

Down,
Beckenham, Kent.

June 30

My dear Gray

I have received your
two letters & have forwarded the en-
closure, with the page inserted, to
Nature; & I hope the Ed will pub-
lish it. It was very good of you to
send me the Sarcocolla; I soaked
it & then stuffed it with cotton wool,
so that I have now an excellent idea
of the plant. It is as wonderful a
case as any orchid *Dioscorea* or
Dioscorea

2 I cannot say more in honour of a plant. I see that the lsd is brightly coloured, no doubt to attract insects.

I read with interest your semi-theological review, & have got the book. but

I think your review will satisfy me. The more I reflect on the subject, the more perplexed I grow.

I wrote a week since to ask you to observe if possible Priginular. I forget whether I mentioned that the margins of the leaves have the power of movement when excited by solid objects such as bits of glass

or by nutritious fluids, but test gall by the two stimulants combined. I believe the purpose of this movement (but I am not yet sure) is to push flies further on to the leaf, when washed

by rain into the narrow channel for-

med by the naturally involuted edge

Yours most sincerely

(L. Darwin

P.S. I do not think the
I wrote a bit too strongly
about your article on
me. —



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