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CRIPPS'S CORNER,  
FOREST ROW,  
SUSSEX.

My dear Fisher.

I hope this may find you at home, where I learn you will be from Mr. Fisher's kind postscript.

I am inclined to hold that Lamarckism is doing more harm than you seem to think. But I may well be wrong. It is more or less backed up by many men of science, and, so long as this is true, the public will consider it a main factor in evolutionary change, and will not realize the importance of selection. I can do little these days, but I shall write a letter saying what I

want, to an imaginary correspondent,  
and then consider what to do.

I want a book to show how the  
Lamarckian could do in Evolution,  
Even <sup>if</sup> it is a real factor, and  
therefore how in any case we must  
rely on selection for progress. It is the  
moral of your book, but I want it  
more definitely brought against Lamarck.  
I should like a somewhat more  
popular work than Ford's.

If you ever again consider ~~Sex~~  
Side plants, see Origin Chap V.  
End of second para. It is <sup>quoted as</sup> a case  
where "conditions seem to have produced"  
a slight definite effect.

No answer.

Yours sincerely

Charles Darwin