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June 26th, 1922.

My dear Mr. Powell:

Your letter of the fifteenth June is just at hand.

Regarding my plans for the summer: The steamer I was to sail on, the Samaria, had engine trouble and put back to England. This accident necessitates a change in my actions and I am now booked for a steamer that leaves New York on July eleventh. I have engaged return passage for September sixth. This indicates a return to native shores by the middle of September.

Epidendrum dendrobiflorum does not seem to be the same as E. stenopetalum. You will be interested to know that I have found specimens in the National Herbarium bearing the name E. stenopetalum that Schlechter had determined. I realized that he had slipped.

The specimens of Pleurothallis from Chiriqui ought to be new. I hope you will prepare specimens for me.

I regret more than you do the accident that turned the stream of your specimens and the results of your labors toward a foreign land.

I wonder what this poor old world would have been like if there had been no "nuts". Somebody has

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just discovered that the "nuts" who devoted precious hours to the classification of fleas and their allies did a great service to humanity. The greatest obstacle to progress is the poor fool who has not yet waked up to the realization that science (and every one of its branches) has done more to bring happiness among us than any other thing of which we have knowledge. To me your work has brought a great deal of happiness! The medicine of the fifteenth century would have been good enough for the men we meet to-day who think that money is power and business is life. It is the tendency in us toward research that puts us above the beasts of the field. Not the desire to ~~amuse~~ fatten our bodies with tasty food and to dissipate our energies in the realm of finance.

Now that I know the slat drying press is satisfactory I will cease to make efforts to find a metal one.

I have already sent to you the identifications of the "mosses".

Adhesive tape was ordered some time ago, but has not yet arrived. When it comes to hand it will be sent to you promptly.

I hope the free use of naphthalene will reduce your troubles caused by mould.

Under separate cover I am sending you my paper on the mycorrhiza of *Goodyera*. When the good copies arrive I will send you one to accompany the paper of *Spiranthes* which

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is number one of the New England orchid series. I think you will enjoy this paper as it brings up some very interesting points for thought.

When I see Dr. Schlechter I will try to stir him up a bit.

I will see what can be done to have the Kew Bulletin sent to you. Now that Rolfe has passed on I am afraid that there will be little or nothing in the orchid line for us in future issues of the bulletin.

I think this covers everything for which your letter suggested a remark.

Yours faithfully,

Oakes Ames.



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