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My dear Dr. Schlechter: A long time ago I sent to you a few specimens and some photographs in the hope that you would give me your opinion of them. The specimens were *Stelis* spp. and the photographs represented among other things your *Epidendrum polychlamys* and *Hexadesmia micrantha* Lindl. To-day I am sending to you a few more photographs for you to pass on as they are chiefly Lehmann numbers from Colombia and Tonduz specimens from Costa Rica.

It seems to me that you have drawn the lines pretty close in your treatment of Central American *Microstylis* and, by the way, did I ever draw your attention to the fact that the tracing of *M. carpintera* Schltr. that you sent to me does not match the type specimen in the United States Natl. Herb.? *M. microtoides* seems very close to *M. gracilis*. What is the critical difference between these closely allied species?

I have received from Mr. Powell a specimen of *Lockhartia mirabilis* Reichb. f. said to have been determined by you. The details of the flower are not in accord with the plate in Xen. Orch. and I wonder if you have analyses of authentic material that you could send to me.

By the time this letter reaches you I hope you will have been to Vienna and that aside from a valuable set of tracings you will have good news for me with regard to exchanges.

I have set aside some very good specimens for the exchange and I am anxious to receive material at the earliest possible time.

I have not received any tracings from you since November or early December. I hope nothing has happened to interrupt the preparation of these helpful and valuable documents.

Yours faithfully,



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