

355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. October 10th, 1923.

Dear Mr. Powell:

The package with the *Hexisea* species came through all right, this morning. This package came by the Port of Boston. In future it will be wise to send by Boston boats. The Custom officials of Boston seem to have more education than those of New York. So much for that.

333 *Hexisea oppositifolia* Reichb. f. This differs from *H. bidentata* in the outline of the perianth segments and in the heavy callus on the base of the labellum. It is a mighty rare species. I know it from the Mexican type. I am surprised to have it turn up in Panama. I should like to see more material of this species. Up to the present time it has been difficult to do much with the *Hexisea* species as they are not well represented in herbaria. Only about five species have been described. The one doubt regarding *H. bidentata* is the fact that your material does not exhibit the bidentate character of the column wings on which Lindley founded the specific name.

I turned up a new species of *Pleurothallis* today among Lankester's specimens; an odd little thing with an elongated rhizome and alternate orbicular leaves. I am publishing this in Sched. Orch. 6.

Many thanks for the additional specimens of *Epidendrum pudicum* sp. nov. There is no doubt but that this is a notable addition to the genus. I have it figured and described for Sched. Orch. 6.

Mr. Schweinfurth has a fresh supply of bottles for you. It is surely a profound pleasure to work on your species when the alcoholic material is at hand. A word of advice: When you send *Stanhopeas* *Coryanthes* and similar things, it will be well to put cotton in the bottles to keep the flowers from swashing about. Unless they are guarded in some way they break. It would also be well to use very weak alcohol and let us strengthen the solution here. But such bottles should be marked. Weak alcohol prevents brittleness.

305 may be new. I have been unable to run it down, but it may be a color variation.

307. *Maxillaria* sp. Only one flower with the specimen. This is closely allied to *M. curtipes* Hook. f. but the sepals appear to be narrower etc. This may be new. I would rather wait for additional material before describing it. It is also close to *M. Powellii* Schltr. but different.

In a few days I will have more determinations for you. I intend to be very punctilious and at short intervals I will send you bulletins to keep your spirits high.

With the best of good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Charles D. C. Powell



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