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Mr. E.K. Mair,
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Dear Mr. Mair,

Thank you for your good letter of the 6th. The photos and seeds are for you to keep and use. Plenty more are available here. This year's seeds may need a bit of resting before they are asked to sprout. You know more about it than I do.

Darwin mentions that *Bowiea volubilis* sometimes turns one way and sometimes turns the other. Do both of your plants turn counterclockwise like mine?

I am looking for a plant which turns clockwise and has large seed pods. Some seeds of *Dioscorea villosa* are on hand but I have been unable to make any sprout. Perhaps your *Dioscorea bulbifera* would be useful. Can you develop any seed in the dry pods? If so, I'd like to secure whatever pods may be available for weighing and test. I'll return the seed if you wish. Maybe this plant propagates by tubers also? Do you have any?

Enclosed is a photo you may keep of a vine I secured on Flinders Island. It is probably a variety of *Nachlenbeckia*. There is only one plant in the pot. Surprisingly, some of the stalks turn one way and some the other on same plant. It is entirely voluntary. I have not twisted the stalks.

Best regards,

Greta Rohrer.