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Dear Tubbs:

I feel sure I have before now answered your letter of 7 December 1931, but my clerk here tells me he has no evidence of it, so I cannot expect you to have.

I do not see how you can hope to compare different pruning systems with less than a series of complete pruning cycle records to go on; preferably perhaps starting at different times of the year and working round as a 28 month or 32 month cycle would do.

From these you should be able to get fitted standard curves for yield, and any quality measurements available, and so assess the return for the different treatments. Your analysis of individual picking values would only come in in considering climatic effects on deviations from the standard return curves, treated as curved regression lines.

Pray excuse my long delay.

Yours sincerely,