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~~Dorchester~~ Boston, July 26, 1884

My Dear Old Friend

I send you by this mail
a copy of the Proceedings of the
Am. Pomological Socy at its last ses-
sion. Please see what is said
of the effects of pollen" p 38 & suc-
ceeding pages. I almost regret its
publication, but caught as these
statements are by so many re-
spectable cultivators, we thought
it but just to give them a trial
Can these be true? I hesitate
to believe them. If they are

correct, then the teachings of
Herbert, Lindley, Gray (and one
or two most learned co-operators
in the science of hybridization
one especially) and we all
must say, that there are more
things in vegetable physiology
than we have ever dreamed
of. Wait and watch! Prove
all things; are good maxims,
but I have no patience with
some of the absurdities of our
wonderful age (see Gardener's
Chronicle / 1855, June 28th, on the
crossing of the Raspberry with
the strawberry.

Y^{rs} as ever
Marshall P. Wilder

Dr Asa Gray. -

I have recently rec'd a nice letter
from Dr. Hooper. -



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