

January 10, 1935.

My dear Doctor Lankester:

Let us start the New Year right with the sharp pangs of orchidological hunger unappeasable! I have memories of a little *Stelis* you promised to send to me. The name: *Stelis glossula* Reichb. f. Did you save flowers for me, or did your friends the beetles get there first? I would so much like to make a good picture of that extraordinarily rare species and at the same time feel that I was doing a service for posterity. STUDIES IN STELIS is by no means an empty title if the dear friends will supply the material to be studied!

I have sent to Standley the first part of my list of the orchids of Costa Rica. I have made this a critical list and I feel that it will serve as a basis for an orchid flora of Costa Rica. The question is: will it ever be published by the Costa Ricans? I have done this work with a dread that my efforts were to be wasted. Why is it that one lacks faith in the Latin Americans?

Do you receive the Botanical Museum Lefalets regularly. The third number of volume 3 was sent to you a few weeks ago and now number 4 is coming off the press, Studies in *Stelis* lll. I hope you will enjoy this number as it contains pictures of two Lankester finds and brings to a close my identifications of your *Stelis* material.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,



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