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My dear Whately Carrington,

I have just received your p.s.

The important point is about selecting words, probably a purist would say, that you might fairly use your experience as to the selectivity of different words to improve and shorten your list for future tests, but that selection from a body of data on the basis of its peculiarities in that body is a legitimate agreeing with this in principal one might perhaps sail legitimately a little nearer the wind, by picking words wholly on the basis of the sum of squares for the three degrees of freedom assigned to P, since this will be large, if Peda is much greater than Leonard, or if Leonard is much greater than Peda, and so the selected words would seem to give a fair comparison on the question of the internal structure of your quartet, but selection is a bad business, generally you can

pick out the richest spots, but you do not know that you are not throwing away more treasure in the larger bulk of poor material, and in any case in the estimation of mean error GWP even the most dummy like words add to the procession.

Yours sincerely,