

November 8, 1941

Mr. C. H. Lankester  
Las Cóncevas  
Cartago, Costa Rica

Dear Mr. Lankester:

Your last sending, *Systeloglossum*, has arrived here in goos shape.

The material was a perfectly dried as if you had had it in press for a week or two before it was put in the mail. Most materila sent fresh in letters is dried by the time that it gets here,- or worse still decayed.

I am glad that you enjoyed the October Bulletin and hope that the November one will meet with your approval. -- I should be more than happy if you could find the time to write me an article about your collections (photos too) that could be used in the Bulletin.

The plant sent is *Systeloglossum acuminatum* A. & S. This is exactly like the type, which you collected, and I wonder about your statement that it must be the other species as you knew *S. acuminatum*. On the label of your 1091, type of the above, there is a note "very like my 447 but quite different in flowers". I do not know what your number 447 is but it is not among the *Systeloglossi* here. Could you be thinking of that, whatever it was, as being *S. acuminatum*?

I have never seen the Day notes and pictures as Kew. Perhaps Ames has. If this stupid war is ever satisfactorily concluded perhaps we can all go there again, and then I shall look them up.

Harping back to an article. Would not one about the wild orchid garden that you are trying to establish be of considerable interest? I think it would!

With my regards, I am,

Sincerely,



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*Oakes Ames Orchid Herbarium correspondence files*

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