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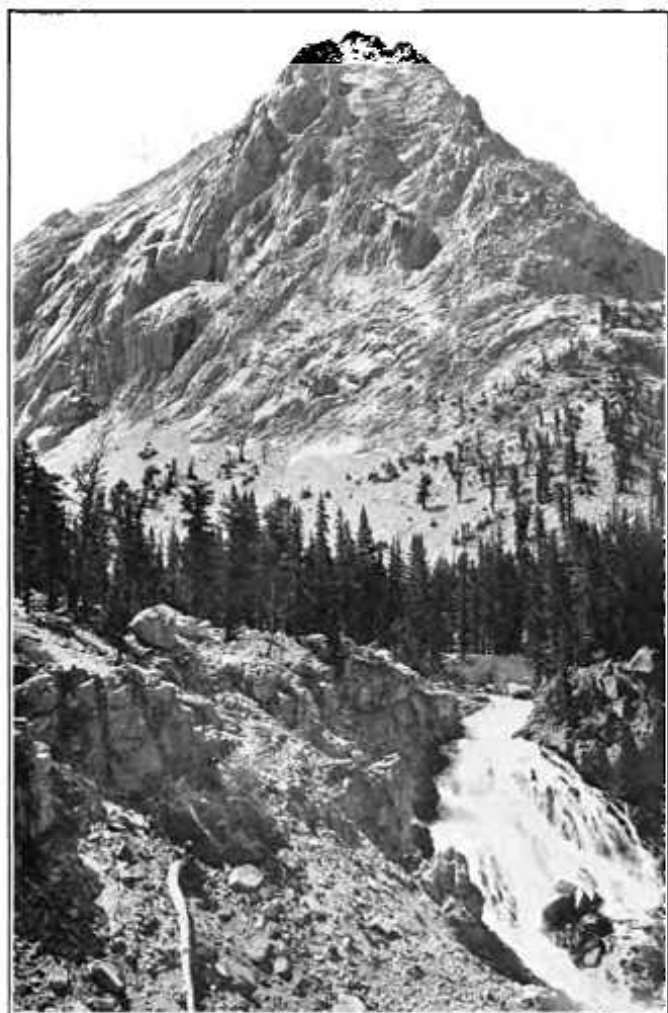
To my dear friend,
G. Fred Clark.
Mary Meade Bland.

May 29, 1915
San Jose, Cal.

Today is better than yesterday and
tomorrow will be better than
Today. - Harland Motte.



Richard K. Kraini
December 1976.



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This essay was first printed in "The Land of Sunshine" (now "Out West"). The author is indebted to Professor J. N. Le Conte for photographs of the Kings-Kern Divide and for a revised statement of the height of the different peaks.

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THE high Sierras, the huge crests at the head of the King's, Kern, Kaweah, and San Joaquin rivers, are Alps indeed, not lower than the grandest of those in Europe, and scarcely inferior in magnificence. The number of peaks in this region which pass the limit of 13,000 feet is not less than in all Switzerland. The highest of these peaks, Mount Whitney, is given by U. S. Geological Survey as 14,501 feet in height. It is thus a little lower than the Matterhorn (14,705), while Mt. Blanc (15,731), Monte Rosa (15,366), the Mischabelhorn (14,941), and the Weisshorn (14,803), outrank it a little more. But virtually all reach much the same level, and between these peaks, and the next