

Retiro Dec 2nd 1866

Dear Dr.

My sister whom you saw at your house has been for some time in feeble health. My older sister tells me that the most she needs is rest and at home she will work. I advise her to go to Boston this winter and amuse herself, attend the Lowell Lectures and rest. I don't know whether she will follow my advice or not but if she should I beg you to assist her so far as procuring tickets is concerned and in any other way which will not much tax your time and attention.

We are in the midst of a dull dreary spell of weather - another we have planned to go tomorrow into the mountains for a day or two. Lundbeck will return soon to Habana & then I shall make a concluding trip away westward, consuming the rest of the month perhaps a part of the next. Then the paper will have come probably & I mean to go to Trinidad ^{on this coast}, perhaps to other place & finally to Yatera (partido) in which is Monteverde. Thus I shall find occupation for the time between this & May when I can venture home without risking my health.

If you have the means of comparison & time & inclination to do it please examine *Stenadenia Piptadenia stenadenia* Gr. Cat. p. 81. I had examined ^{it} & come to the conclusion that it is a sp. of *Dichorisandra* *Dichorhachys* DC. (Benth & Hook. p. 592)

Sauvage writes me that he ordered the Gen. Plant. Benth & Hook and they charge him \$11.00 for them & \$14.00 for a copy of *Epis. Gl. Brit. W. 222* !!! He begs to know the price.

I wrote in my last that I could not recognize an *Anthurium* which I had collected anew I now think it is *A. venosum* Gr. The leaves even in the few specimens I now have are exceedingly variable obtuse & acute broad & narrow large & small (8"-18") smooth open or closed (lobes overlapping) &c. &c.

4th. Yesterday we went into the mountain (La Palma, regia)

where we intended to stay all night and a part of today but
finding nobody there we had to return the same day - and
a good day's tramp we made of it. The people of the village
played us a bad trick the reason for which we do not yet
know. I found nothing new unless it may be a moss or a fungus
by mistake caught a good many butterflies and other things.
Today the weather has become warmer & it is sultry now
(at night) perhaps foreboding rain. Day after tomorrow I
hope to set out for the westward again and am sorry that
I haven't the stereographs. No more now from
Yours truly

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