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14 April 1965

Dear Ida -

I hope you accept! I think you are the right one for the job. When Dick asked me I couldn't think of any other.

After all, life in Washington isn't so bad!  
And it's a very worthwhile project.

Yours  
Rick

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25 January 1965

Dr. Ida K. Langman  
218 Harvey Street  
Philadelphia 191, Pennsylvania

Dear Ida,

Thanks for sending the piece on Martinez.  
We shall put this in our biographical file.

But it was a real shock to me to learn of  
Miranda's death from your letter. I did not know  
about this previously. He is a great loss to Mexican  
botany. Any details about his death or any biographical  
material you happen to run across will be most welcome.

I have received a most impressive announce-  
ment of your book and I know how pleased you must be.  
I shall be very glad to see it when it is available.

With all best regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Rick*

H. W. Rickett  
Senior Botanist

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January 26, 1965

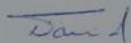
Dear Ida:

You must, indeed, be happy that the Literature of the Flowering Plants of Mexico has now seen the light of day. I know something of the struggles that you have had with this undertaking and it must be with a very real sense of achievement that you know that your work is now available to the botanical world.

I was a little startled that your University address did not appear on the title page but perhaps you are no longer a research fellow in the University. I, for one, would have been proud to have had the University name appear there.

Accept my sincere congratulations and very best wishes!

Cordially yours,



David R. Goddard

DRG:JP

Mrs. Ida Langman  
Department of Biology  
Leidy Building

2 Febr. 25

Dear Ida,

A review copy  
of The Bibliography  
arrived at the  
Herbarium the  
other day. As soon  
as I could get away  
with it, I brought it  
home & curled up in a  
chair with it for the  
evening. It's wonderful  
a tremendous piece  
of work! I shudder  
to think of all of the  
work involved in the  
Index — to say nothing  
of the main body.

Have you heard anything  
from Enriqueta de M. Pardo.  
I wonder how she is being  
up. As ever, Constance



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2/11/65

Dear Ida:

Your announcement was awaiting me on return this week. You know - you really had me guessing for a minute - for I couldn't quite make out the writing and really thought an adopted baby had arrived! - Then the wheels clicked & I realized your book was off the press.

I sent it up to Glenn Bellot & he tells me we already have an order in for a copy.

Congratulations! - it must be really wonderful to have such a feeling of accomplishment. I wish you success - I'm sure it will be a welcome & valuable addition to the world of herology, etc.

Sincerely,

Dorinda

Correale

March 30, 1965.

Dear Mrs. Longman,  
All of us in the  
profroom at Buchanan's  
want to thank you for  
your beautiful and very

thoughtful gift. As our  
"boss", Mrs. Haines, (Edna)  
is recuperating from an  
operation, we sent it to  
her, and it couldn't have  
been more appropriate.  
She was very pleased.

We are sorry about the  
mistakes, but a scholarly  
work like yours should  
have more revisions than  
any of us could give it.  
As a former student of  
Dr. Baugh, I appreciate  
your work. It was very

generous of you not to blame  
us for it. (the mistakes, I mean)

Many thanks,

Edith Honegher

205 Barne Rd  
Narketh Pa.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

Herbarium  
2 April 1965

Dear Ida,

*Dick*  
I hear by the grapevine that at US Nat. Herb. they are going to undertake the work of Index Nominum Genericorum (sp?), under the direction of Ned Cowan and that they are looking around for bibliophilic botanists who might be available. If this is of any interest to you, why not contact Cowan? It would be about a three year job, at least. ✓

Also, I hear from a <sup>friend</sup> from working in Nepal (there under the auspices of the US Public Health Service under AID) that the Fulbright headquarters there are trying to encourage more US scientists to apply for a year of work there. If I weren't committed to my work in Baja California (both by heart and by a grant), I surely would like to apply. ✓

*This is my dream in college (in getting out)*  
Yes, I actually did settle down in an easy chair and pore thru your Mexican Bibliography. You have been too closely tied to it to appreciate the interest that it holds for one working on any aspect of Mexican botany.

I had hoped to do some field work in the Sierra de la Giganta this month, but now I will have to put it off until late May. ✓

Have you still had no news of or from Enriqueta Garcia de Miranda? ✓

Hoping that all is going well with you, with best wishes

As ever,

*Annetta*  
Annetta Carter

Ida E. Langman  
248 Harvey St.  
Philadelphia 44, Pa.

*This week, for the first time, I heard Sargent Strivers speak about the Peace Corps. I think it (the Peace Corps work & its effect on those taking part) is the most heartening thing we are doing. And maybe Vietna will be comparable. Too bad we didn't have Peace Corps people to put in Vietnam in the beginning.* ✓

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLANT TAXONOMISTS

8 September 1964

Dear Ida -

!!!!

That's for such a display of ambition. If I were just finishing a job like that, I should just lean back!

But what do you want, really? Are you contemplating a permanent position, away from Philadelphia?

If so, do let me know. You could probably get a place in our library if you wanted it - you must know something about Library techniques - as well as all the other things you know!

Rick

August 8, 1963

Dear Mrs. Langmaid

We find that McKy is not an abbreviation. The authors names are written out with no periods to indicate shortening in anyway.

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth A. Windsor*

Elizabeth A. Windsor  
Head, Reference Department

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13 Aug 1963

Dear Ida-

Of course I know Plantae selectae. We have it. According to Trew's preface, he collected and described the plants, Ehret painted them, and Haid-engraved them. And to prove it, all three have their portraits in the book! Also Vogel, who completed the series (it came out in decades) after Trew's death.

Trew did not do the Hortus cystatensis which bears his name. But his authorship of Plantae Selectae has not before been questioned so far as I know.

Hope to see you in Pittsburgh.  
And in Amherst?

Yours  
Rick

29 Apr 1963

Dear Ida:

The plot thickens.

Turczaninow obviously intended to write *Pileostigma* in 1859, since further down he wrote "*Stigma sessile pileiforme . . .*" and "*Nomen a forme stigmatis . . .*" So his second publication was a correction of the spelling, which I should consider valid. The name is *Pileostigma* and both places should be cited. Of course the name is illegitimate, being a later homonym of the leguminous genus published by Hochstetter in 1846.

If you look in Endlicher and in Bentham & Hooker you will note that *Celastrineae* was the older name of the family (before there was any compulsion to use *-aceae* for the termination). The next family to this was the *Ilicineae*. There has been some confusion in distinguishing the two, apparently. Turczaninow mentions three genera of *Celastraceae* in discussing the affinities of "*Pileostegia*" in 1859, but in 1863 questions its distinctness from *Ilex*.

*Pileostegia* is a genus of *Saxifragaceae* published by Hooker and Thompson in 1858.

Regards  
Rick

Plotzsch Fr

Eine syriatische aufzählung  
der arten von Myriophyllum  
nach Myriophyllum Jacq  
Nos. 5: 27-277, 1, 137

Myriophyllum  
peruvae (150000 = Holzlocher)  
Thunbergii  
bachmannii  
fukusii  
peruvae  
pedunculatum  
roburaefolium  
punctatum

Myriophyllum  
fukusii  
emarginatum  
secundum

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11 April 1963

Mrs. Ida Langman  
248 Harvey Street  
Philadelphia 44, Pennsylvania

Dear Ida:

The Piliostigma situation is really a very funny chapter of confusions and errors.

Piliostigma was validly published by Hochstetter in 1846. It is an African genus related to Bauhinia and now conserved against an earlier one of Rafinesque.

Pileostegia Hooker & Thomson was validly published in 1858 for a shrubby genus of Saxifragaceae from India.

Just to complicate matters, in the Index Kewensis Piliostigma is misspelled Pileostigma.

You see, therefore, that publication of both these genera, neither of which concerns Mexico, antedates anything published by Turczaninow. Just what he was trying to say in the Moscow Bulletin is not yet clear to me. Unfortunately, we lack both these volumes and your brief extracts do not quite clarify things. What he seems to be saying is that he is making a genus Pileostigma (which Index Kewensis says is an Ilex), but misspelled it by typographical error Pileostegia. If you want to send me complete transcripts of the pages in question I will have another look and see if that is the correct interpretation. Or, if you like, I can ask to borrow these volumes on interlibrary loan. I do think the situation should be cleared up since obviously there are other sources of confusion. In other words, I have become interested in these names whether or not they concern your bibliography, so I hope you will help.

It was nice to see you and I hope the next time you won't be in such a hurry.

Sincerely yours,

*Rick*

H. W. Rickett  
Senior Botanist

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15 February 1963

Mrs. Ida Langman  
3509 Baring Street  
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Ida:

I am sorry to have been so slow in getting to your questions, but I have been in the usual state of submergence. Your recent note came as a useful reminder to get busy, as I have no doubt you intended it to be.

1) The reference on Galeotti is *Journal d'horticulture pratique de la Belgique*, published in Brussels 1843-1861. ✓

2) The article on *Cattleya* is in Vol. 30 of the *Botanical Register* after plate 5. You misinterpreted t. 5 as volume, but it means plate. ✓

3) The *Index Nominum Genericorum* is published on cards from Utrecht in batches of about 1000 at a time. Stafleu is editor and Swart his assistant. We subscribe to the cards and have them here and I should think the Academy should have them also. Whether the card containing that particular genus has come out or not I have not looked to see, but I will if you wish. ✓

4) You are quite right in attributing anonymous articles in *Adansonia* to Baillon. Undoubtedly he wrote them, but in any case it is correct to attribute anonymous articles to the editor.

5) This is the only one I cannot help you on. That volume of the *Moscow Bulletin* is incomplete here. I can discover no trace of a genus *Celastrinea* or a species with the epithet *fructifera*. I did notice that Engler has a suborder *Celastrineae* in the *Sapindales*. This makes me suspicious that your author was not actually describing a new genus and perhaps did mean *Celastrus*, but if he did not use that word then the publication cannot be considered valid.

6) Pp. 79-81 are in Heft 4, dated April 1929 on the cover. pp. 126-127 are in Heft 6, dated June 1929. There is no indication anywhere in the volume of any other dates of issue than those stated on the covers.

15 February 1963

I am glad to see you have a deadline. They are useful things. When I convalesce from one of them I get ready for the next.

Yes, we are glad that Red went fairly quickly and without any suffering. His chief trouble was a tremendous disappointment at not being able to finish things he had started. As you say, it is a great tragedy and to me, of course, a great personal loss. I went to Storrs last week to the memorial service they had for him. There was a good turnout. They have established a Camp Memorial Library Fund to build up the botanical library which has his own books as the nucleus. I am sure they would be glad to get contributions from any of his old friends. If you're interested address Miss Mary Hubbard at the Department of Botany, University of Connecticut, Storrs.

Sincerely yours,

*Rick*

H. W. Rickett  
Bibliographer

HWR:d1

September 8, 1961

Dear Mrs. Langman,

Found your card on my return today from a month in Hawaii, where we attended the Tenth Pacific Science Congress.

My "A résumé of the Verbenaceae, Avicenniaceae, Stilbaceae, Symphoremaceae, and Eriocaulaceae of the world as to valid taxa, geographic distribution, and synonymy" can be purchased direct from me by any interested library for \$9.75 plus postage. I do not give it away free because I cannot afford to do so. Supplements I and II to this work can also be purchased direct from me for 25 cents each by any interested institution. I plan to issue Supplement III this fall. Do you want to borrow any of these items? I'd be happy to send any or all to you on loan if you wish me to do so.

With all best wishes from all of us, as ever,  
your friend,

Harold R. Moldenke

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8 Sep 1961

Dear Ida -

I hope the enclosed notes are of  
use.

I enjoy searching out these "Hoo-  
dunits"

It is always nice to see you.

Come again!

Rick

also reprint

[Bot. Reg. 15: pl. 1282 (1 Nov 1829) shows Lophanthus anisatus. The description, by Lindley, has the following concluding paragraph:]

"For the following remarks we are indebted to our friend Mr. Bentham, by whom Labiatae have been made a particular study, and to whom we confidently look for rescuing them from a state of confusion, that has been gradually increasing since the days of Linnaeus, until it has become the disgrace of Botany."

[They follow Bentham's remarks, in very small type:]

"This genus is nearly allied to Hyssopus and to Nepeta. It differs from the former . . . . distinguish it from Nepeta. . . . The Labiatae with divergent stamina, to which section this genus belongs, might be grouped into two tribes, the Menthoideae and the Satureiinae; of which I take this opportunity of giving the characters, as also of enumerating the genera, along with the characters of such as are new, and amended characters for those which appear to me to require modification."

[Here begins the synopsis. It is continued after the description of Stachys germanica var. pubescens in pl. 1289 (in the same very informal way, with an introduction by Lindley); after description of Lepechinia spicata in pl. 1292; and after description of Phlomis floccosa in pl. 1300 (1 Feb 1830).]

[Bull. Bot. 3:195-198. Aug 1850:]

(Premier Article.)/Synopsis generum Labiatarum auctore G. Bentham. (Botanical Register. Vol. XV. ad calc. fol. 1282, 1289, 1292 et 1300.)

[This is a much abbreviated version of Bentham's synopsis, merely listing the genera, without descriptions, and omitting all species. In spite of the title it cannot be regarded as Bentham's work but as that of Séringe. Compare what follows, pp. 198-214, 233-255:]

(Second Article.)/Trib. I. Menthoideae Benth. in bot. reg. 15. n° 1282 ad calcem. Corollae tubus . . .

[This repeats many of Bentham's words, but adds references to "le grand ouvrage de M. Wallich" and to "Benth. in Wall. pl. asiat. rar. fasc. 2." Also interspersed are many of Séringe's own comments, referring to Bentham in the third person. All this work is therefore to be ascribed to Séringe, not to Bentham.

B. D. Jackson, with characteristic inaccuracy, has: "5. Botanical Register XV. (1829), tt. 1257, 1282. Conspectus of Tribes of Labiatae, cf. sub tt. 1289, 1292, 1300." pl. 1257 shows a legume, and contains nothing by Bentham. Reference to Wallich, Pl. Asiat., shows that Séringe drew his descriptions largely from Bentham's contributions to that work, as well as from the Bot. Reg. Synopsis. A grand mixture!]

December 11, 1961

Mrs. Ida K. Langman  
Botanical Laboratory  
University of Pennsylvania  
38th and Woodland Avenue  
Philadelphia 4, Penn.

Dear Ida:

I really don't know what you are talking about. If I thought you were ungrateful or unmannerly I would tell you so.

"A. B. Gray" was Andrew Belcher Gray, a civil engineer, who surveyed and explored for the Texas Western Railway in 1854. He collected plants, as you see, and sent them to Torrey. Curiously, in the correspondence preserved here we lack the letter to which you called my attention, but we do have another letter from him dated 1856. Is all this of any special interest to you? If so, I can easily give you further facts.

All the best,

Sincerely,

*Rick*

H. W. Rickett  
Bibliographer

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28 January 1955

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Of course I shall at once set about writing a good stiff letter to the American Academy for you.

I can't find a copy of the letter to the American Philosophical Society; but I shall have no trouble knowing what to say. I think it outrageous myself that you have trouble getting a grant—when I think of all the grants that are made all the time for investigating the number of veins in the hind wings of a bumblebee, or the like. But then I am not the big shot who sits on the committees and judges what is best for "science."

Nice about the reference by Verdoorn. Of course you are "well known"; if not now, you soon will be.

I wish you could get back to Mexico and finish your work there; and then find me a nice little position—for my old age—as librarian or bibliographer in some provincial town. Twould be a good place to end my days!

With best wishes,



H. W. Rickett

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March 22, 1950

Mrs. Ida Langman  
2316 Delancey Place  
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I have listed the answers to your questions as  
nearly as I can work them out, on the attached sheet.

Do not hesitate to call for information of this  
kind. It certainly takes time, but that's what our  
time is for.

Very truly yours,

*HWRickett*  
H. W. Rickett

HWR:md  
encl.

*And I always  
learn something myself!*

Mrs. Langman:

April 10, 1963

Your reference to Tenore's paper in *Memorie (Mat. Fis) della Societa Italiana delle Scienze* should read 25, pt. 2: 196-204, 1855.

Vol. 25.2 belongs to the 1st series, not the 2nd ser. as implied by (2). The date for the vol. is 1855. (1853 is the date the paper was submitted). Page 204 is followed by 2 plates, in color, if you wish to cite it in detail.

*aviso  
coll.*

RPSCB

*Margaret E. Drewett*  
Margaret E. Drewett  
Librarian, Physical Sciences  
Library

April 10, 1963

Dear Mrs. Langman:

We do have *El Libro y el Pueblo* as indicated in the ULS.

The only thesis list in vol. 4 (4-6), 1925 seems to be confined to medicine. The list is by year and begins on page 27 under the title:

Tesis Nacionales de Medicina, encuadernadas por años en volúmenes. The list is concluded on page 86.

Sincerely yours,  
*Rosemary Allen*  
Rosemary Allen  
Assistant Reference Lib'n

Dear Mrs. Langman: We have: "Sukkulantenkunde" (Jahrbuch der Schweizerischen Kakteen-Gesellschaft) Zurich, 1 June 1947 - VI Jan. 1957 that's all we have

Blätter für Sukkulantenkunde addenda zu Blätter für Kakteenforschung. Hamburg Jan 1949 no. 1 that's all

Blätter für Kakteenforschung vol 1, 1934 - 1938 no. 6 that's all C. Backeberg editor.

Yours

*L. Schwartz*

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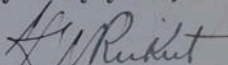
Mrs. Ida K. Langman  
2316 Delancey Place  
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I am very pleased to hear that you have made such progress with your bibliography. I am afraid I should have no opportunity at present to go over it carefully, but I hope that ultimately I may have a copy. I hope you succeed in finding a publisher. If this proves difficult, I wonder if it would not be possible to have it mimeographed for distribution to the principal libraries.

The present specialist on Amaryllidaceae is Dr. Hamilton P. Traub, Bureau of Plant Industry, Beltsville, Maryland. The late Dr. William Trelease worked for many years on Agave, and it is possible that the library of the University of Illinois, or perhaps the Department of Botany, might have his library. Dr. John T. Buchholz is the Chairman of the Department of Botany there. I am ~~sure~~ I cannot help you on coffee and oil palms. These belong rather to horticulture than to botany. However, I seem to remember that Dr. Miriam L. Bomhard of the United States Forest Service in Washington has done some work on the latter group.

Very truly yours,

  
H. W. Rickett  
Bibliographer

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