

355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. Oct. 15, 1923.

My dear Mr. Lankester:

When your good letter of the thirtieth September was handed to me at the lunch table this afternoon, I realized that I owed you more than a little of my attention. The reason for my long neglect is found in an overwhelming volume of work. Ever since my return to the Boston laboratory I have been driving two stenographers and one proof-reader in an attempt to supply Mr. Merrill with copy for his enumeration of Philippine plants. And then there is my college work to ~~say~~ nothing of the routine duties connected with my orchid studies. For one who loves leisure I am a very busy creature.

I have a few determinations for you and I take this opportunity to place them before you.

- 460. *Stelis vestita* Ames sp. nov.
- 420. *Stelis propinqua* Ames
- 468. *Stelis propinqua* Ames sp. nov.
- 461. *Pleurothallis rásifolia* R. Br.
- 465. *Pleurothallis peperomioides* Ames sp. nov. In what fluid did you preserve this peculiar thing, a near relative of the Cuban *P. nummularia* Reichb.f.?
- 469. *Pleurothallis peregrina* Ames sp. nov. The specific name is perhaps poorly chosen, but refers to the fact that the type came to you from an unknown source. In *Pleurothallis* one is always at a loss for a name that has not already been used.
- 472. *Epid. ndrum Mooreanum* Rolfe. This is the species common in the Cartago valley. Very acceptable. I only have a few flowers from Rolfe's type specimen.
- 486. *Polystachya minor* Fawc. & Rendl. Not typical, however.
- 485. Sent as *Stenorrhynchus*. This is not an orchid.

I am about ready to send the manuscript of Sched. Orch 6 to the printer. This number will contain the descriptions of the new species named above. I am sorry that you and Powell take a very small part in swelling this number of the serial. But, I can not honor you if you do not send me material.

Please send to me as soon as dry the balance of the specimens of the species enclosed in your letter. This looks interesting, but I must have more complete specimens before under-

taking a determination.

Alcoholic material of the flowers of *Stelis propinqua* would be most welcome. This is the species that Rolfe determined as *S. leucopogon* Reichenb.f. I have compared the flowers with Reichenbach's type, and find that it is quite different.

I hope you bore in mind the fact that the type of *Lockhartia Lankesteri* was a much crumpled thing forwarded in a letter and that you made a fair specimen for me.

I am expecting great things from Standley's trip to your country. He is an indefatigable worker and should bring to light a wealth of interesting species that have escaped notice.

Schlechter has written that his Costa Rican paper is done. He informed me that it would appear on September 30th. I wonder how the Germans find enough marks to pay the bills of printing?

Please do as much as you can for me. You are surely in a region where orchids of extreme interest are to be had. If you neglect them, I am afraid that Schlechter's numerous collectors will beat us badly.

The preservative you used on *Pleurothallis peperomioides* turns milky when added to water. What is its nature?

Additional copies of *Sched. Orch.* will be sent by letter post in future.

Yours faithfully,

Oakes. C. M.

472 *Epidendrum Mooreanum* Rolfe

460 *Stelis vestita* Ames sp. n.

420 *Stelis propinqua* Ames

468 *Stelis propinqua* Ames sp. n.

469 *Pleurothallis peregrina* Ames sp. n.

465 *Pleurothallis peperomoides* Ames sp. n.

461 *Pleurothallis muscifolia* R. Br.

483. Sent as a *Stenorrhynchus* is not an orchid.

486 *Polystachya minima* Tawc. & Rudek but not typical.

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471 *Dichaea suaveolens* Kränzl

455 *Lepanthes elata* Reicheb. f. Probably. The material very unsatisfactory.

482 *Pleurothallis Sanchioi* Ames.

453. *Pleurothallis Cogniauxiana* Schltr. Probably. No flowers, but in vegetative characters matches the type.



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