

355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. November 13.

Nineteen-nineteen.

My dear Dr. Schlechter:

Your letter of October 22 reached me this morning. I was delighted to have it and very much interested in your references to the future work you expect to do among the orchids. I noted your statement about the new genus based on Leytean material collected by Wenzel. In a post-card dated January 28th, 1914 you wrote that it was, in your opinion, a species of *Zeuxine* related to your *Z. elatior*, and *Z. argentea*. So much for that. It does not really matter. Your suggestion that we might publish the new species in a volume of my Orchidaceae meets with my approval, and at the risk of rousing your displeasure I am going to publish it in the sixth volume which is now on its way through the press and is not so far along but that I can insert Philippine material. I will have Mrs. Ames make drawings in great detail and get the necessary material together for a description of the new genus. The name will be *Philippinaea* as you suggest. The species will

be known as Philippinaea Wenzelii.

Your suggestion relative to the Colombian orchids would meet with my hearty approval if it were not for the fact that I have a large number of specimens and as there would, I think, be some risk in the present unsettled state of the world in sending them abroad. If you could only have prepared for me a list of the numbers of the Lehman orchids with your identifications you would aid me materially.

I do not like the suggestion that I take economic material in exchange for my Philippine orchids sent to the Berlin Museum. My reason for not liking it is based on the fact that I am anxious to have my exchange material bring in all of the orchids that are available. You will understand this I am sure when you stop to think that I need material for comparisons and when you remember that very few botanists have given the orchids close attention in this country.

Awaiting further information as to Folia Brchidaceae

Yours very sincerely,

Oakes Cline



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