

15 May 1933

Major L. Darwin, Sc.D.,
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Sussex.

Dear Major Darwin:

I have kept your paper quite unduly long although I had made some annotations on the first reading. This is partly because I have had some eye trouble which gave me a fright, which has since turned out, I believe, to be groundless, and have done all my reading at second-hand for the last six weeks. Combine this with another addition to my family and you will understand that my papers are in some disorder. As my wife is writing this for me I may say that the addition was quite useless—being a fifth girl, and so only a token of good intentions frustrated.

My notes don't give much to think about, though I hope you may find them useful if you publish, as I certainly hope you will. I was much struck by your allusion to Newton. It is well worth bearing in mind. Your paper brought to my mind a cause of assortive mating (I quite like the shorter form) which I must have thought of and forgotten more than once which I find now rather attractive. For ^{what} ~~wha~~ it is worth I have left it in your margin.

Do not take my long delay for lack of interest.
It is just that your letter got under a stack.

Yours sincerely,