

about 7 ft long & a job I had
of it getting tangled in that
long scratchy grass. I expect
Baton will be abundantly thank-
ful for it - if not I shall
always think he ought to be
I have three other species of about
the same length

Yours truly

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Dear Dr

Don't I make the
oranges suffer? You see
I am in a new locality -
right at the foot of Nima-
nima. I went up it the other
day & found it as wet & dirty
as it was three years ago. I
got my boat before reaching
the top leaving besides most of
the larger ferns for another
visit. Yesterday I went to the
top of Loma del Gato & made
a good collection. I bore in
mind the *Illicium* which I
found there but didn't hit upon
the exact locality or there was
no bush with fl. or fr. But -
as I was coming down the

road at one place was quite
filled up by a large fallen bush.
At first I saw something like
birds & on a closer examination
I found a very creditable number
of flowers & fr. of the very *Illicium*.
In my card I sent one of your
desiderata - fr. of *Ravenia* -
& before long you'll have the other.
Then are birds in abundance
on the bush & I shall be able to
get more fl. & perhaps fr.

When at St. Philip I might
have got plenty of fl. of *Hura*
& *apricum* (I saved some) but I had
forgotten that this was one of your
desiderata. May-be the Man-
chined will turn up sometime.

I am domesticated with Mr.
Battaille an old man whose
children are in Cuba - such as
are not married - and he is at
present alone. I stopped two or

three days only at Mr. Bradford
- long enough to add several
to my list of ferns. And I begin
to think there is some chance
of supplying those lacking 66
numbers.

Mr. Battaille tells me that the
crest which I have all along
on Mr. Bradford's authority, called
Nimanima is La Guinea &
that the former is away over
toward the sea-shore. I was
on La G. yesterday ^(14th) when I
got a lot of ferns & found an-
other bush of *Illicium* with
fr. & birds.

18th Yesterday again I was
on La Guinea & brought away
a good load mostly ferns. I got
some more specimens of *Illicium*
& a *Terrostremia* I brought
from the very top of a fern-stem.



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