

Down,
Beckenham, Kent.

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My dear Gray

I said in my last note that I was at work on *Puigenicula*. Well it proves an excellent digester of fibrin; albumin, meat, &c. It has also interested me to find that if a row of flies be placed near the margin, the edge of the leaf in the course of 2 or 3 hrs turns over, so as to bring the secretory and absorbing glands into contact with the upper as well as the lower

surface of the flies. But the point which - But it is rather too early in the year
has interested me most is that the leaves I suppose for seeds. Now does *Pinguicula*
certainly absorb nutritious matter from *ula* grow anywhere near you? & if so
little ~~leaves~~ & seeds which are blown out would you look to a certain number
them. Hence the plant is certainly ~~not~~ of leaves, still me whether you find
only insectivorous, but graminivorous any seeds, ^(I think) or leaves of other plants. ad-
& granivorous! I have had a lot of being to them. This would be valuable
leaves sent me from N. Wales; & it is and. It will amuse me much to make
extremely rare to find a single leaf a good case about the omnivorous
without more than one captured insect, habits of this plant
Each. Yours very sincerely
They had also more than one leaf
on an average $\pm$ of some other plant
adhering to them; and two seed. capsules

Ch. Darwin



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