

I have just read your letter. I will like
all your interesting ones. You
ask about Dissection; if you like
to try anything, put the minutest
atom (under a lens) on point of
fine needle on any one single
extreme marginal
+ glaze of a leaf, which has all
the hairs equally expanded &
watch it or look again in
10 minutes - Or put fragment of
hair of your head & look in
a hour's time. I intend trying many
more experiments this summer &
then publishing: I am doubtful
on many points. But the
want in the way of health is failing
much. I literally cannot listen
to a novel for I have without
fatigue. My good dear wife
declines. I must go with one

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Feb 19th

Dear Emily West

My dear Gray

I received your note of Feb 5th this
morning. I am most sincerely
sorry to hear of your accident
to your thumb, which I cannot
but fear will be a very serious
loss. I will send you into soon
to Harker that he may hear about
it. - I am glad to hear of
the 250 copies and I presume the
Irishness; I wrote to him today
about a few
addresses & to send
me copies for distribution. I
like for my sake, as well as
yours, that Murray & Fryer
will be your entire share,
that it is impossible to circulate
a pamphlet in England. -

I fear the attitude of the U. States
must stop all interest in everything
not political. — I will in fact
stop concern about Barkers how
I can repay you the $\$7.10$: I
trust with you would let me
pay to whole $\$15$. With you not?
I have asked Tribune to forward
C. Wright's article to proper
quarters. The Princeton has been
up now with the new Edit. of Origin
I have been able to insert
notice of your Pamphlet with
title in full, which I am
especially glad of. — The other
day a very clever Lady was
saying how she read your Reviews;

I remarked "how extraordinary if such
a writer has written up on science"
I need not say that she was not
a scientific Lady. — With respect
to Pencilio, you are quite right I
knew nothing ^{at the time} about a subject, but
I looked ^{at the time} to amuse myself, & asked
^{who told me a little about Pencilio} whether he thought Lady would like
Hooker, & he thought for J. Charnide. It was
an account for J. Charnide. It was
forbid of Lady to put it as unscientific;
in my note to him ^{very kind} that
he might like to use it sometimes
just to fill up space. — It
strikes me, however, as pretty clear of
adaptation for the ignorant, like
myself. — When I last wrote, after
receiving your letter of Dec. 15, I
was in much distress about my
Pamphlet: to attack things very
seriously dated up 4 days & she has
now got up to state as before. —

try to get your thoughts
into but cause you much
inconvenience.

Most cordially & gratefully yours

Wm. L. Garrison

If you want a book
for light reading, to read
of ^{Life} Leslie's (the American
Painter) is very well.

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whole family (if your girl can be
used) for two months to Water
Cure; & I fear I must, let it
will be given to all my
experience. - I remember formerly
having used your extremely
curious ~~illustrations~~ in Tediums,
but I thank you for telling
me of them.

With respect to designs you
say that you suppose that
I have "not brought forward
my best objections against
your views." - I have no
real objection, nor any
real foundation, nor any clear

view. - as I before said I
flounder hopelessly in ^{the}
mud. -

You have amused me much
by your account of Agassiz's
denying the community of
descent of allied languages,
& of Bowen denying heredit.

I cannot believe that

Bowen is a strong man.

What an odd & foolish

fancy he must think

is the old breeders of

Ree-Horses, Cattle &

pigs & should keep pedigrees,
& would certainly prefer
breeding from a poor
animal of a good
pedigree than from the
finest of bad pedigree. -
There were in fact
wark on my (I wish I
dared say our) side.

Farewell. Do not forget
to be look at institutions
of your Spoken this. -

Farewell. - I must



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