

355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. November 17th, 1921.

My dear Mr. Powell:

To-morrow I intend to get off to you a long letter. This is simply a short one to tell you that I have prepared a model herbarium sheet for you which goes off in the next mail.

I have prepared the genus cover according to the system I have adopted. Of course it is simpler to write the name of the genus than to set up type for it. But I want you to see what I consider a model. The number before the generic name refers to the systematic sequence of the genus. You can, if you prefer, arrange your genera in alphabetical order. But that is not scientific. An herbarium should show relationships. The specimen is mounted with surgeons adhesive tape. That is the best material as it does not crack as easily as ordinary gummed linen. An herbarium specimen should exhibit the entire plant. Flowers are not sufficient for a sure diagnosis. I have chosen one of my labels that indicates a critical set. It is perhaps a little large for ordinary purposes. The attached field data label and the paper pocket complete the model sheet. The size of the paper is standard, also the size of the genus cover. If you copy this model specimen you will be in conformity with the great herbaria of the world.

Yours very sincerely,

Arthur Cronquist

Dr. C. W. Powell,
Balboa, Canal Zone, Panama.

P.S. The order of the letters in my list is as follows.

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Ames, Oakes. 1921. "Ames, Oakes Nov. 17, 1921 [to C.W. Powell]." *Oakes Ames Orchid Herbarium correspondence files*

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