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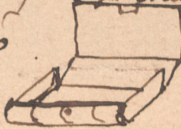
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Cher M. P.

No wonder you were all puzzled by "Solander"; Mr. Th. is so learned he thinks every one else the same. Dr. Solander was a Swedish naturalist, († 1782), who was once an assistant in Br. M. (1765), and introduced there a sort of box shaped like a book, one side ^{edge} of which opened on hinges, so that you could get at the edges of the papers, &c.  laid therein, at the back. It was good for dried flowers or sea-weeds - I suppose for herbs. But they are not used now, Kensington tells me, at B.M.

Here wyckys must be ear-wigs, i.e. perce oreilles. Thores says the old form was Earewicke; The A.S. was eor-wigga. And our northern friend added the h. (I am not earwigging you by telling you that! - do you know this slang expression?). - I'll send you a Myra's Jnl. if I can get one, I believe it is not dear. She is the chief competitor with the "Queen", but not so good I believe. Yrs L. W. S.