

Santa Cruz de Yojoa,  
Dept. of Cortes,  
Honduras, C.A.

November 29, 1933.

My dear Mr. Ames:

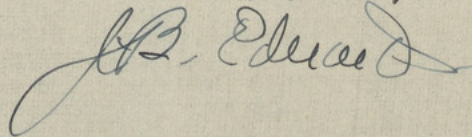
Just about an hour ago the Indian Runner arrived from Jaral with my mail and among the letters I found one from you dated Nov. First. The check has not yet arrived. I am running a little short of funds and hope that it will come in a short time. The cost of the accident at the river last month took more than half of the last check. To date, since my return Oct. 23rd, I have collected material of 57 different varieties of Orchids and 25 Woody Plant specimens.

I note what you have to say about the shortage of Woody Plant specimens. I have only this to say in reply: Many days I go into the forest and do not find a single Woody Plant specimen- That is in blossom-when I do find Orchids. It is something I can not help. You insist that the plants taken must have blossoms and they simply are not to be found in large numbers. I am sure that I do not overlook any thing in the way of Woody Plant material. When it does exist it is much easier found than Orchid material.

The Indian is returning to Jaral to-day and I am sending this letter and the one I wrote Nov. 15th. back by him. I am not sending out any of the packages of material as the Post Master at Jaral will not accept Foreign Parcel Post. I shall have to wait until the rains let up some and then take them to Siguatepeque or San Pedro Sula. I shall have to take the packages out myself as I do not care to trust them to a common Indian laborer. So far I have not been able to get a reliable assistant and am having to use a local man to go into the forest with me and then at night I fix up the specimens and keep the charcoal fire going under them until Ten or Eleven O'Clock. Some days I have to stay in on account of the very heavy rains and when I do I keep the fire going all day and in this way get the specimens dried out in a short time.

Hoping to hear from you very soon, I am,

Sincerely yours,







Edwards, James B. 1933. "Edwards, James B. Nov. 29, 1933 [to O. Ames]."  
*Oakes Ames Orchid Herbarium correspondence files*

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