

How I sh^d. like half-an-hour
conversation on Design; nothing
else would make us quite
understand each other.
As no one has aided the
subject of natural selection
& the knowledge of Book 10
much as you, I must tell
you what has pleased me
much after the many attacks
on me for neglecting "Induction"
"Baconian philosophy" &c.
We in England thank John
Stuart Mill the highest
authority on such subjects,
& he said lately to a

Gray 61
July 21.

2. Wetherell Crescent
Inverary
Dunelm.
We shall be here
about 4 weeks more

My dear Gray

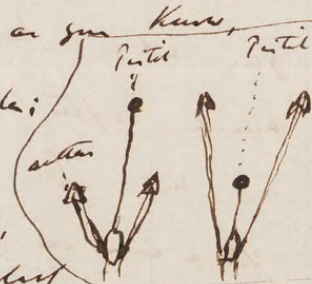
I have been inefficient, I know
I sh^d. have thanked you heartily
for taking trouble about getting
me the 3rd pamphlet, which
I received just before starting
here for the sea for my
daughter & ^{son} who improve a
little. - And now I have to
thank you for a pleasant &
useful note of July 2^o. -
I am now writing my Orchid
paper & am glad to hear what
you say about *Cypripedium* & that
you will have a look at *Spisanthus*;

remember that you must look at
 flowers just opened & not visits
 & much. I hope Hooker will
 send me an Atellus.

I am astonished at Gossie
filiformis misbehaving: by
 experiment was all tried late
 in summer. Did you expect a
 rapid & visible movement? the
 very rapid takes place: the
minimum atom of new meat
 placed on a single gland, which is
covered with visit secretion,
 shows motion best. - If gland
 is dry no movement takes
 place. I hope to finish by

Memories in Gossie this Autumn.
 From what I have seen of Cypripedium
 insigne & Liparis - to know
 what induces an insect to
 place its head so far back
 in flower: if you find many plants
 in flower watch for a little
 time for bare chance of an
 insect's visit. -

This diagram gives an idea of
 the 2 forms of
 the structure of Primula:
 now if you know
 of analogous cases,



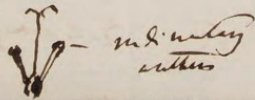
I sh. be particular
 if you would name them
 & show me to guide you:
 also if they are hardy plants
 & good seeders I would
 experiment on them. -

and not that one
 name given. -

100 years you positively would
step the act. - But hence
knows by I turn to you
with my speculation; I
ought to stick to Ockham,
Hobbes, I fear, is a usual
overrating himself; I
seldom hear for him.

This plan is charming; but
I am not as idle, as I
ought to be. Farewell
My good & kind friend
Yours most truly
L. Darwin

I am trying to break out
two forms of rhyme.



May 07
friend, she wrote to me, as
follows. "he considers that
"your reasoning throughout is in
"the most exact accordance
"with the strict principles
"of logic. He also says
"the method of investigation
"you have followed is the
"of an perfect to such
"a subject." - My wife's
remark on reading this, was
"why you (I mean with & not by wife's logic)
"Logic." - Is it not very
satisfactory to me?

I was very glad of your L.S.

on the state of your country;
on values & private into
far more than a dozen
public letters. After carefully
reading Mr. Lead's last Book
I never doubt the North
and conquer the South.
But then what is to follow?
From Plainer & Russell's letters
in Times, I cannot believe
that the South would see
how fellow-feeling enough
with the North to allow
of government in common.
Could the North endure a

Southern President? The whole
affair is ^a great misfortune
in the progress of the World;
but I do not regret it
so much, if I could persuade
myself the Slavery would
be annihilated. But
your president does not
even mention the word
in his Address. — I
sometimes wish the contest
to grow so desperate that
the North would be led
to declare freedom as
a diversion against
the enemy. In 50 or



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