

the letter was as long with
with reading. —

Mr. Weigand has enjoyed
his American visit greatly,
& has received the most
wonderful amount of American
hospitality. — This is a larger
note than I have written
for many weeks, is far more.

I am trying a Starving
system of life; eating very
little of anything, & that
almost exclusively bread & meat.
Your affectionately
Ch. Darwin

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Aug. 15

Down.
Gromley.
Kent. S.E.

My dear Guy

I was much pleased to get
your letter of July 24th — Now
that I can do nothing, I
moulder over old subjects &
your approbation of my Climbing
paper gives me very
great satisfaction. I made my
arrangements when I could do
nothing else & much enjoyed
it, but always doubted whether
it was worth publishing. —

I demur to its not being
necessary to explain in detail
about the prices in caught turtles
moving in opposite directions; for
the fact for a long time
confused me & I have found
it difficult enough to explain
to even to 2 or 3 persons.

Our botanist has published
the he could detect a
difference of structure in the
tendrils at the points of reversal
of the spine! Very many
thanks for Specularia seed.
We continue to be deeply interested

in American affairs; indeed I
care for nothing else in the
times. How regretful was
we English were in thinking
that you could not hold the
South after conquering it.
How well I remember thinking
that I loved and gloried in
centuries in your father's
state. By women read much
about to me, & I have lately
heard these Books, with
your attention - Lubbock Prehistoric
man - Tylor early history of
Civilization, which is a gem; &
Lecky's Romanism, which



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