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Dear Mather,

I am very glad you took the trouble, and I know what a job it is, to recast your article for *Nature* from a new standpoint. As it stands, I think it will be immensely valuable.

Rereading some of Bateson's early papers has enlightened me on a point of history which I had not realised before, namely that up to 1904 or so Bateson was trying to interpret quite simple bifactorial cases, such as Rose and Pea combs as though they were due to a number of allelomorphs at a single locus, i.e., he was thinking in terms of one organ, one locus. I had not realised this before. It is closely in line with the belief to which he clung for long, that species could originate by single mutations. I am returning your paper herewith.

Yours sincerely,