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MADAME E. GIBEZ'S CYPRIPIEDIUM.

CYPRIPIEDIUM. Vide *Lindenia*, Engl. ed., I, p. 31.*Cypripedium* × *Gibezianum*. Novum hybridum e *Cypripediis villosis* et *venustis* artificiose productum.*Cypripedium* × *Gibezianum* L. LIND., supra.

he name which this hybrid bears has already been given to several valuable plants, and is well known to all Orchidists. It is that of a noble lady of high qualities and inexhaustible charity, whose lamented death some months ago occasioned the most profound regrets to all who had the honour of her acquaintance, especially among the poor. It is also the name of a distinguished amateur who worthily continues the grand traditions left by Madame GIBEZ, and whose collections may be considered as one of the most charming and most select in France.

Cypripedium × *Gibezianum* was raised in the collection of Madame GIBEZ, of Sens, by crossing *C. venustum* with the pollen of *C. villosum*. It is well intermediate between the two parents, and we may remark in this connection that both of the parents have very marked characters, which always imprint themselves upon their descendants in a very decided way. Most of the hybrids derived from *C. villosum* bear so distinctly the marks of this parent that they may be recognised at first sight, and the same may be said of those derived from *C. Spicerianum*, *C. superbiens*, and also *C. venustum*. In the present hybrid the influence of the last named preponderates over that of *C. villosum*.

The flower has the petals very analogous with those of *C. villosum*, but a little shorter, less expanded at the summit and darker in colour; the upper half being of a bright mahogany brown, and the base clear yellow with some bright purple-brown spots. The dorsal sepal, which most resembles *C. venustum*, is pale yellow covered with green stripes, which are reddish on their inferior third, and purple brown near the median nerve. The lip, which is broad and long, and very massive, is of a clear brownish red, with the lower part greenish yellow, and the lateral lobes of a bright waxy yellow.

In short, this hybrid is of a very distinct and attractive character, and appears worthy to be comprised in the best collections.