

355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass.

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My dear Mr. Powell:

Under separate cover I am mailing to your address my last pamphlet on orchids. As there are several Panama and Costa Rican species described, I am sure that the contents in general will be of interest. I have been wondering if my Epidendrum alanjense may not be the same as your #84, determined by Schlechter as Encyclia chiriquense. The differences are extremely slight and only such, I now believe, as may well make their appearance in plants that are subjected to the artificial conditions of cultivation. As a matter of fact one reason why I am so anxious to receive wood specimens from you is my distrust of cultivated material for systematic work. This brings me to a consideration of your #83, Encyclia Powellii Schltr. ined. May this not be Epidendrum ramonense Reichenb.f? It has the short column wings of that species and the color blotches on the lateral lobes of the labellum that Reichenbach indicated in his colored drawing of the type. Your material differs only from E. ramonense, it seems to me, in those details which cultivation might bring into evidence, less luxuriant inflorescence, shorter flower scapes etc. Let me hear from you some time about your observations along this line. Of course the influences of cultivation in Panama may not be worth considering because you are located where the growing conditions must approach the normal ones of nearby country.

By this time you have received my letter with enclosed check. You may be sure that I am anxious to learn of your reaction to that letter and of the progress you are making.

I have not been able to find any labels of the type you wanted. I suggest that you import them from England. Plant press has been sent

Y  
ours     *Charles Powell*





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