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My dear Fisher,

Many Thanks for your most interesting letter. Mendel's reasoning may very well have followed the lines you suggest. I wonder what he was up to, by the way, when he started work on honey-bees. He must, of course, have known that the  $F_1$ 's are produced parthenogenetically; and, before the chromosome analysis, the case could only be regarded as introducing a grave abnormality. ~~Oh~~ If he had

in mind any "Hendelian" work,  
what a choice of material!

In thinking it over, I  
entirely agree that you are  
right not to add a summary  
to your paper. The delicate points  
which you have managed to  
tactfully avoid would have to be put  
in rather a blunt way. Clearly  
one should avoid as far as  
possible any suggestion incriminating  
Hendel.

Yours sincerely,  
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