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My dear Fisher,

Inspired by your work,
de Bess is, as you know, anxious
to study the embryology and
morphology of Crest and Lemia as
shown by Japanese (almost
complete suppression of Lemia) and
Polish (with excessive development
of protecting bone).

We and I therefore
propose to put up a few pens
of these breeds. We shall of
course take the opportunity of
crossing them. I don't know

if such a cross has been made before, but certainly it will not have been studied in the light of your work. The F1 should be interesting, and the F2 should tell us if they are really due to the same gene in these two breeds - as we may suspect. If this can be shown definitely, it would be a magnificent instance of the modification of the effects of a gene by selection - along the lines you

have indicated.

Could you kindly tell me where you got your Silky Stock, and what sort of price you had to pay?

Probably one can get Polish from any of the large dealers. Have you ever obtained this breed?

I think it would be worth making the cross at the same time as studying the Embryology, don't you?

Yours ever,

E. B. Ford