

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

Jan 3. 1877

My dear Gray,

I have just received your letter of Dec 22nd. It is very good of you to be willing to send me such rare specimens; but I could not in any case think of accepting your offer on the mere chance of making out whether the plants are heterostyled. The chance moreover would be very small without better specimens, as with dead plants

P.S. I fear the
Mamm. locality
with some of
the divisions; but
if it is truly
heterostyled it
will be well
known as
a flowering plant
of the Collinsia

no evidence I think is
sufficient except difference in
size of pollen grains. I have lately
given Kew so much trouble
that I have vowed I would give
no more for some time; but here-
after I will find out whether
they can spare me any of the
plants in question.

I am very glad of the notice about
the black pips: my faith in

Wyman is so great that I have
not been shaken by Wallace,
who founds his speculation on
a very feeble basis.

With hearty thanks
Yours very sincerely

C. Darwin

P.S.

Whenever you write again, can
you tell me whether ^{Primula} Mistassinica, Linum virginianum
& Boottii are dimorphic?



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