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Gipsy Moth Parasite Laboratory,

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My dear Doctor Lutz:

I wish to thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 20th of April last, and for the specimens of flies, puparia and maggots that you have sent me. The specimens have only recently arrived, as they were delayed in forwarding from Washington, but they arrived in good condition. I am extremely glad to have them.

I think you are perfectly correct as to the habits of both *Dermatobia* and *Cuterebra*, and I am most glad to have your opinion confirming my own. Thank you also for sending the article on *Dermatobia*.

The fly which you send as mimicking *bombi* is a puzzler; I think it is one of the *Muscidae sens. str.*, but it seems to have some affinity with the *Cestridae*. Do you want it returned? I shall be glad to place all the specimens in the National Museum collections with note of donation from you. As far as I know this fly is a new form, but I do not have literature at hand to enable me to judge. It may possibly be one of the obscure forms that have been described as *cestrids*, but which do not belong to that family. It reminds me also of *Mesembrina*, etc., but I have no specimens at hand. As soon as I get to Washington I will compare it with the collections.

I shall hope to send you some specimens at some future time. In the meantime I remain, with my best compliments and kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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