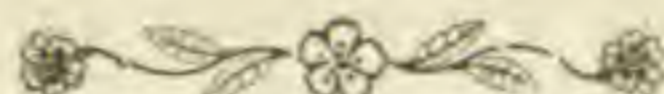


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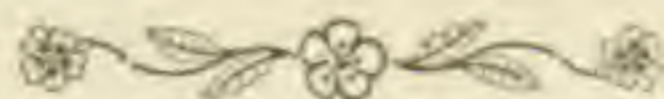
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CYPRIPEDIUM CONCOLOR VAR. LONGIPETALUM.

A VERY remarkable form of *Cypripedium concolor* has appeared in the collection of R. Brooman White, Esq., of Arddarroch, in which the petals are unusually long and narrow, being $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches long. The colour of the flower is light yellow, as in the type, and the dorsal sepal broadly elliptical-oblong, $1\frac{5}{8}$ inches long by $1\frac{1}{4}$ broad, the lower half being lightly reticulated with light purple-brown nerves in front, and a narrow dark line along the centre; spotted all over with a rather lighter shade behind. The petals each have a narrow dark line down the centre in front, and a few similar small spots near the base, while behind the nerves are covered with rows of minute purple-brown dots. The lip is $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, and light yellow, with a few minute purple dots in front, and numerous ones on the side lobes. It is remarkably distinct in shape, but is evidently a variety of *C. concolor*, with which the foliage agrees. It was obtained as an imported plant about two years ago.

R. A. R.

CYPRIPEDIUM × LITTLEANUM.

WITH respect to this remarkable natural hybrid, described and figured at page 209 of the last volume, Mr. Hansen remarks, "Such nat. hyb. was in cultivation at Sander & Co., St. Albans, in 1887, a water colouring of which I took at the time" (*Orch. Hyb.*, p. 255). Is this identification quite certain? If so, where is the plant now? So fine a thing would hardly be lost, but Mr. Little's plant being an imported one, obtained from Mr. Tracey, of Twickenham, precludes the possibility of the two being identical. It would be interesting to know the precise history of the plant alluded to, and to see the drawing. If Mr. Hansen knew of any record, he would have mentioned it, and it is desirable that the identification should be confirmed.

A CURIOUS CATTLEYA.

MAY I be permitted to describe in your pages a curious flower of *Cattleya labiata* which has recently opened here, and which, though different from the two instances recorded in the December *Review*, may no doubt be accounted for in the same way. (*O. R.* III., p. 368.) The flower consists of six parts, made up of two sepals, two petals, and a column with two stamens. The back sepal and the two side petals are normal in colour, shape, and size, but the two side sepals and the lip are wanting, a lower sepal taking the place of the latter. The column is $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, perfectly straight and upright, in shape somewhat like a long club, and bearing at the top.