

HACIENDA LAS CONCAVAS

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My dear Prof Ames.

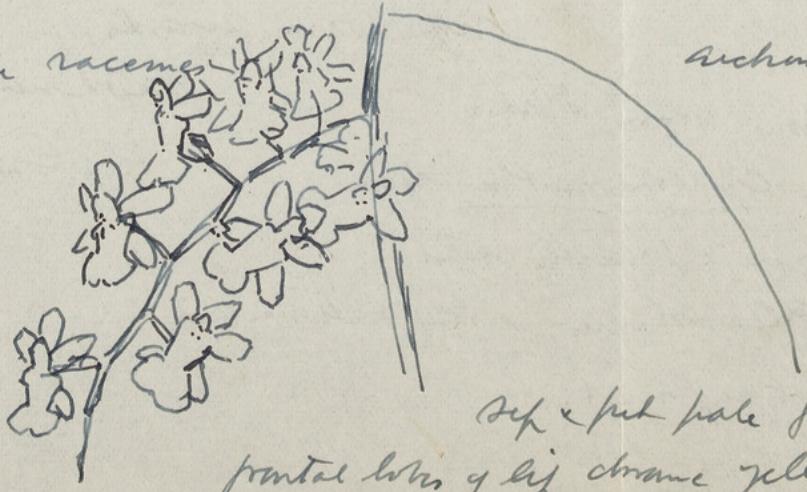
Yesterday at Barva, being the feast of our "Lady of Perpetual Sorrows" (whom the worthy Barvanos have erected a shrine, I & the old lady walked on my steeds & en route to the scene of the religious rites (or shamed it to obscene rites) we explored some favorite old spots of ours & scaled a hill side new to us & then just above a little gully that was a perfect symphony of ferns we found in bud the long looked for terrestrial Eleanthus that has, as yet, eluded us in flower. This though only a partial success may prove interesting to you & has provoked me into labeling up the small batch of material to go forward to you at an early date.

Have with a few photos, others I am expecting.

Shortly from San José, & today I have exposed 3 plates on a perfectly fascinating Oncidium that Harvey Stott brought me from Sta. María de Dota last year, you may know by the arched side racemes

arching downward

11 of these laterals on the rachis, bells oboviform acute, dis-trifoliate at apex. 2 sheathing leaves at base.



Sep & pet pale green
frontal lobe of lip orange yellow,
crest - central area of lip deep cadmium

all segments immaculate. I must write & tell you 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 seen in that district but probably Standley put it there. The plant looks very like one of the Od. 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 inwardly in a very symmetrical manner, almost secund. This neat conventional arrangement & its strange colouring render this a delightful surprise in the genus.

Our day or rather few hours in the woods yielded little beyond the *Ellanthes* & a host of inexpressible delights, 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 Cebu & Davao woods a sent it to Rolfe but have never found one for you. A fat *Pleurothallis clivae* was the only garden orchid collected.

With warm regards.

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
and genus to my mind.

Fairly yours
Aspinwall.



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