

HACIENDA LAS CONCAVAS

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COSTA RICA, C. A.

March 12. 1929.

My dear Prof Ames,

Yesterday at havana, being the fiesta of our "Lady of Perpetual Socorro" to whom the worthy havanenses have erected a shrine. I & the old lady sallied forth on being steeds & en route to the scene of the religious rites (or should it be obscene rites) we explored some favorite old spots of ours & scaled a hill side new to us & there just above a little gully that was a perfect symphony of ferns we found in bud the long looked for terrestrial *Elleanthus* that has, as yet, eluded us in flower. This though only a partial success may prove interesting to you & has provoked me into labelling up the small batch of material to go forward to you at an early date.

I enclose a few photos, others I am expecting shortly from San Jose. & today I have exposed 3 films on a perfectly fascinating *Oreocidium* that Harvey Stone brought me from Sta Maria de Dota last year, you may know it by the arched side racemes

arching downward

11 of these laterals on the rachis, buds obpyriform obovate, div-triplylobed at apex. 2 sheathing leaves at base.



Sep & pet pale green
frontal lobes of lip chrome yellow;
crest - central area of lip deep cadmium

all segments immaculate. I must write - Tell Stark what
a gem this has proved. I tried Schlechter's catalogue to see if
any specific name seemed appropriate but cannot find one to
fit in, it may be new, I have never been in that district but probably
standley got it there. the plant looks very like one of the
Old Edwardsii hybrids. I can't think how I am going to
press it to give you any idea of the beautiful disposition of
the flowers, each little raceme has the flowers facing away
outwardly in a very symmetrical manner, almost secund.
This most conventional arrangement & its strange coloring
render this a delightful surprise in the genus.

Our day or rather few hours in the woods yielded little
beyond the Eleanthus & a host of inexpressible delight,
what a magic there is in woodland, I did find a tiny
Rodriguezia in seed, tho' I fear this will not grow here,
I used to know it well in the Cañon & Encarnacion woods &
sent it to Rolfe but have never found one for you. A few
Psecatris ciliaris was the only garden orchid collected.

With warm regards.

Faithfully yours

Chas. L. Kent.

at risk of your scorn I have
named #577 Cryptophoranthus again,

it seems to me a perfectly valid
branch of Pleurothallis, a very well marked
out genus to my mind.



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