

to some complicated manner
is up to this justification
as follows. - I am going
on with my trials of the
growth of plants raised from
self-fertilized & crossed seeds, &
begin now to suspect that the
remarkable difference in ~~their~~
growth & constitution which is found
occurs also with other plants
which have been raised ^{from seed} during
many generations in England, but
which are not properly visited
by insects & so ~~far~~ have been
rarely crossed. -

I have just heard of a case
which has interested me
highly, & which I am

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John.
Stromley.
Kent. S. C.

My dear Gray

How good you have been to take
so much trouble about the

Expusition queries. - I wish I
had thought earlier of having

them printed, for in the case I
might have sent a dozen

to each of my ~~or~~ few correspond-
ents, as it is I can think

of no one to send them to, so
do not wait any more.

By the way I have just
thought of Thwaiter in Ceylon &

will send him a couple.

I have been lately getting up
a looking over my old
note on Expansion, & fear
that I shall not make as
much of my hobby-horse,
as I thought I could:
nevertheless it seems to me
a curious subject, which
has been strangely neglected.
I have seen no one for months
(but Hooker I rejoice to say will be
here next Saturday) & have no
news. - I am plodding on
heavily connecting, & trying to make
an atrociously bad style a
little better, my book on

the Variation of Animals & Plants
under Domestication": I would
often to send you clean sheets,
but I do not think you would
care to receive them. There is
not much about plants, & which
there is almost all new
compilation: it will be a
fearfully big book in two vols.
& I shall be to next Feb
months nearly connecting the
paper: it is enough to make
one come out pale in
being an author. - I manage
to get a little amusement by
some of my experiments. - I have
found that the trimorphic species
of *Oxalis* behave in exactly

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inclined to believe in them;
namely the of cutting the
tubers of different colored
potatoes through to eye, &
joining them, you can make
a hybrid or mongrel.

I am respecting this experiment
on a large scale, for it
seems to me, if true, a
wonderful physiological fact.
Here is a bag from which
about 1/2 oz. of seeds.

Farewell with very thanks

Yours most sincerely
Ch. Darwin



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