

Barry

June 25. 1923.

My dear Dr Ames,

My warmest thanks for yours of May 28th, I have acknowledged already the famous list of determination for which I am very deeply grateful.

On Friday last I had the pleasure to take two botanists for a short woodland ramble (Dr Stevens of Illinois & Mr Hark, late of Cornell) & I took opportunity to go to a haunt of two of your desiderata, Masdevallia cyathogaster & M. picturata, of the first I found 3 small plants in flower & of the latter 4 or 5 nice plants, though several of the blooms were much eaten, of this a good one is safely & thoroughly alcoholized for you.

The episode of the epiphytic Spiranthes is good reading & I congratulate you on the thrill & so successfully obtaining such a prize; should this occur down here?

Of species in cultivation for you, the supposed Epidendrum pusillum is full of buds, the Eriopsis spike is up about 10 inches & bears just over 30 buds some of which are stationary & evidently are "damping off" at least & are quite healthy & indicate a small-flowered species, the supposed Calanthe has flowered & is nothing of the sort; but rather a Microstylis or allied genus, the whole plant & flowers a uniform green, the piliform petals purplish also alcoholized for you.

I am projecting a raid tomorrow for Delipogon Eichlerii, but bright-rain. the prospect of more to follow will render it a difficult matter, as it is a long traverse of Brazil up to 7000 ft

I imagine Guianensis should be worth working & I may get down there at the end of the rain, if Otton's friend Valerius

is collecting on the Tilarán range, as I believe, you should find many
novelties among his ^{material} ~~plants~~, or at least many northern forms may stray
down to that region, which is close to the Nicaraguan frontier.

Enclosed picture is of a Stanhopea brought home from Parapetí
some ten years ago. I sent a good piece of it to Kew, but heard nothing
of it, it is evidently a natural hybrid, the spikelets are typically ecomata
yet note the stubby horns, I believe a piece is still alive at Los Concejos
(the farm) & it must be brought over here & nursed, in any case it is a
charming thing, I tried when at home to get new slides for the camera
that took a precious picture, they are no longer ^{obtainable} made, the maker's name
is Gennert of New York, it has been in my possession for 26 years
& was then not new, so it may be the original camera; are the heirs
& assigns of said Gennert in business? I would like to get hold of
3 slides as my other $\frac{1}{4}$ plate Kodak of a very pre-war vintage is
quite unsuitable for flower work.

There are two buds on a Cycnoches from Peralta, all my
pet cockroaches must be grinding their teeth.

Adiaans.

Faithfully yours.

C. Lantieri.



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