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*Answered
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My dear Doctor Lutz:

I suppose you have heard of my arrival here. I was in Rio a couple of days and intended to get over to Manguinhos, but other matters prevented. I have been in São Paulo a month and have been into the interior as far as Riberon Preto, but have done no collecting except to pick up a half dozen flies.

I have contracted with the State of S. Paulo for three years to work on insects injurious to agriculture. Mr. Hempel has been transferred to the Museu Paulista, although he was anxious to assist me and I was equally anxious to have him. I am trying to get my work organized as rapidly as possible, and shall not have time for much work on flies.

However, I hope to have time occasionally to make dissections of important types of the muscoid fauna, and I want to ask you where you secured your material of Pseudogametes. Am I likely to find the genus near S. Paulo?

I have seen some interesting forms on foliage in the outskirts of the city, but have not tried to collect as yet. Of course this fauna is of the greatest interest and I know from my studies of Brazilian forms about what to look for. I suppose *Bibiomima* will hardly be found here, though it might occur. I have seen specimens from near Cuyabá, in the State of Matto Grosso.

I hope to get down to Rio at some future time and will then certainly see you if you are there. I had a long and interesting talk with Doctor Neiva soon after my arrival here. I have also met Doctor Freire who is working on the fauna of cadavers and has reared a lot of muscoid forms.

In the meantime, if you get up here do not fail to let me know. You can communicate with me at this office.

Most sincerely yours,

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