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Cypripedium insigne. Large-flowered Lady's Slipper.

Class and Order.

GYNANDRIA MONANDRIA.

(Nat. Ord.—Orchideæ.)

Generic Character.

Labellum ventricosum inflatum (nunc saccatum.) Columna postice terminata lobo petaloideo (stamine sterili) antheras distinguente. Petala duo antica sæpe connata. Br.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

Cypripedium insigne; acaule, foliis cartilagineis ligulatis scapo piloso dimidio brevioribus, perianthii lacinia superiore fornicata emarginata, lateralibus obovatis subundulatis obtusis extus pubescentibus, inferiore labello venoso basi inflexo paulo longiore. Lindl.

Cypripedium insigne. Wall. MSS. Lindl. Coll. Bot. t. 32.

Hook. Ex. Fl. t. 34. Lodd. t. 1321.

Of the most beautiful Genus Cypripedium, no species, perhaps, excels that here figured, whether the size of the blossom, or the colour and markings of the floral coverings be considered. It is a native of Nepal, along with its near affinity, C. venustum. Both were introduced to our gardens through the liberality of Dr. Wallich, and both are remarkable for their distichous and coriaceous leaves. The individual here figured blossomed during the winter months, in Mr. Curtis's collection, at the Glazenwood Nursery, and the drawing was made by Miss Maria Curtis.

Descr. Stem none. Leaves radical, few, and equitant at the base, broadly linear, coriaceous, distichous, keeled at the back, glabrous, of a yellow-green colour. Scape terete, downy, curved at the extremity, and there bearing

an ovato-oblong, green, glabrous, remarkably compressed, striated spatha. Flowers solitary, very large, three to four inches across: the two outer segments of the perianth (the upper and lower, the lower being formed of two combined) broadly ovate, almost rotundate, the lower and smaller one of an uniform green, the upper green, except the extremity, which is white; the whole, especially the disk, richly spotted with brown. The two inner and lateral segments spreading, oblong, broader towards the extremity, yellowgreen, with purple striæ, pale at the base. Lip large, saccate, rich greenish-brown without, yellow within. Column of fructification short, terminated by a large, obversely cordate, yellow, slightly convex lobe, glandular below, beset with minute red hairs above: beneath this, at the base, are two short, lateral processes or filaments, to the side of each of which is attached a single, sessile, twolobed, orange-yellow anther; its lobes rather unequal.

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