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June 13, 1927.

Mr. Charles Schweinfurth,
Botanical Museum of Harvard University,
Oxford Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Schweinfurth:

I assume that the species Vanilla Nevermannii has never been published. Mr. Nevermann, a very good friend of mine, gave me an account of it while I was at his banana plantation in the Atlantic lowlands of Costa Rica. He stated that some years previously he had forwarded good material to Schlechter, who had asked him to collect Costa Rican orchids, and that Schlechter had given this name to his specimens. Mr. Nevermann has the plant growing in some quantity on his plantation. If I remember correctly, I sent to Mr. Ames material of this species preserved in liquid, but possibly my memory is at fault. The material, if it was sent, was some that was collected and forwarded to the Museum by Mr. Nevermann.

If Schlechter did fail to publish a description of this proposed new species, as he did in many other cases, it is probable, according to your statement, that he avoided at least one unnecessary synonym.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Standley

Paul C. Standley
Associate Curator,
Division of Plants.

June 21, 1927.

Dear Dr. Standley,

Thank you for your letter of June 13th last. The Vanilla specimens which you sent in liquid are of the Vanilla planifolia type and we have none of the narrow-leaved form from Costa Rica. ^{we should much appreciate it} I wonder, therefore, if you could ask Mr. Nevermann to ^{collect} ~~get~~ for us some flowering specimens of the lanceolate-leaved, so called "V. Nevermannii".

Thanking you in advance I am

Resp. Yours.



Standley, Paul Carpenter. 1927. "Standley, Paul Carpenter June 13, 1927 [to C. Schweinfurth] [includes reply June 21, 1927]." *Oakes Ames Orchid Herbarium correspondence files*

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