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My dear Mr. J……

Thank you very much indeed for your letter. Of course I am very glad to have the opportunity of going to 10,000 books in The Annals. I will then, then, again at that for the head of January.

In regard to the Silly Files paper, it is very
nice to know that you would publish if the Royal Society do not feelinclined to do so.

You raise the allusion of an entomological journal. As far as my own feelings go, they are this. The latter would certainly need more entomologists. On the other hand, most of the more considerable of them will probably read the Annals, while others could be reached by reprints.
Furthermore, it seems to me that the audience reached by the "Annals" is one of an especially high standard. I should therefore welcome very much the idea of having it in the "Annals". But I feel that you, from every point of view (especially as an editor and one of the authors), should have the deciding voice in the matter.

The only alternative place would be the "Transactions", Roy. Soc. Lond., where
They would doubtless publish it. But I myself feel that the main reason for getting them to do so would be if they could guarantee especially suits publication — and this I greatly doubt. However, I should be particularly glad to know what you think.

With best wishes for Christmas to Mrs. Fisher, yourself, and your family.

Sincerely yours,

G. B. Ford.