir,
Martinez, Calif.

My Dear Mr. Muir:

I was very glad indeed to know that you liked the John Burroughs' Anthology. I met Mr. Burroughs the other day for the first time, and much enjoyed shaking his hand.

We are now planning to illustrate our article about you. We had thought of publishing a number of pictures of your friends including Emerson, Asa Gray, Sir Joseph Hooker, John Burroughs, and Prof. Sargent. How does this list please you? Are there any others?

I suppose you have writing enough on hand to last you for a long time, but I wanted to tell you how much we should like to have a book from you. I think I told you we were planning a series of notable nature books, and we wanted to have one of the number written by you. Last Spring, when I was in San Francisco, I went to the public library and referred to most of the letters which you wrote in earlier days for the "Bulletin." I felt at the time that they should be rescued, and published in book form. They certainly interested me very much. I ~~so~~ enjoyed your first keen impressions of the mountains. Now why could not this collection be made? Perhaps soon? If you say so we could have the letters copied out, typewritten, and placed in form so you could select and revise them for publication. I think these early tramps in the Sierra and ~~on~~ ^{the} Glaciers, would not only please those who have long known and admired your work, but we think ^{it} would much extend your public.

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Jan. 24, 1902.

You may feel sure that if our house took hold of ^{the goods} ~~them~~, no effort
would be spared to give ^{it} ~~them~~ a good sale.

When you find time, I should be glad if you would write me
what you think about this scheme.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Standard Baker