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My dear Dr Ames:

I have your two letters of 5th and one of 6th by todays mail, the one of the 6th enclosing check for \$150.00 for which accept my thanks, as I was beginning to be cramped as to funds. Now speaking of funds, I will request that you will send me as early in February your remittance as possible. Your not coming here, I will resume my original intention and get off to Chiriqui as early as possible after the 19th; and, as I wish to make a thorough research while there, I will have to employ a number of men and make <sup>Each section all</sup> ~~it all~~ <sup>and rapidly</sup> concurrently. For this I will require plenty of funds. I personally will not have time to go out and make extensive hunts, but will remain at my stopping place and work up specimens as they are brought into me by my collectors. Ofcourse I expect to make some research myself, but it will be restricted by the need of caring for the collectors work; Chiriqui is par excellence the Orchid country.

The flowers are beginning to open up now and we put down today a number of specimens to dry. Speaking of drying and having in mind your enquiry as to an Electric bed warmer, I have long thought that one of the Kerosene stoves, with lamp and oven, would be fine. The lamp can be adjusted so that the <sup>heat</sup> ~~heat~~ will be just as you may wish it, and you will not have to sit over it and watch it. Nor will <sup>specimens</sup> ~~it~~ catch fire while <sup>a</sup> drying. I would not suggest one with an open burner, but one that uses a chimney lamp. Think on this.

I have long made it a rule to pump dry every one who comes near the garden as to methods known to him to accomplish things, and I have learned much thereby and profited from it. I have long used both the cotton batting and the extra fillers in drying out my specimens



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with much satisfaction. The cotton padded ones require more watching to keep off mould, which can and will come in a single night.

My material from the woods will be pouring into you by April 1st, and could begin to come long before if you wish it sent on during your absence, which I gather from your letters may extend up to Apl 1st. While I am away my daughter will give all attention required to my Orchid affairs and, as she has always been my faithful adjutant, I have no fears of its not being properly done.

You should have just seen ~~as~~ how I jumped upon No 2 of the Schedulae and the avidity with which I read every line of it. If I can judge the other Orchidists by myself, a paen of thanks is going in to you for each number. It was surely a much needed publication.

I will not send Schlechter the letter until it is released by you. I am in accord with you as to probable effects, hence my already delay. With your permission, however, I would like to send him a specimen of the <sup>1p.</sup> Selen/chica, as that has been for a long time an item of correspondence between us, and he has been so anxious to get one. It cannot now, that I can see, interfere with your work. I believe Schlechter to be broad minded and this was evidenced when I refused him specimens at first, ~~because~~ because of my promise to Rolfe. He wrote me " I would not do anything to interfere with Rolfe," but the German mind is a queer thing, as was made manifest in the famous declaration that "treaties were but a scrap of paper". I had expected to send you several copies of Schlechters book, believing that you might wish to use scissors in stead of typewriter, in some things. You shall receive them by the first mail out from here after I get them.

I am sure that our Herbarium work will be far more interesting now, that there is no one between us. I can write you originally about things and send you promptly things that have had to wait some times for months.



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My daughter has improved so very much in her drawings, that I now believe I can trust her to figure the flower or plant, but not the small parts, and with my next Spec sheets I will send you an example of No 268 Masdevallia -----? and of No 22 Maxillaria-----?, which I believe you will agree with me are fine. I will also send you a fine plant drawing of No 269 Bulbophyllum -----?, made by my friend the N.Y. artist sojourning here for a while. I thank you for putting me on the track of No 269, I never would have suspected it to be Bulbophyllum, because I had thought of this sp as Oriental and African. Yet, ~~now~~ I am sure that you have it right. I have gone over all of the Bulbophyllum literature I have, but cannot find its like, closely enough for me to have guessed it.

Congratulations upon the U.F.Co's good offices in procuring for you specimens, and it should yield you many a fine specimen. This is of particular interest as to Honduras, because of its unexplored possibilities. Their facilities are superior to any other source, because of the large number of plantation managers and the unlimited labor they have.

I have in mind to do a famous piece of work this year in Chiriqui, as it will be my last up there. I had about determined to not do any more active field work, but your letter come and changed all of my plans. I would not trust any one else to do Chiriqui but myself, as I know the whole country and am much liked by the natives, whom I have always treated fairly. Then I speak Spanish fluently, so get along with them better because of which.

The hour is now late, and the mail is out tomorrow, therefore I will bring this letter to a close.

Very sincerely yours

C. W. Powell

P.S. Send me a package of Bell dryers. all I have are down with specimens. also return bottles for specimens. Here only 2 or 3 left. The bottles in a package no are buying





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