

stems solid & clinch - or at least
some of them of that length.

Yours sincerely

May 2

Chas Wright

P.S. Did you get a letter from me
containing one for Lindley? I
sent him a little plant described
& named. I have since suspected that

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It is one of his species - if so it is
so badly described that I could not
recognize it. In *Pleuriothallis prostrata*
he says "*pedicellis elongatis*" whereas
the flowers are strictly sessile if you
except the terminal one. He makes the
lip ^{acute} whereas I find it obtuse.
I am afraid he has been careless C. W.

Winte Tende May 1st

Dear Dr

At last I have a letter
from home of date Apr 5th
What has become of previous
ones - well postmaster know
I suppose.

As I am sending back an
answer (I just this minute killed
a flea) I can slip in a line
for you. The rainy season has
set in & the weather is catching
I have to be on the lookouts for
patches of sunshine. The other
day I started out when it was
clear (it had been showering) but
had not got half a mile away
when it commenced raining ~~hard~~
& I had to return. Yesterday I
made a pretty successful half-day
work in the wood. Yesterday I

got a good supply of a ^{polygamous} *Chusicaea*, tree of which I brought home a few imperfect specimens (stam.) before it has ^{small} coriaceous leaves, with a sharp rigid point. It won't go into any of *Ericaceae* genera. This time I have good specimens, (flowering) I'll look out for fruit afterwards.

I got also specimens of a small tree with ~~racemose~~ ^{racemose} ~~simple~~ ^{simple} flowers & obovate ^{I think I got it before} ~~emarginate~~ leaves, Cal. 5-fld. imbricate leaflets unequal Acor. monostemon, deeply 5-parted Stam. 10. Anthers opening by pores at the tip. Ovary 5-celled. - 1 ovule in the apex of each cell. Style simple Anthers in the bud with the apex turned downwards & the lower end pointed. It won't go into any *Ericaceae* genus that I know of.

I find an *Adiantum* or something of the kind common here - a stout

tree now in full flower - no leaves yet. I have marked several for fruit & leaves.

I picked up flowers of another *Verbenaceae* tree. Tomorrow I mean to go & cut it or climb for the foliage & good specimens.

When Mrs. Gray comes over I wish you would be so kind as to send me for Mr. L some treatise on bee-culture. If you can get a French one it will be well - but English will do. Also if you will send me a few shoe makers awls - straight & crooked - and some copper shoe-nails. There is a sort of cobbler here but he has no tools or very poor ones. The rocks & mud are very hard on ones understanding Nails long enough to go through a

with any bond

Verbesina pygmaea

I have no idea of contending for
my name against your authority.
I have examined it again carefully &
except that the acheneum is not strictly
speaking winged but merely has a
thick margin I can not see wherein
it ~~does~~ not agree with the character
of *Verbesina* & *Hamulium*. There may
be something about those "stigmatic
lines" that I have never yet been
able to find. However as well as my
imperfect recollection of our Amer-
ican species serves me they certainly
don't look much like sisters.
Please point out the points in which
it differs from *Verbesina*. If you
spoil the specimens I sent I have
enough to supply all the princi-
pal herbaria in the world. (over)

C. W.

I would be glad to have a list
of the names of my former collec-
tion so far as I can back had
given them to you if it will not be
too much trouble for you to make
me a copy

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