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NUMERO:

Dear Charles:

Thank you for your letter about the orchids of Colombia, Peru, etc. The information was very useful to me for a little article I have written entitled "La Riqueza de la Flora Colombiana". This will be out shortly and I shall see that a copy is sent to you.

Thanks also for the copy of Prof. Ames' book which arrived last month. I am hoping to translate the last chapter of it into Spanish for publication here. I have a lot of time often on my trips when it rains, and I hope to use part of it in this way.

I wonder if you could help me in a matter of Greek. In 1941, I discovered what appears to be a new genus of Solanaceae in southern Colombia, but I have never described it waiting for more material. Finally, now, I have abundant material of it. All these years I have thought to call it *Methysticodendron Amesianum*, the generic name meaning "narcotic tree". Now, however, I wonder if I couldn't call it something honouring Prof. Ames in the genus. There is so much difficulty getting a generic name which has not utilised Ames or Oakes that I have thought perhaps that *Dendramesia* might possibly be good. But I don't know enough about Greek to be sure whether I can use dendros in that way and use the personal name as the suffix. Can you help me out?

I shall be making a trip shortly up to Costa Rica to see the flowering of the Hevea trees. Last month, Louis Williams and his wife were in Bogota for a few days. Is Mrs. Marsh still drawing for you? If so, give her my regards and tell her that very soon now I shall have several things for her to draw, maps of distribution especially.

Regards,

Richard

Prof. Pease suggests Amesiodendron as being the nearest and best approximation to your requirements.



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