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Germany.

having a

Southampton, & return home

next Monday. — I shall soon

work in some new facts in

my Chapt. on Digestion & of

Drosera, & I want to ask

one question ~~or rather two~~

you can let me

suggested,

ne & was

ted. But

when not [illegible] treated, it was

never completely digested, & the residue

does not consist solely of starch.

Now in your experiments with

artificial digestive fluid,

~~with hydrochloric~~ or

I. xxv

2 with

ay 1 to fatty acids did you find the gluten which had not been soaked in hydrochloric acid was digested slowly or imperfectly?

One the result has surprised me, viz that fibro-cartilage is not digested: by Mr Frank, made with dilute H. acid I am artificial digestive fluid, which at the temperature of the room well digested fibrin, but would not digest fibro-cartilage, though it softened it very alike

I stroll, just as did

Drosera. —

You must read Hooker's

address to Bot. Section at

Belfast, & see what a

magnificent digester is

the pitcher. — I have been

almost driven mad by Utricularia

which catches no end of entomostraca,

but cannot digest, & I believe,

though I cannot prove it, that it

absorbs the products of putrefaction.

Yours most sincerely

Ch. Darwin