

June 7th, 1923.

My dear Mr. Powell:

I enclose a check list of the alcohol material which one of my assistants has prepared. It would seem ^{then} that [^]are some blunders in the labels, but I think these are so few that you may disregard them. Our 93, for example, is *Epidendrum tessellata*; 17 is *Epidend. dendrobifolium*. Perhaps your letters account for some of these, but until I go to Boston I cannot be sure that they do. We are calling 290, 291, and 293, *Stelis perplexa* Ames. (Cf. Sched. Orch. 1). It is strange that this Guatemalan thing should reach you. For the present at least you may call your plants *S. perplexa*. I have the following numbers in addition to the printed list. 164, 290, 291, 293, 292, 282, 275, 279, 274, 133, 273, 152, 284, 289, 268, 273, 286, 84, 283, 280, 17, 15, 172.

Sched. Orch. 5 came off the press yesterday. I suppose a copy was forwarded to you with the first flight. This is a rule of the laboratory. I think the little thing looks pretty well and is much improved by having illustrations in the text. It is our intention to use illustrations freely in the future. I think we are putting together some useful information in this gattling-gun periodica^l. At least I try to run in critical notes that make each copy something more than a dry list of new species. For the genus *Epidendrum* Sched. Orch. has become indispensable for students of the Central American Flora. You will be surprised to see how my researches have changed the ge;-

nus from the exposition published by Schlechter in his Central American list. Anyway 167 pages from January to June means some work, good or bad. And the eight plates make up for a few mistakes. Your *Epidendrum bisulcatum* came out pretty well. Perhaps the simplicity of these plates does not appeal to you, but we find that for zincotype reproduction on the regular paper of the book, that they are wholly satisfactory. As a matter of fact, their simplicity is more in accord with what scientists like. If every line means something the plates are better adapted to use in determinations. We intend to try many experiments with illustrations so that in the end Sched. Orch. will be a most interesting possession for those who have it in hand.

What do you think of Lankester's climbing *Pleurothallis*? Surely you should find some allies of this strange thing.

I think you will agree with me that *Masdevallia Livingstoneana* is at last, through your efforts and my studies, quite clear. Mrs. Ames' plate is a distinct contribution to the portrait gallery of orchids.

In Orchidaceae Fasc. 1. you will find in Plate 12 a pretty good guide to the general aspect of the tropical *Spiranthes*. You might show this to youⁿ man._A

With the best of good wishes,

Charles Ames



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