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Dear Leslie:

First, I must thank you for a wonderful set of duplicates, many from Brazil where we are weak, which you sent recently.

I believe you are wrong on your identification of *Pleurothallis discoidea* as the tracing from Hb.

Rehb. in which you have an hastate, acute, deeply cordate lip. The one which you have annotated as "I refer this to *Pl. leptopetala* Cogn." is the type of *discoidea*, so far as I can learn. In German, it says on this: "ist kein *discoidea*, neu", but still it is the type (collected probably by Crieper) in 1869. In the original description, Lindley stated "(v. ic. pict. in hb. Hooker)".

I am writing Kew to get a photo of this "pict."

Furthermore, although I do not need to & will not reduce it (as it does not enter flora of Trinidad), I feel that the Jamaican *Pl. Morruessii* is syn. with *Pl. discoidea* with a round lip with thickened margins.

I return the flowers you sent on loan. Thanks for your help. I shall let you know when we get the photo from England.

Cheerio,

Dick

I thank you so much for your kind letter & sympathetic understanding on my mother's death.



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