

Metcalf Ball,  
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My dear Sir,

The specimens of  
wild silk &c, and the drawing  
of the Bom and Tussock moths,  
reached me safely some time  
ago; the larger specimen of  
raw silk, alluded to in your  
note of the other day, has also  
come to hand. Dr. Fitch has  
been comparing with your draw-  
ing certain specimens in the  
Societ's museum, and has  
drawn up a memo: on the  
subject; Dr. Laidlay has the  
silk in hand and will report  
on the quality of it. I hope  
to submit these papers, with  
yours, at the next general

meeting of the Agricultural  
Society; after which I will  
do myself the pleasure of  
addressing you more fully  
on the subject.

Will you oblige me with  
a few leaves and flower of  
the "Pooh" plant, for Dr. Falconer's  
examination? I presume  
you have seen Capt. Thompson's  
favorable report on the fibre.

Yours very truly

James Hume

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