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In taking leave the cap makes a venturesome sweep along
 the face of the ice-bluffs within 400 or 500 yds of them
 turning down. ^{the} ^{inlet} ^{me}
 Cross the Bay ^{being a way}
 thro' the bergs while long last lingering looks are cast on the
 great ice & the rocks as we turn into Jay Street feeling that
 the crowning glory of the trip is being left behind & that
 much of it will remain with us to enrich our lives forever.



February 14, 1895.

Mr. John Muir,
 Martinez, Cal.

Dear Mr. Muir,

Glad to know that the article is on the way. I
 hope you have not forgotten to tell me which pictures we
 would better reject. It will be a great help to me. I have
 the Hill picture of Muir Glacier in the hands of a splendid
 engraver and hope to get a good result. I will send you a
 proof as soon as it is finished.

Yours sincerely,

A. W. Drake

beneath the gl. ⁴⁴ The form of the front
also changed, being much more regular
than formerly. A bold cape jutted far
out from near the centre.

If you have a canoe you may visit
the exposed section of the buried forest
on the W side of the inlet. Stumps acres
from 2 to 20 ft high of Menzies Merkur + Paton
spruce some with the bark on + the ground
still showing bed of humus with needles + cones,
a complete section of the ancient forest
floor which had been buried beneath a glacial
wash of sorted Moraine Material ¹⁵⁰ roughly scraped
deposited by flood waters + then washed out by
the western over outlet of the gl. Showing that the
the gl is now receding. It was once still
more advanced than now + then after remaining
far back from its present position long enough
for trees several cents old, at least 2 generations
of them it advanced, now receding again
but notwithstanding these fluctuations, the
recessions + shallowness far exceed the advances
+ swellings, as shown by the traces on Mtns
+ once reached to Juan de Fuca