

September 10, 1941

Mr. C. H. Lankester
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Cartago, Costa Rica

Dear Mr. Lankester:

First in regard to the *Stelis* enclosed in your letter. I suspect the one which you sent in your recent letter (August 25) is something else. You originally wrote of it thusly: "I have never sent the *Stelis* herewith to Ames, it is a very large sturdy plant with spatulate leaves much like those of *P. gelida*. Leaves 5" x 2 1/2", pale yellowish green, navarro forest." The leaves on the present plant do not fit nor do the bracts of the inflorescence agree.

You will recall that the flowers of *Stelis* that you sent have the most peculiar sepals. Each margin is rolled back and present a rather distinctive appearance. I enclose one flower from the inflorescence you have sent, hoping that it will help you to call it to mind.

I am rather interested in your comment on the genus *Brenesia*. I would think with you that it is not distinct from *Pleurothallis*. As a matter of fact I have had a manuscript for several months with a note on it and had it changed to *Pleurothallis*. The name will be *P. lateralis*.

I shall be glad to see the little lepanthoid *Pleurothallis* which is in your willow tree that blew down.

I was very much chagrined in looking through my duplicates of U.S. commemorative stamps to find that I had only about fifty of them. This is not a very good showing considering the large number which ex-Postmaster General Farley inflicted on the country.

The little *Oncidium* which you collection in the enviorns of Sao Paulo is *O. Löfgrenii* Cogn. It is an interesting little fellow, isn't it?

Mr. C. H. Lankester

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Have you met Paul Allen who lives in Balboa? He is most enthusiastic about the orchids of Panama and is certainly turning up his share of novelties. A few days ago I received a brand new Trichopilia.

With my regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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