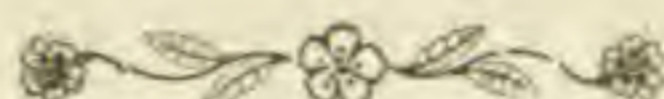


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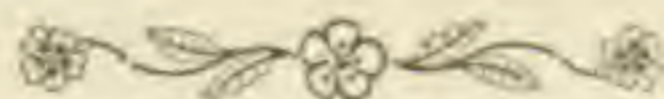
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CYPRIPEDIUM × VICTORIA MARIÆ.

THIS curious species was introduced to cultivation soon after *C. Chamberlainianum*, to which it is nearly allied, and, indeed, for a time it was thought probably a variety of it, which, however, appears not to be the case. It is very similar in habit, but is a more robust grower, with a taller scape and differently coloured flowers. In both the leaves are oblong, and obscurely tessellated with two shades of green. The scapes are erect, and bear numerous broadly oblong, obtuse, conduplicate bracts, which, as well as the flowers, are developed in succession, the same scape remaining in flower for a long period, though generally only one or two flowers are open at the same time. In the present species the dorsal sepal is broadly elliptical-oblong, an inch long by nearly as broad, and light green with a cream-yellow margin. The petals are linear-oblong, much twisted, ciliate, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and light green suffused near the margin with very light purple. The lip is oblong, subcompressed at the sides, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and very light green with a yellowish green margin, and the staminode ovate-oblong, subobtusate, hairy at the base, and the colour olive-green. As these characters have proved constant in a large number of plants it is evident that it must be considered a species distinct from *C. Chamberlainianum*, though nearly allied. It also is a native of Sumatra, though from another district, and was introduced by Messrs. F. Sander & Co., of St. Albans.

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 AN AMATEUR'S NOTES.

THE additions to my Orchids in flower for the present month number over a score, besides which some of those previously mentioned are still keeping up a succession of bloom, especially *Cœlogyne cristata*, *Cattleya Trianae*, *Odontoglossum Rossii*, *Dendrobium nobile*, which I consider as among the most valuable Orchids for keeping up a succession of flower at this season.

Dendrobiums just now occupy the first place, and among the additions I must enumerate the beautiful *D. Devonianum*, whose pendulous stems are literally wreathed with flowers, *D. primulinum*, *moniliforme*, *cariniferum*, *Jamesianum*, and the beautiful *D. × Venus*, which I think is yet unsurpassed among hybrid Dendrobiums. *Cattleya Lawrenceana*, too, has put in an appearance, and two or three forms of *Masdevallia Chimæra*, while some plants of *Chysis bractescens* are now at their best. This, I think, is a very attractive Orchid when well grown, and its flowers are almost like ivory.

Eulophiella Elisabethæ is now well in flower, and will evidently make