

March 15. 1956.

Dear Dr. Schweinfurth.

I was pleasantly surprised to hear from you & learn the name of that quaint & very original sp. of Odont from Ecuador, from whence I have received recently several sendings of many attractive red & white known species with several other unknown to me, the genus Dichocorys among them which now in fact promises excitement.

The orchid I bought yesterday at the hybrid vendors' site by the Union Club & it was a surprise to me to see a Mascitania of such delightful type for the first time, & my hope is that these flowers will contain sufficient freedom for you to see their beauty; it will very likely be amongst Greener's collections. Though if the vendor speaks the truth, an event rarely to be anticipated, it came from La Hondana, a region of the Atlantic that Albert Greener very doubtfully ever visited. The lip is so dark as to be apparently black & <sup>rather</sup> ~~forms~~ a very striking flower out of so small an object, aided by its abundant production of flowers. It makes this very notable among the great hoards of lesser Mascitanias which reminds me that Mascitania foveata & its white variety are now in flower.

Will you be so kind to tell Mr. Schuchter how greatly I enjoyed his article on the Nativas & hope this existing group of plants may be introduced to cultivation, not now by me; but the chain of freedom of the Bromads will extend into infinity & have me for you.

I have sold this little farm after 44 years & its wild garden will soon cease to exist, it had improved somewhat in content since your visit & gave pleasure to several visiting persons.

Yours & thanks.

Mr. Cuy

Ch. L. L. L.

Max. M. M.





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