

September 10th, 1923.

My dear Mr. Powell:

I enclose check on New York for two hundred dollars. This amount is to be used at your discretion in accordance with our agreement.

The package of specimens has just come in from the Customs. The *Habenaria* species are just what I suspected they would be: 315. *Habenaria bicornis* Lindl. 316, 317 & 318 *Habenaria alata* Hook. 319 is a new *Epidehdrum*. I am calling it *E. pudicum*. But this name may have to be changed if I find that it has already been used. For the present use it. I take it up in the sense of "chaste".

A package of tracings has come in from our friend Schlechter. Most of the species are your Panama numbers. From the size of the package I should think he has had every one of the types traced. This gives us a double check on the Panama orchids of Powell.

312 is, as I suspected, *Stelis cascajalensis* Ames.

I am sorry to report that Lankester is not coming up to expectations. I am afraid his collecting is of a most desultory kind. Maxon gave me to understand that it would be wise not to set my heart on telling results from Lankester's methods. Still, I am hoping that as time goes by he will get down to a more substantial basis of work. But, until Standley goes to Costa Rica I am afraid Schlechter will continue to get the jump on us.

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discoveries would have been in print by now. That is what I am sure that Standley's expedition will open the eyes of the people round Cartago and perhaps stimulate a little interest in the sylvan treasures of Costa Rica. Is it not how hope rises even when adversity is prevalent?

I intend to describe and figure Epidendrum pudicum in Sched. Orch. 6. Unless Schlechter has had it from Costa Rica and publishes it in his Sept. 30 paper. We always run the risk of that.

Yours faithfully,



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