



Apparently, the work was organized in such a way that the mutants were isolated and identified in Tatum's laboratory; when an auxotroph was indicated, Ed would run down the requirements in more detail. Then Beadle would do the genetics to look at the segregation.

Hager recalled that he had commented to them at the time that this work would earn a Nobel prize and was as important as Mendell's. Their response was "this was such a simple experiment."

Hager himself felt a bit out of place because he had been hired to do *Drosophila* research, and they had changed direction in the interval. However, they retrained him to be a technician doing the scut work on neurospora. In some respects Hager resented this, but he was willing and eager to put up with it because he felt it was terribly important, and, as he says now, was one of the most significant experiences of his own life.

I urged him to record a memorandum redescribing all this. He demurred somewhat, but if I would just write him a letter he thinks the he might be able to just dictate something that I can transcribe.

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