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14 SANBOME STREET,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

January 31 1895

Dear Mr. Muir -

Your friends have thought that you knew something about mountains - but, just read the enclosed "Volcanoes are many," and just see how much there is yet to learn?! Read it all, carefully, if you can -

As to Lassen, I know something about it - I have been there. There is no crater to Lassen - it is a sharp ridge cone. What the writer calls "Bummer's Hell," is not on the peak at all. It is "Bumpass' Hell," named after Bumpass, an old mountaineer, who guided me to the place - it is at least three miles from the base of the cone, and is not a crater, but a level surface of about 60 acres, sulphur and steam springs scattered about, and open to the surrounding country.

How about Shasta? Is the rim of the crater "such a knife edge that explorers have had to break away the sharp crest to make a place to sleep"?

and then, what about the last paragraph!
In one night, a mountain thrown up, 75 miles in circumference, 2 miles high, & steam and smoke 17 miles high! and explosions heard 2000 miles!! and

the tidal waves reaching England!! The Straits of Sunda
are away South east of Asia - so, those tidal waves must
have gone around the Cape of Good Hope or Cape Horn,
unless they took a short cut by India and through the
Suez Canal, and over the Alps by the tunnel!!

Who is this writer? Is he of enough consequence
to reply to?

Please return the enclosed article to me - I want it,

Dear yours,

M H Hly etc

I understood a tidal wave was set here, at San Francisco -
but there was a clear ocean here -

Perhaps I am away off in laughing at him - but
the thing struck me funny.