

in *Dimorphia* & has written to
Hewitt in *legum* to try to
follow. — I will send you *Dimorphia*,
perhaps never published —

I was heartily glad to receive
a note a week or 10 ago
from Dana, giving a moderately
good account of himself. —

I thank you most heartily
for all your extraordinary
kindness in helping Leonard
so much in his pursuit
for stamps. He has just
received one of Blood's
for, I believe 9 rare
stamps! I, also, of late

Gray 56

Jan 2?

From Bromley Kent

My dear Gray

I have been rather extremely unwell
of late & overburdened with letters,
but I cannot rest without
thanking you for your two notes
of Nov. 24th & Dec. 9th (the former
with answers to several queries)
& especially I must thank you
for Box with plants (I wrote
& thanked Capt. Anderson) which
arrived in first-rate order
& are planted. *Pinus* to
Mitchella looked as fresh, as if

long up to day before! what
a pretty little creeper it is
with its scarlet berries.
Half loose, I remember, mentioning
it. - I hope to Cypripedium
with flowers & I have this
evening been thinking how I
will try them, viz & putting
a live insect in & stopping
up end of slipper & extracting
them as they come out of
lateral orifices, & then, if they
are stung with pollen, I
will put them in again &
so make them go to seed &

then examine stigma. -

I have just finished over for
Linn. Soc. an L. morphica of
Linnæus, - much better case than
Pinnula: I see Planchon says
the L. Levinii (var. of ~~peruviana~~
as he calls it, I doubt not
falsely) bears an cam flask
flower with long, & short &
(to authors) equal, perianth; I wish I
could get seed of the Arctic
plant: I sh. like to see the
new case. - I have Anemone
growing well in my greenhouse
& your Mitchellia; so I shall
have as much as I want
in these ^{two} families. I have Cinchona

any in U. States can care
for science & progress.

I am building a small fort-
Hume, so that if I have
strength I shall have better
means for my little experiments.

Ever your very truly
C. Darwin

Flower of Oak or Beech
If I have had time spent
with-
will-
in corolla & calyx, and
to be it is closed in bud
in vegetable kingdom?

This evening, I saw, I think, I saw
of perfect ignorance.

Gray 56

troubled me with an extra
number of questions re -

It seems quite strange that I
have only one trouble to
ask you tonight, if you
can remember it, viz to weigh
in grain one of your wild

Fragaria virginiana.

Have you ever attended much
to garden plants; if you
have ever noticed any

what some gardeners call

spots & what I shall call

"bud-
variations", I shall be

glad of you to set to my

large collection of facts,
which seem to me of value
in regard to theory of
variability. Hooker is in
quite spirit of being
framed Welleschiana & is
going to Paris - Good
night to good & very kind
friend, I am tired. I
fear the last has been a
wretched battle & defeat.

When will peace come? But
then slavery. I know not
what to wish. I wish to
Heaven to make God act

hate us so, I, for one, could
wish none beating for you
there; even that I don't see
was being an injustice.
But thank Heaven wishes
make no difference. Dr.
Borth seems in despair &
hate to hear of all the
broccoli. We in north
England seem taking more
one definitely far better
the cause was ventured to
hope. The subscriptions have
been perfect. Good night
again. I cannot help
state wondering the you do



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