

a score of seeds of the
(Gypsophila), I sh^d. be glad if
common cotton for odd

snaps I can get the

seeds in England or they
have written for me ^{to abroad}
for New, but I am I think
of to result. - The cottons
before odd at night, for
when I'd a map when I'd
the with I am sure, & I did
not when I had seedlings
investigate the point sufficiently.

Yours ever
(Ch. Darwin)

Dec 16 1879

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My dear Gray

It is uncommon good of you
to ^{have} taken so much trouble
about a seeds; but it
makes me feel rather guilty,
for though I was very anxious
to see them germinate, yet
the ^{in question was} point ~~was~~ not of much
importance. Ipomoea leptophylla
has not yet germinated, but
I have a good many seeds
to sow again in a early

spring, if there already
grow to not germinate;
I have often suspected
the same kind of seeds
have an opposite
inverted habit of not
germinating & if more in the
winter. — I have just
from 5th seeds of *Megarrhiza*
to go with, but not one
will & this alarms

me. — I very much want to
see whether the curious heel-like
projections at the base of the
hypoglycium stem, described
by Flehmann, & which
often the seed coats so
beautifully in the *Cacanthaceae*,
is here absent, & as I
hope & as ought to be
the case as to *Chilodermis*,
are not withdrawn from the
seed coats.

Now I do not write you
very voluminous letters, but if
you c^d easily find me



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