

355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass.

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My dear Dr. Schlechter:

I am enclosing a draft on Berlin for one hundred and forty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven marks. Please use this amount to have tracings made of your Costa Rican novelties that turn up as you work through new material. When this money seems to be drawing to an end, let me hear from you and additional funds will be promptly supplied.

This has been a busy week as the American Association for the Advancement of Science has been holding the annual meeting here.

A package of reprints was sent to you a day or two ago. This should reach your address by the time you receive this. If the package fails to get to you, let me hear from you.

On February first I expect to visit Honduras. The United Fruit Company is leveling some forty thousand acres of virgin forest and the prospects for interesting collections are exceptional. I have succeeded in interesting the fruit company in the need for preserving orchids and I have promises of intensive co-operation. In fact I have reason to believe that we are about to get results from a very poorly known region.

The specimen of *Taeniophyllum* arrived day before yesterday. This was much appreciated because of the kindly wishes that accompanied it and because it came at a time when remembrance means so much. You are mistaken about the distribution of this "Jewell", because you have already supplied me with excellent specimens. Please accept my best thanks for your thoughtfulness and convey to Mrs. Schlechter the best wishes of Mrs. Ames and myself.

Tracing of *Epidendrum papyrifera* Schltr. is

sadly needed here. Please remember this when you get out material for the artist to trace.

I am delighted to learn from you that the Powell orchids are soon to be published. I have waited impatiently for this work as I must have it for my Central American Flora.

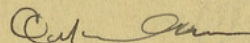
Tracings of your new Epidendrums from Colombia are much needed.

I am delighted to learn that you can help me with the flowers of your new Stelis species from Central America. Please get these to me soon. That is, before my enthusiasm dies down. It is always so delightful to have the needed material at the time when one's interest is at concert pitch. After the first flush of enthusiasm the receipt of critical things never seems to mean so much. Just a few flowers will answer my needs as I already have the habit drawings.

I wish national affairs could become more stable. It would be delightful to think that a trip to Berlin would simply be a matter of time. I have so many things I want to tell you about and so many problems for the solution of which your aid would be welcome.

Remember me to Mrs. Dr. Schlechter, and for yourself accept the best wishes in the world for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,





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