

225 Bay State Road, Boston, Massachusetts

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My dear Lankester:

The painfully skimpy *Masdevallia* sent to me for identification, a single flower without vegetative parts, is, I am sure, *Masdevallia lata* Reichb. f. Your poor specimen differs a bit from the type, but we have to make allowances for variation when only fragments are in hand for comparative studies. I wish you would send more material when you have time to do so.

My wife has just finished a good drawing of *Stelis Lankesteri*. This will be published in an early number of the Botanical Museum Leaflets. In time we hope to have the bulk of the Central American species figured. For this contribution the orchidologists should give me thanks.

Just think of it: I have been awarded the George R. White Medal of Honor by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. I want you to realize that a very distinguished mortal objects to discourteous fragments!

Have you come in contact with Mr. Skutch. This young man is an excellent collector. If he ever visits your garden I hope you will ask him to dry for me some of the material in your collection which is too common for your fastidious attention.

Your welcome greetings card has been pasted on an herbarium sheet of a specimen of coffee sent to me in 1926 from your plantation.

All good wishes,



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