

Botanical Museum,
Oxford St.,
Cambridge, Mass.,
May 25, 1929.

Dear Mr. Lankester;

Your always interesting
specimens (dried plants and bottled
flowers) sent via the United Fruit
Co.; arrived ^{last} Saturday ^{May 18} and
their careful examination took up
most of this week. At P

At Prof Ames request, I am
herewith sending you our hearty
thanks and the determinations.

No 1244. *Oncidium* sp. nov. This is a
very interesting plant allied to *O.*
bracteatum Rehb. f. & Warse., but
with striking floral differences.
For its description, however, we
need a complete vegetative
specimen i. e. pseudobulbs, leaves
& peduncle.

1231. *Pleurothallis velaticaulis* Rehb. f.

Thanks for the Newmannian Correspondence. C.S.

- 1140 *Epidendrum fragrans* Sw.
 1233 *Pleurothallis costaricensis* Rolfe
 1235 *Habenaria monorchiza* R. f.
 1234 *Miltonia Endresii* Nichols.
 1238 *Cochliopsis hyacinthosma* R. f.
 1236 *Habenaria alata* Hook
 1230 *Trichopilia maculata* R. f.

(luxuriant plant)

- 1243 *Corymborchis flava* (Sw.) D. Ktze.
 1245 *Trigeusis falcata* Lindl.
 (Commonly green ^{or yellow} flowered)

1220. *Epidendrum mirabile* A. & S. ined.
 (Based on an Alfaro collection from
 San Ignacio de Aserri)

- 1219 (photos 88 & 88a, very good) *Epiden-*
dium pergamenum Rolfe f. (large fls.)
 1221 *Epid. equitantifolium* Ames
 1222 *Camariidium minus* Schltr. (not
Maxillaria microphyton Schltr.) This
 species has the rigidly attached lip of
 an *Omithidium* and should be placed
 there if this genus is upheld.
 1223. *Cryptocentrum calcaratum* Schltr
 928 & 1109. *Sobralia* sp. nov. Thank you

1132 *Miltonia stenoglossa* Schltr
(~~It~~ that is distinct from *M. laevis*
(Lindl.) Rolfe)

1218 α *Hexisea oppositifolia* R. f. (not
H. bidentata Lindl.: note large broad
2-lobed calices)

1239 α *Epid. reflexum* A. & S.
(based on Valerio 61, from Arenal)
We have no specimens, so cannot
you send ^{us} a complete one?

1240 α *Epid. bilobatum* Ames

577. *Pleurothallis testaeifolia* Lindl
(a perfect match)

Pair of Bottled *Pleurothallis* fls:
both represent *P. cardiothallis* R. f.;
(*P. palliolata* has far different petals
& lip.)

Cycnoches flower: on further study
it appears much larger than your dried
specimen previously sent, and seems
preferable to *C. ventricosum* Bateman.

Lycaste flower, (called *macrophylla*)
differs from ^{the} typical *L. macrophylla*

for completing the specimen. For purposes of description, what is the height of this plant - extremes? What are the extreme measurements of leaves? The height of the specimen sent (to base of plant) is 28 cm ^{up} to ^{the} apex of flower: the leaves 7.2 - 12 cm. long.

1226 *Sobralia macrantha* Lindl.

(For sure diagnosis a flower in formalin as well as typical leaf measurements are needed)

1227 Epid., pumilum Rolfe

1229 " subviolascens Schltr. ex char.

(Our first specimen of this plant which appears to be a good species)

1217 (photo 86, good) Epid., trianthum Schltr. ex char. (Our first specimen of this plant which Schltr. described as 3-fl. + 3-leaved)

1225. Epid. *Schumannianum* Schltr.

(Thank)

1224 *Eriopus Wenckleri* Schltr.

1228 *Maxillaria stenostachys* R.f.

(fls. white, instead of yellow as cited in the description)

from Peru, but is doubtless the
var. Desbouisiana Cogn. (Chronique
Orchidées ^{vol} 1, p. 4.) with dotted petals
+ lip.

The non-orchids enclosed I send,
as Prof Ames directs, ^{after fumigating,} to Dr. Standley,
of the Field Museum, Chicago.

I am yours very respectfully

C.S.

Assistant to Prof Ames.

In one of your ~~former~~ letters to
Prof Ames you ask the reason for
the specific name "luctuosa" (*Plen.
orthallia* l.). It signifies sorrow-
ful doubtless in allusion to the
dark purple flowers of the type.
Also you ask why *pruinosa* (*Plen.
pruinosa*). It signifies pruinose
or glaucous, in reference to the
outer surface of the sepals.



Schweinfurth, Charles. 1929. "Schweinfurth, Charles May 25, 1929 [to C.H. Lankester]." *Oakes Ames Orchid Herbarium correspondence files*

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