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Under another cover I will send you my complete works as they appear in my serial. I will also ascertain what reprints I have and send them to you. Again I must express surprise as my serial is for sale and is regularly purchased on the open market and is sometimes offered in catalogues. It is not privately published and now runs into six volumes, <sup>the seventh being ready for press</sup> I am afraid that you will find the contents of slight value to you as my work for many years has been mostly with orchids of the eastern tropics. If you do find the books valuable perhaps you will accept them as an exchange <sup>for herbarium material of your orchids</sup>. In the meantime please believe that it will be a pleasure to cooperate with you in every way.

Yours sincerely,

X It may be that your friend went to the Botanic Garden in Cambridge and left his message with the Herbarium. He did not visit my herbarium at Mall Costa. I am very sure as I do not spend much time in Cambridge it is probable that the Herbarium forgot to make mention of your friend's visit when I made one of my brief tours & inspect.

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