

HACIENDA LAS CONCAVAS

CARTAGO: APARTADO 32

COSTA RICA, C. A.

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Dear Ames,

Blossom on you for yours of 20th Oct. Many of the specimens you will find completed in the delayed bundle which shall soon follow. It has a good plant of 1010. I found a large well flowered specimen on a Sunday trip to Cachi, its pubescent sepals & multiflorous character renders it an easy species. Some of your determination drive me distracted, *Stelis* is a *Stamotheca* type.

Now — 1043 is a *Cryptanthus* (I say *precidentus* because that what Allen Roff always called it. I am sorry the flower was lost, look again with you, close to interior base of leaf, it may have tucked in there. Seed capsule was sent in formal.

Of 917 & α, one of the most extraordinary of the *Pleurothallis* I sent herbarium material, one leaf-flower I think, it went in the two parcels and Maria Sanchez took to you on my behalf, this is a fern. I have only twice seen it, possibly common in the Pajisalle region.

"*Trichopitia punctata*" Take away parenthesis you will find the correct name of this delightful little orchid, the plant is quite dead so I cannot promise dry specimen.

999. Awright. But even so, if not M. Calura, I pray you believe it not M. Roffeana, how about one of *Schlechter* *Trichopitia* species? This came from Larcero not far from San Ramon, so Bruce promptly sent it to Schlechter. D. E. P. D. I agree with you in finding it remarkably alike in the dried state, but very dissimilar in life.

I am astounded to find # 995 is an *Epidendrum*. an interesting plant. (*E. lanceolatum*) Schl. Can it really be?

Stelis Lankester. 1017. Well well, is it possible, you know the type comes from sea-level & it did not enter my head that it could be more than an allied species & I still think it may prove distinct, but the occurrence of *S. leucopogon* at Pajisalle was an eye opener. I hope Standley will get you specimens from Andres' type locality of this latter. (Desengano)

1019. How does *Goniocractus* differ from *paranthus*? to my recollection the differences are merely vegetative due to variance of station. (I am not backing badly here)

1021. *Sobralia leucantha* (Krohn) like it, but you are positive. I don't believe in any herbarium species of this genus very strongly.

Is this *Stelis punctata*? I shall soon have this in good flower

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Pleurothallis Calyptrostachys COSTA RICA, C. A.

1015, But this a little few. I have not seen it in flower yet, but it is growing well with me.

1002. Lycaste tricolor, Linn. var.? If so, other references to this of have been very bad breaks. This has always practically monochrome translucent pink flowers. I don't know what mental justification I may have for having always imagined this to be L. Dorianae. It is a very abundant of in the hot Atlantic forest. Photo #17.

1051 Epid. Lancheanum if so, I fear your Crisobalanus must be reduced to varietal rank, as I feel sure it is simply a dear old gardener's "major", the influence of favorable station. #1051 came from quite close to San Cristobal. no flowered at Concaras.

993. Pleuro Duerckheimii, this is interesting, it is about the prettiest of our common Pleurothallis - from the illustration in Williams. I have always thought it P. Rozei. I suppose the type is from Guatemala.

1050 Stelis n. sp. (sic). From much intensively combed localities is it possible for newness to appear. Cautious. an abundant plant too.

977. Stelis Dendrocyana - 1035, Stelis Dendrocyana.
La Palma Estrella.

No. Can do.

Also, if so, how come Stelis Handleyi? or was it Handleyana.

How forgive my fanceries & when at Cuba lean sugar behind & come up here & watch Stelis actually doing it, (being its very own mean self) I am incredibly grateful for your correspondence, but don't forget that wireless messages should be at least two days ahead & have any effect in this pair. & if you have had the Graphlex Formed to it along & see if I can work it. With warm good wishes for 1924

A Stelis brought from La Palma 1923 has just flowered & proves to be S. Salazarii. I have not seen it before. The fasciculate inflorescence renders it very distinct.

Yours sincerely

C. H. Lankester

837 d. of this two flowers were sent a heterostachya specimen. an unique collection, no other plant seen. Handley will surely put out this scurrying Ptychocheilus material, a great distinct. it is a see a photo of this of sent you April 30. 1920, Linn. var. & remember to complete, it is a common Atlantic species. I would like have for #765, also photographically rendered same date.



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