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Dear Prof. Spencer,

If you should write something about Darwinism, the work of Eimer will be, perhaps, useful for you, it deals with natural selection of butterflies. The price is 20 øk. and it is to be got, as most books in Germany are, without knowing the name of the publishers. Mr. Eimer is a very good zoologist and yet a young man; he is professor at Tübingen in Mr. Temberg, South-Germany. He has found out the blue lizards at Capri which now-a-days are all destroyed by the zeal of the zoological collectors. He has also demonstrated something
about the stripes on the skin of car. pinnace, I believe he had found them on young buds of some species.

Alonso was always of opinion in regard to butterflies, that they have got their colours by feeding on nectar, pollens, not by sexual selection. In the most of their colours are caused by chemical substances.

I have read of the last cyclone in Victoria, also of the great fire in Elizabeth street. In Sydney died some weeks ago a Mr. Mars, lecturer of French language at the University, a born German of an old Dileton family. He was my fellow passenger when I came to Australia.

I have found no difficulty in standing the heat of the Red Sea, but it was very warm only during two days. Here the winter is very warm this year, my skin is yet always somewhat delicate, made so by the tropical sun. I hope you are all right and have had a judicious holy season. Here talks every body about John China, men whom they do not like, it seems, in Sydney, I send my compliments to Prof. Martin, his aboriginal bones did arrive all right here.

Yours very truly

W. Krause