

let me say much about the way
of bloom or the way of section
on the leaf & stem of plants.

Did you notice whether
such glaucous plants are
more or less common in the
arid countries to the west or
central than in the more
humid districts on the Atlantic?

You know my opinion of the
American ladies, & you will
believe how delighted we have
been at my morning I saw
Edwidge - she is in my
favorite way quite charming.

Yours affectionately
(L. Darwin)

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Jan. 21st 78

My dear Greg

I rec'd 2 or 3 days ago your
review of my Form of Flower, which
has pleased & as usual interested
me ^{much}. I was specially pleased at
my suggestion of giving names
to the subdivisions of polygamies
being approved of by you.
Thanking, also, for the
review of Mr. Cook, written,
I suppose for you. It seems to me
rather too mild, but I have
been very glad to read ^{how} ^{kind} ^{of} it. - By the way
Darwin's letter about me was in
English, as he said to my

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Brother, - "it is all informal lie".

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Could you not get some young
man to experiment on a number
of plants of *Epigaea*
& *Rhynchospora*. Horace Miller
describes Valeriana trivialis as
consisting of 4 analogous forms.

He attributes them each primarily
to the variation of 2 forms, one
with longer & the other with
shorter corolla such as he
has shown in the figures but his German
was wrong, & I could not
follow the further ^{supposed} transformations.

I hope that you have got over
the first great jump of

a committed work & are now
at it much overworked. I hope
to know to see Horace, for I
am writing this in London, to
which place I have come for
a few days rest after
working rather too hard.

My son Frank & I have been
through the numerous
moments of meetings & then
I am to Heliotropium, which
letter for this complexity has
almost given us mad.
We have made out something,

gray 12
m 21

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P.S. I forgot to add the
following as I wished to do
previously. Mr. Macken is
a paper lately used before
the Philadelphia Soc. sep
in a somewhat striking tone
the plates before & flourish
in the country for another
for the ^{a single sheet of} Liburn personae
brought from Colorado ^{of him} ^{was}
quite fertile with him,
where I thats (confirmed by

That you are up to the mark - cat

about tempted to
write finally to the
Phil. Soc. to inquire
how the case really
stands. But I have
written up to 16,
as Hildebrand ^{has} fully confirmed
of statement. — Mr. Macken
in a clearing seems to me
in position in no small
degree to Science

C D
I have just spent a Delightful 2 hours at
Kew, & heard prodigious & fine talk & singing.

might have added (Hilobryd)

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2-6-8
this is absolutely true
with the new pollen.

Now he does not think
~~that~~ whether his plants

was long-styled or
short-styled, & as he

speaks of bringing the
plants from Colorado,

I imagine that it

was then endemic.

Dr. L. perenne grows

There? Dr. Welford says

none of the true

American species are

detected. Now if Mr.

Macdonald has mistaken the

species it seems to me

too late to throw a

flower on Smith or

another man's accuracy

in that thing the smallest

failure to be accurate

himself. I have been



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