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AFDELING PLANTKUNDE,
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Dear Mr. Faust,

I wish to thank you for your two letters and also for the two books you were so good as to send me. I do not think it will be necessary for me to get the books in Portuguese about the culture of the cork oak (*Quercus suber*).

I hope now that the war is at an end that we will be able to communicate with one another much quicker and easier. I have not been able to do any collecting in the last years but I hope to be able to get to South West Africa in June, as I would like to see the habitats of some of the Lithops. My book on this genus is ready for publication but the price of publishing it is at present prohibitive. I trust I will be able to get it out in spite of the difficulties of the expense. The coloured plates will have to be made abroad as no firm can undertake the work at present.

I will appreciate it if you can find out what has happened to Diels, Werdermaan, Schwantes and Jacobsen. I have fortunately been able to get all the literature about Lithops before the war started.

The botanical garden here has also suffered from the war as we were not able to keep up our collection of succulents. Although we keep the most of them under glass, a considerable number still will not thrive and then eventually die. Our collection is thus fairly depleted.

As soon as things are more normal I will send you some plants and seeds again and it will be interesting to hear how they fare in your garden. If you can pick up a book (textbook) on Botany in Spanish I would appreciate it, if you can send me a copy. I would like to see how they treat the subject in Spain.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

G. E. Nel

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