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My dear Heslot,

Thank you for writing such a nice long letter about your various activities. I find your planned programme particularly interesting and hope you will let me hear more of them as they go on. My personal work with polydactyly in mice received a set-back about a year ago, when I found that luxate had been brought in from some unknown source, presumably tucked in under fuzzy. This was a great nuisance as I had been, as was very necessary, careful to avoid all suppressors of polydactyly other than that which I required, Py, but could not at the same time exclude an dominant polydactyly affect such as that which luxate produces in special stocks.

However, I think I have now four-point back-crosses on a favourable background and free from these disturbances, for fuzzy, Spacoteh, leaden and polydactyly, covering a very great length of thread which I called chromosome thirteen years ago, when I first found the leden-poly linkage. I think it is clear now that it has nothing to do with the fifth chromosome as Miss Kempton at Bar Harbor suggested at one time.

Meanwhile, I have perfected a detector stock for sorting out other factors influencing polydactyly, and have used it enough to have picked up probably one rather powerful, though imperfect, suppressor which will have to be tested for linkage later.
Of course, I should love to visit you in Paris some time when a meeting or conference of some kind makes it possible.

Yours sincerely,