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My dear Dr. James!

You must excuse me, that for such a long time I was quiet. The fact is, that after returning to Berlin in middle of August I was finding such heaps of work awaiting me, that it was impossible to start with anything before I had not made at least a little bit of clear ground. I am now going to take up one by one of your diverse questions, that you have addressed to me and I hope that within a very short time everything will be settled satisfactorily.

To Prof. Fiedle I have spoken at once and I hope that by now you will be in possession of the different copies that you have been asking for. I am packing up to-day yet several of my last publications and will get them despatched with this letter.

The *Epidendrum* from Venezuela I have

been examining in time and have come to the conclusion, that it is C. grammoglossum Rehb. f. But this species is altogether misplaced by Reichenbach and Kindley. It does not belong to Didymopanax, but is a clear species of Osmorhiza, nearest allied perhaps to O. calamorrhiza Zoll. In the column it agrees altogether with Osmorhiza.

I am drawing up the list of your China-Orchids, which you sent to me as duplicates and will forward it at an early date.

Many thanks for the beautiful lot of Bornean Orchids. They arrived well and gave me much satisfaction. The arrival of the first Philippine lot in June, I have ^{at once} acknowledged by card. I am afraid this card has not reached you.

I fully appreciate, that you have been looking out the new lot of Philippine Orchids (565 specimens) for me and you can depend upon it, that you will have splendid material from me too. I am working generally from 5 o'clock in the morning until late at night and

am doing all in my power to satisfy you.

Circumstances are however not well and I have to spend a certain time of the day to get to some more popular, paid writing. Whereas generally things are costing about 13-15 times as much as in 1914, our salary was only raised to about 5 times as then, and this will explain you the situation better than anything else.

I had great difficulties to get a good person to draw the analytical pictures for you. But now I think I have got one, which will start to-morrow to copy first of all the analyses of the Triphorae and then I will at once get sketches made of the species you have been asking for. On the compilation of the species I have been working already and I wish to send you a key for ordering the next days for Triphora.

I have carefully analysed the scanty material of Triphora mexicana. There cannot be any doubt, that it is specifically distinct.

The shape of the leaves is different, the flower larger, the lip altogether distinct. I will send you by my next letter the analysis of T. mexicana and T. trianthophora as I could make it out and you will see the differences quite clearly. I have besides a very interesting new Triphora from Amazonas, which might be published at once too. I will send you a sketch and the description. Unfortunately I have only one tiny little plant.

Of Gleistes I have been getting splendid material and this will come in handy for a monograph of the genus.

I am now putting aside for you splendid material of Costa-Rica Orchids. I got a very large collection, that was made in 1909-1910 there by Alexander Sargent Pringle. The number of novel ties is perhaps not so very large, but the material is good ~~little~~ and rich and like this I will be able to spare you many samples of old Reichenbachian species and of these that I described formerly. I have 2 new genera from there. One allied to Lepanthes another allied to Holcisia.

As to the New-Britain - Orchids, you have, as far as I can judge not a third of what you are going to get. I wished to distribute another lot yet this year, but under the circumstances, that I have mentioned to you, I could not find the time yet to do so. In winter it will be out of question, because at home, where I have got all these duplicates, we won't have enough coals to heat the room, where I can distribute them, we are only allowed sufficient supplies to keep one family-room warm.

The Orchidflora-list of Peru has at last appeared, but I have not yet got all the copies, as soon as possible I will see that your copies are sent to you. I am struggling at once with the printing of the Bolivia-manuscript.

As to the Vienna-trip I will write to you fully in the next letter, Mr. Schneider is not in Berlin at present and it is difficult to get the proper dates for the approximate costs together.

The H. Drumings - Orchids and the materials of economic plants, that I had been sorting out for you in the Museum will be sent to you shortly. I have spoken about them to Dicks yesterday.

As to the "Folia" I agree to anything that you might decide. As soon as I see, that there is a start I will put all the strength on the work and you will soon have enough manuscript. to safeguard a speedy continuation. I have drawn already quite a lot of species of many genera, where I only need to make yet a few analytical drawings to complete them. It is quite right, that we should start first with smaller genera and then, as material necessitates, to over to the bigger ones.

This is only a hurried letter, to show you, that I am active for our work and for your interest. I will now start to answer to everyone of your questions singly in my quickly following letters.

Yours very sincerely
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