

This verifies what I said in the
Origin that many new methods
of transport wd be discovered; for
locusts are often blown many 100
miles out to sea.

The rest of the sheets ^{which have all been corrected} will be
printed off by the middle of Nov.
& shall be sent to you in 2 or 3
packets. Do not forget to let
me have hereafter a copy of the
Nation.

My dear Gray
yours most sincerely

Ch. Darwin

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Down.
Stromley.
Kent. S.E.

Oct 16

My dear Gray

I send by this post
clean sheets of Vol. 1. up to
p. 336, & there are only 411
pages in this vol. I am very
glad to hear that you are going
to review my book; but if the
Nation is a newspaper I wish
it were at the bottom of the sea,
for I fear that you will thus
be stopped reviewing me in a
scientific journal. The first Vol.
is all details, & you will not be

able to read it; & you must remember that the Chapters on plants are written for naturalists who are not botanists. The last Chap. in vol. 1 is, however, I think a curious compilation of facts; it is on bud-variation. In vol. 2 some of the Chaps are more interesting; & I shall be very curious to hear your verdict on the Chap. on clove inter-breeding. The Chap. on what I call Pangenesis will be called a mad dream, & I shall be pretty well satisfied if you think it a dream worth publishing; but at the bottom of my own mind I think it contains a great truth. I finish my book with a semi-theological paragraph, in which I quote &

differ from you; what you will think of it I know not.

Many thanks for a 2nd note rec^d some time ago on *Dionaea*.

I have done nothing worth mentioning this summer, as all my time has been consumed in correcting horrid proof sheets. I may mention one little fact which may possibly interest you. A man in Natal sent me a little packet by post of the dung of locusts with the statement that it was believed that locusts brought new plants to the districts which they visited. Six Grapes, belonging to at least two species have germinated out of the dung, & the seeds were fairly enclosed in the little pellets, as I ascertained by dissection.



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