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My dear Mr. Standley:

All of the Sesse and Mocino orchids have been identified. I found nothing new, although there are several very interesting things in the lot. This morning in working up Epidendrum Viejii Reichb. f., identified as E. fastigiatum, I found in my unpublished manual of the Genus Epidendrum in the United States and Middle America, under E. Viejii, in synonymy, E. fastigiatum Ruiz & Pavon ex Reichb. f. non Lindl. (Lindley has two species under this name in Fol. Orch., neither of them referable to E. Viejii), and I am wondering about the coincidence! Is it possible that the Sesse specimen is in reality one of the Ruiz & Pavon things? I have a faint recollection of reading somewhere that there was some confusion in this regard.

I understand that there are some additional specimens to come? Have you yet decided on the form of publication?

In studying the Epidendrums I find many gaps in the collection in hand. That is, all of the species described in Sesse & Mocino are not represented.

With all good wishes,

P.S. Is there any prospect of having copies made of the orchid species (if any) in the collection of at Geneva.

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