

Dear Mr. Powell: This is a hurried reply to your welcome letter of Dec. 5. which has just arrived.

You ask about lateral flower-shoots in *Epidendrum* other than *E. Stanfordianum* and *E. Rousseauae*. I only know the latter species from Schlechter's description based on fragmentary material compared by him with *E. ramosum* Jacq. and from the fragmentary material you sent to R. R. R. under number 112. There is a fourth species, *Epidendrum laterale* R. R. R. from Costa Rica that is in part characterized by a lateral inflorescence. This species I know from the description only. I have not seen specimens. Aside from these species I do not recall anything that are in the same category. This does not mean, however, that my memory is perfect or my knowledge complete!!

You may be sure that the half dozen orchids you are sending to me will be very acceptable. I am looking for them with that enthusiasm which seems a part of my profession.

In answer to your question, asked in your letter of Dec. 20., regarding herbarium specimens under the quarantine laws. I am pleased to inform you that dried specimens for scientific study do not come under them.

The reason for Schlechter's silence is explained by the fact that he has been so far away.

My best wishes go to you with sincere thanks for the fascinating pictures of Panama. Some of them remind me of scenes I saw in 1911.

Wishing you joyous holidays
Yours very sincerely
Oakes Ames

My address for all purposes is the one given at the head of this letter.



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