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Mr. Eliot Porter,
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Dear Mr. Porter,

Over in Dr. Pearsons' office, my Doctor, I had the pleasure to get acquainted with your work, when I saw "In Wilderness...". The pictures are simply breath taking. Also exploring Glaciers with Camera.

I am just an amateur and at present I am hopeful that either Modern Photography or Camera and Travel will take some of my slides. I have some very unusual shots, close-ups of small objects, such as spiders with two, four and six eyes, flowers or bumblebees in flight etc.

Six years ago my wife passed away and I had to do something to pull myself together, as I loved her very dearly. I was left with a sick mother in law whom I've had for twenty five years and a retarded child. So I could not go all out with expensive equipment, but I did buy a Rolleiflex and a Pentax. I have some beautiful shots with the Rollei, but I found a new world with the SLR with bellows, telephotos and tubes.

This past spring I moved to New York City and experienced a very sad reception. The second week someone broke into the trunk of my car and stole practically all my photo equipment, about \$700.00 worth. Since I have my retarded daughter in a private home for such children, which ofcourse sets me back \$250.00 per month, I must go very, very slow in replacing some of my things and so I contacted the individual Camera Magazines in the hope of selling some of my material to get some extra money.

What I wanted to ask you, if you would be so kind and send me a reply in the enclosed stamped envelope, what kind of camera and equipment did you use for the pictures in "In Wilderness"? What would you suggest in the line of equipment to do enough and good enough in quality, to make some extra money. I am not a professional, but I know I can do and do better than average and I could travel, if necessary, since I have no ties of any kind.

Please be so kind and help me with at least a few points and suggestions or perhaps you could recommend some one. What are the functions of the Sierra Club? Is it a professional Club? Thank you so much in advance.

Very sincerely yours,

