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DOWN,
BECKENHAM, KENT.
RAILWAY STATION
ORPINGTON. S.E.R.

My dear Gray,

I think I told you
that I was going to re-publish
my Dimorphic papers, with additions.
I have become convinced that
plants of this class cannot be
recognized merely by ^{the} varying
lengths of pistils & stamens in
a few specimens. It is necessary
to compare size of pollen grains
& stam. folioma. Therefore I
want you much to send

me one or two flowers of both
forms of *Leucosmia* & Day =
= *misperman* (mentioned in
Amer. Journ. Science Vol 39
p 104 -) if not very rare &
^{& precious.}

The flowers ought to be rather
youngish ones otherwise the
pollen will have been shed or
lost. My object is to see plants
in as many natural families
as possible, and if you could
share me flowers of any,

Phaner.

dimorphic plant, not included
in the Primulaceae, Linaceae
Oxalideae, Gentianeae, Verbenaceae,
Boraginaceae, Rubiaceae
& Lythraceae, I should be
very much obliged,

One other question, do any
of the dimorphic plants known
to you inhabit water or marshes?
I hope & suppose that you have
assistants whom you could direct
to look out for the desired specimens.
My dear Gray
Yours ever sincerely

Charles Darwin



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