

225 Bay State Road, Boston, Massachusetts

February 19, 1935.

My dear Lankester:

Your letter enclosing a *Masdevallia*, arrived this morning. I looked through the herbarium trying to match it, but without success. The nearest Costa Rican *Masdevallia* is the extremely rare *M. Gorgo*, a Reichenbachian proposal taken up by Kraenzlin. I only know this from a sketch made in the Reichenbachian Herbarium and the description prepared by Kraenzlin in his monograph. I would have stuck to this thing until I found its counterpart, but I am rushed to the breaking point getting ready to leave for a Caribbean cruise tomorrow noon.

We are convinced that *Masdevallia astuta* and *M. erythrochaete* are synonymous, the latter name holding by priority of publication.

I should welcome a complete specimen of the *M. Gorgo*-like thing and trust you will find time to prepare flowers if they appear or to turn up more material with exact localization.

I am glad you like Botanical Museum Leaflets. This little publication is becoming a most valuable repository of Central American orchidological notes. It must please you, from time to time, to see that your own work is recorded in the pages.

I shall not reach Costa Rica this winter. My cruise takes me to the West Indies only with stops at Venezuela and Panama.

When I return home in April I shall expect to find a few bottles from you one of them containing *Stelis glossula*. It will be a pleasure to have the opportunity to make a drawing of this little gem from wet specimens.

With all good wishes,  
I am, sincerely yours,



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