

355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. March 23d, 1924.

My dear Lankester: I have been so busy with sealing wax and things, that I have found very little time in which to trouble you with my personal record. But, out of the scraps of time I have been able to give attention to your collections and in this letter I submit for your consideration the results of my industry.

560. *Pleurothallis crescentilabia* Ames. 558 *Platystele bulbinella* Schltr. 557. *Epidendrum trachythece* Schltr. 556. *Masdevallia erythrochaete* Reichb. f. 555. *Epidendrum Stamfordianum* Batem. 582. *Stellilabium* sp. nov. More material please, And does the skinny beast ever clothe its nakedness with leaves? 570. *Hexisea* sp. n? 580. *Hexisea* sp. nov? 581. *Epidendrum* sp. nov. probably. 562. *Elleanthus* sp. nov. 564. *Pleurothallis monstrabilis* Ames. 566. *Epidendrum* sp. probably new. More material with good flowers sadly needed. Go forth for it. 565 *Stelis* sp. nov. 567. *Cranichis Curtii* Schltr. 568. *Stelis parvula* Lindl. 569. *Stelis acmula* Schltr. 573. *Mormodes Buccinator* Lindl. 577. *Pleurothallis testaeifolia* Lindl. 572. *Stenorrhynchus* sp. nov. 575/ *Campylocentrum Schiedeii* Benth. 578. *Signatostalis macrobulbon* Kraenzl. 563. *Gamaridium* sp. nov. 571. *Ornithidium* sp. nov. or probably *Gamaridium imbricatum* Schltr. It would seem that *Maxillaria*, *Ornithidium* and *Gamaridium* ought to be put in the same bed. 576. *Pleurothallis sororia* Schltr. 579. *Epidendrum teretifolium* Sw. 684. *Pleurothallis ujarensis*. Jucosal, January 12th. *Ponthieva racemosa* Mohr. There you are!

Schedulae Orchidanae will see the light next week. I intend to send to you several copies with the understanding that you will pass one along to Mrs. Zeladon. This damn thing really appeared on the 20th of March, but the plates were horrible, & ~~XXXX~~ I had to have them done over on a different paper. Now, is not that an argument that tends to prove that I am a conscientious fellow?

From Standley's post-cards I am led to believe that I am in for an orchidaceous avalanche in the near future. Why do you let Standley gather in so much as a visitor, while you, on the spot, have a perennial opportunity. In one of your letters you suggested that we might work up some distinct region. Go to it. I just revel in the thought of such an enterprise. If you comb the trees and ground of some classic spot, we shall be able to add a few more pages to the unclosed book of orchidology. But, to make any headway, you must be willing to forego your dainty and dilatory methods. Do you mind that unkind thrust?

I am having a difficult task finding camera slides for you. They don't make those any more of which you sent a sample. (Pardon the construction. The type writer sometimes takes on life). If you have any suggestions, please make them. Because in our proposed campaign, a good camera will be an indispensable weapon in the field.

From the South of France, Col. Godfery writes that Schlechter is seriously ill. This information came as surprising news. I have not heard from Schlechter for over four months, and I had begun to fear that he was angry or in some way provoked by some act of mine. My letters have remained unanswered, and Mrs. Schlechter has not taken the trouble to keep me informed of her husband's condition.

Powell writes to me that his last expedition was a botanical fizzle. Poor old Boy. He seems to be in hard luck just now, and I think his failures hurt his feelings more than they hurt mine. From an examination of his collections and of yours, it is very evident that your field is richer in exciting finds. Your 582, for example, is a beast. You will do well to study its vegetative history and pass along to me the results of your research.

Did I ask you to send me good specimens of coffee for my Museum, botanical as well as economical? I really need your assistance in this direction and I had it in mind to put my wishes before you.

I see the end of the page coming up. As I must not attempt to fill another, I leave you at this point, feeling very much indebted to you for your kindness.

Yours always faithfully,

Oakes Ames

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