

a note, which I have seen, full  
of strongest praise! What a  
strange man he is. All say  
his malignity is very easy  
because Dr Book has made a  
little note. How strange it is  
that he can be envious  
about a naturalist, like myself,  
unmeasuredly his inferior!  
But it has changed me a  
good deal to be treated  
thus by a friend of 25 years  
duration. He might have been  
just as severe without  
being so spiteful. - Owen  
condemns himself by saying that  
the whole subject will be  
forgotten in ten years. -

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and  
may 14  
My dear Gray

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I have no doubt I have to thank  
you for copy of a Review of the  
"Origin" in the American Review.  
It seems to me clever, & I do not  
doubt will do damage to Book. I  
had meant to have made some  
remarks on it; but I felt I could  
not keep it, & my head is  
quite confused between too many  
Reviews which I have lately read.  
I am sure the Review is wrong  
about Bess cells, it does a distance;  
my former distance was 10, or  
was greater distance, but then  
some of the places would be outside  
the generative sphere, but this would  
not add much difficulty to work -  
The Review takes a strange view of



his mind: he seems to regard intelligence  
as developed instinct: and I  
believe is wholly false. - I  
suspect he has never much  
attended to instinct & minds of  
animals, except perhaps of reading.

My chief object is to ask  
you if you could procure  
for me a copy of the  
New York Times for Wednesday  
March 28<sup>th</sup>: it contains  
a very striking review of G.  
Book, which I sh. much like  
to keep. How curious that  
about the two most striking  
(ie good & this) reviews sh. have appeared  
in America! This review

is not really useful, but somehow  
is unrefusable. - There was good  
Review in the Revue des Deux  
Mondes, <sup>April 1<sup>st</sup></sup> of Mr. Langel, said  
to be a very clever man. -  
How you see how I have  
been thwarted & blown in back  
Edinbrough: he misquotes & mis-  
represents me badly, & how  
he lands himself. - But  
the review in Paris he  
shows at Hooker is scandalous,  
- to speak of his Essay &  
never allude to his work  
on Geograph Distribution is  
scandalous. When Hooker's  
essay appeared Owen wrote



May 13

How you noticed how completely  
I have been anticipated  
by a Mr. P. Matthews, in  
London Chronicle.

Brother about a fortnight ago  
staid here a few days &  
was very pleasant; but I  
think he overworks himself.

He is beginning to experiment  
on various subjects at Kew,  
& if he can get spare time  
I think he will be glad  
of it. He is going to try  
to degenerate our culinary  
vegetables. What a significant  
undertaking, I imagine, his



& Bentham's General Principles  
with him! I like to  
with not get too

Much involved in it,  
as not  
to span some time

for Geophys. Disturbances &

After such Questions,

I have begun to work  
steadily, but of course as  
usual, at details or  
Variations under domestication.  
By dear friend

Yours always truly & gratefully  
C. Darwin



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