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November the first, nineteen twenty-three.

My dear Mr. Powell:

A check will go to you to-morrow.  
A few determinations have accumulated.

- 322. *Epidendrum ramosum* Jacq.
- 324. *Ornithidium anceps* Reichb. f.
- 68. *Hexisea bidentata* Lindl.
- 294. *Stelis perplexa* Ames.
- 309. *Chysis aurea* var. *maculata* Hook.
- 313. *Catasetum viridiflavum* Hook.
- 292. *Epidendrum Mooreanum* Rolfe.
- 302. *Stanhopea bucephalus* Lindl.
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- 295. *Stanhopea bucephalus* Lindl.

302, 303, 295. These numbers have given me a great deal of trouble, notwithstanding the alcoholic material. Structurally they are one and the same. Here one might include *S. costaricensis* Reichb. f. If you do not agree with my conclusions. Yell!

Your remarks about *Pleurothallis Hunteriana* are interesting. If your suspicions are justified, then we must accuse Schlechter of improper description. He gives the petals as 1-nerved. In *P. hamata*, they are 3-nerved. He described the sepals as free. In *P. hamata* they are united to about the middle. And then again, what is *Masdevallia aperta* Kraenzl.? I think it is *P. hamata*. But Kraenzlin described the sepals as keeled on the upper surface. Did he mistake the keel for the inner margin of the sepals? I have yet to take this matter to Kraenzlin, but I intend to do so shortly.

On your field labels please include the year. And, when possible be more definite. Maxon does not approve of "Hills east of City." Localize specimens as closely as possible. The field data are of deep significance. Then against state whether the date given refers to the flowering time in your garden or to the date when plant was collected. While these data may be a nuisance, they are essential for the geographical notes.

Sched. Orch. 6, over one hundred pages, comes out on Saturday.

I have begun making your field specimens ready for the herbarium. I wish you could see how they look. I was pleasantly surprised to see what a fine showing they make. You have done a great piece of work. If you keep on, and improve in your methods, you will have assembled the best exemplification of Panama orchids in the world. I think you have already done that.

I have been making an exhaustive study of *Pleurothallis Brighamii* Wats. To this species I refer your 274 & 275. I am figuring this species in Sched. Orch. 7. Also *P. glandulosa*.  
to Your specimens now hold the field and I will send you the determinations as they accumulate.

Yours always faithfully,

*Charles Ames*





Ames, Oakes. 1923. "Ames, Oakes Nov. 1, 1923 [to C.W. Powell]." *Oakes Ames Orchid Herbarium correspondence files*

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