

355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass.
February 5th, 1924.

My dear Mr. Powell:

I have been simply driven to extrmitities with the routine work of my profession. The determinations herewith submitted were arrived at some time ago, but I delayed sending them to you because there seemed too little time to write them out.

352. *Epidendrum rigidum* Jacq. var. This material is not typical. The pedicels of the flowers are so long that they give to the inflorescence quite an unusual aspect. For the present I am simply passing this number as a variety.

353. *Elleanthus linifolius* Presl.

356. *Ponthieva racemosa* Mohr.

357. *Macradenia brassavolae* Reichb. f.

358. *Scaphyglottis amethystina* Reichb. f.

359. *Scaphyglottis pauciflora* Schltr. Probably.

360. *Scaphyglottis amethystina* Reichb.

In a letter received this morning from Lankester I understand that Standley is in Costa Rica. This is good news because I am sure that he will deliver the goods. Up to date I have found Lankester a very casual collector. Standley's results will indicate whether or not my assumptions are correct.

I started this morning the task of getting Sched. Orch. 7 ready for the printer. The plates and tex-cuts are done and I imagine that the day of publication will be in this month. I am sorry to have delayed this number, but I really could not give it attention. What spare time I have had has been devoted to my comprehensive list of the Orchids of the United States and Canada which is to appear in May at the opening of the big orchid show and to be the big gun of the Orchid Society program. This list is to be printed in the very best manner and will, I hope, be a classic in its line. The sample pages are delightful. You shall have a copy. To get this work done in an authoritative manner so that it would stand as a distinct contribution to the orchid literature of our country as well as a beautiful example of book making, has necessitated a heap of critical work.

By the way, *Macradenia* and *Ponthieva* are additions to the genera of Panama. Good work.

The customs tangle is about settled. My friend Eliot Wadsworth of the Treasury Department has been at work from this end and I believe our troubles are at an end. So much for that disturbing incident.

Dont overlook my economic botany. Specimens of useful plant products will always be welcome as well as herbarium specimens of any queer ^{wafle} things. If you could get to me by some friend samples of the ears of corn as grown by the Indians, you would be sure of my blessing. It would be necessary to send such things through Maxon or somebody in Washington on account of the quarantine. You see, my desires are far reaching and keep me pretty busy in life.

Your herbarium is growing a bit slow just at present. I intend to mount your photographs on the sheet of *Rolfea Powellii*. I like to have the herbarium a record of collectors as well as of plants.

Now I must get to bed. The shortcomings of this letter must be attributed to haste, and to that let-down that comes at the end of a busy day. I would like well to be wandering about your garden with you. A sleety rain is falling to-night and the sidewalks are treacherous. With you the lights of Balboa look inviting in the tropical night.

Yours faithfully,

Oakes Ames

* I mean to your collection.



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