

355 Commonwealth Ave. Boston.

January 8th, 1924.

My dear Powell:

I feel that I should go down on my knees before you to beg your pardon for what must seem to you unkind neglect. The truth is, I have been called to Cambridge almost every day in connection with the reorganization of our Botanical Museum. But I have your desiderata in mind, and when your specimens return from the mounter, I will attend to them.

Dr. Barbour has started for Panama to begin operations at the Barro Colorado laboratory. I have asked him to get in touch with you regarding opportunities to collect there. I have also asked him to send to you any specimens he may pick up in his wanderings about the Isthmus.

Know thou that Lankester has been sending in some delightful material. His "Christmas package" contained several noteworthy additions to my herbarium and supplied useful data for Sched. Orch. #7. It would seem that Lankester is in a wonderful orchid country and that a little more diligence on his part would yield results of an important scientific nature. I am afraid that he neglects his opportunities, but for what he has done for me I am unable to measure my thanks. If he would only realize that what is common in his estimation may be jewelry in mine, I am sure he would be more assiduous & gladden my heart with a treasure-laden stream of packages.

I suppose Dr. Standley is about ready to move northward to begin his Costa Rican campaign. I am sure your relations with him were pleasureable and that in the give-and-take of your association he made suggestions that you may find profitable.

What about fruits of Vanilla pompona? Also fruits of Selenipedium Chica? These are sadly needed for the Museum of Economic Botany. I am relying on you to help me with any material that seems to have promise as economic material.

Pleurothallis Hunteriana is a synonym of Pleurothallis aperta Ames (Masdevallia aperta Kzl. Pleurothallis hamata Rolfe). This observation is based on an examination of types.

I am enclosing a check for \$200.00. I hope this will reach you safely and give you a little satisfaction.

God bless you.

Yours faithfully,

Charles D. Coker



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