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Dear Mr. Mair,

Enclosed are two photos of *Bowiea volubilis* taken on 21/1/64. The first stalk on string had eleven flowers. Eight of these matured into dry pods which held from two to twelve seeds. These are enclosed. The smallest seeds may not be viable. I will be interested to know whether or not the plants from these seeds turn counterclockwise like the parent stalk. It grew 21 inches high.

The second stalk grew 27 inches high on dowel rod. It had seventeen flowers forming the fourteen fruits shown.

The third stalk is shown in bud with my finger at top of rod. Since then an ammonium has been added. The stalk is now six feet high and still growing. Several side stalks have appeared like tomato vines. These also have buds and are starting to climb. At the moment over fifty flowers and at least that many buds are present. This plant is grown in very sandy soil. Thick moss is on top of soil. It is kept in an unheated glass house out of the wind. 20 cc of dilute ammonium nitrate solution was added on 22/7/63 and 27/12/63 to the soil. It is kept moist by watering every day or two days.

I appreciate your sending to me this very nice plant a year ago and hope the above will be interesting.

Best regards,

Geoff. Mair.