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Dear Fisher,

As I think I mentioned to you some time ago, Stelfox in Dublin has a number of pure inbred strains of *Cepaea nemoralis* which he has kept going for I believe something like 10 years in parallel with the various crossing experiments he has done. He says he cannot possibly extend the work. He has no room or time to look after more than he has at present. But he would I think be quite willing to pass over some of the pure strains to any responsible person who would make good use of them. I do not suppose he would part with the whole of a stock but a few examples of each would be quite enough for anyone else to start with. The genetics of colour and banding of the species being known (at any rate sufficiently for this purpose) don't you think it is a first rate chance to start experiments such as you are interested in on the differential survival rates of dominants recessives and so on? With ordinary luck broods of about 50 are obtained and in the light of Oldham's experience there should be no great technical difficulties in breeding them. I hope you will be able to undertake the work.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd). A.E. Boycott.