

more gorgeous than ours, comes
in sooner, & the is the comfort.

I am glad to hear that you have
sent off your account of Achid
to New Haven; let us have
a copy if you can, for I see
no periodicals. — I wish you had an
action pupil in ^{the} county; it would
be curious to pick up with
a ^{something} to look on each side of the
river either in Cypridion;

& then if follow were at all
disturbed it would show that
the insect had entered of the
tree. I shall be very glad indeed
of Mitchell, & of seed, if possible,
of Nelson. I am more than
ever interested in Lythrum;

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Nov-6' John Burly Kent

My dear Gray

When your note of Oct 4 '213, (chiefly
about Max Muller) arrived I was
nearly at the end of ^{some book} & had in-
=tended recommending you to read
it! I quite agree that it is
extremely interesting, but the latter part
about first origin of language
much the least satisfactory.

It is a marvellous problem.
~~the~~ I have heard, rather truly or
not I do not know, but the
book has rather given me the
same impression, that he is
deadly afraid of not being
thought ^a strictly orthodox. He even
hints at truth of Tower of Babel!

I think accounted for coldest success
at me, which he seems to get
the better of towards the close of
the book. - I cannot quite see
how it will forward "my cause"
as you call it; but I can see
how anyone with literary talent
(I do not feel up to it) could
make great use of the subjects,
in illustration. What pretty
metaphors you could make from
it! I wish some one would
keep a lot of the most noisy
monkeys, half free, & study their
means of communication!

A book has just appeared here,
which will, I suppose make a
noise, & Bishop Chesson, who,

judging from extracts I hear of most of
the Old Testament. - Talking of Books,
I am in middle of one which
pleases me, though it is very
incoherent prod. viz "Miss Cooper's"
Journal of a Reconvert. "Who is she?"
she seems a very clever woman &
gives a capital account of the
battle between me & your weeds.

Does it not hurt your Yankee
books that we thrash you so
confoundingly. I am sure Mr.
Grey will stick up for your
own weeds. Ask her whether they
are not more honest & straight

good sort of weeds. - The
Book gives an extremely pretty
picture of one of your villages; but
I see your autumn, though so much

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The seed of my 88 cuped flowers from
truth of diagram, if you
remember it; let them in something
more, mid-18th is in addition
moderately fertile with half its
own stamens, & I must make
very more cups, & shall let
publish this year. The case, I
think, is worth any labour. -

I did not know, & get into,
the it was Hooker who reviewed
me 10 gotgers in garden
Ch. but I have asked him. -

Now for two questions: please
give me reference to your
notice of ground affecting each
other fruit; & secondly on the
movements of the tendrils. -

Also do you know of any treatise
description of all your var. of
maize, if I fail to get her,
could you help me to help a-
dozen grains of the most useful
varieties, - what a good book
"Gleaning in Fruit" is. -

I am cravily studying on &
to day have been compiling all
about peaches & nectarines; &
a curious case it is. -

I'd like to try a few experiments
on your Tenderloins; I wonder what
would be good & easy plant to
raise in pot. Farewell, my dear

friend. God help your poor
country, though perhaps you scorn
our bit. Farewell, & good night
C. Darwin



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