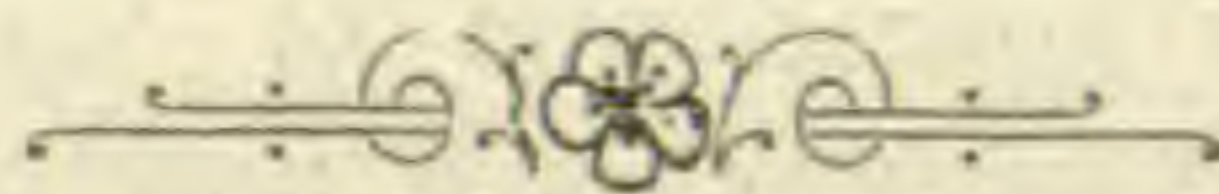


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confined to the lip, seem to enhance its beauty. Other particulars have been so recently given that it seems unnecessary to repeat them. It is now in the famous collection of Baron Sir H. Schröder, at The Dell, Egham, and we shall hope to hear of its behaviour another season, for there is something quite exceptional about it. Messrs. Hugh Low and Co. must be congratulated on having introduced so striking a plant.

PAPHIOPEDIUM × SHIPWAYÆ.

A MOST interesting novelty has just appeared in the collection of Colonel Shipway, Grove Park, Chiswick. Mr. Walters, Colonel Shipway's gardener, states that it was purchased from Messrs. Linden, of Brussels, as *Cypripedium*—or *Paphiopedium*—*Dayanum*, but, on flowering, it has proved to be very different; in fact, much more like *P. Hookeræ*, another Bornean species, and a careful comparison of all the characters forces me to the conclusion that it is a natural hybrid between them. The leaves are more strongly marked than is usual with *P. Dayanum*, in which respect it approaches *P. Hookeræ*. It has also an elongated scape, as in the latter, and the size, shape, and colour, are much more like those of this species, from which, however, it is still very distinct, and the modifying influence, I think, must be traced to *P. Dayanum*. The dorsal sepal is distinctly lined with green at the base, and becomes whitish, slightly tinged with purple, round the upper margin, the apex also being slightly elongated and folded. The petals, though much like *P. Hookeræ* in colour, are not obovately widened at the apex, and the ciliæ are also much longer. The basal part is green, and a few small spots occur below the middle. The lip is most like *P. Hookeræ*, and the staminode is orbicular in outline, but, instead of being obcordately bilobed, has a pair of falcate teeth at the apex, with a much shorter blunt tooth between. No other Bornean species, so far as I can see, would account for the characters above pointed out, and it now remains for some of our hybridists to prove or disprove the suggested parentage by crossing the two species together. It is remarkable that this makes the fourth Bornean *Paphiopedium* believed to be of natural hybrid origin, and in each case *P. Dayanum* is believed to have been one of the parents (see *Orchid Review*, iv., p. 366). Its appearance is very interesting, and the gradually accumulating evidence of the way the Bornean species grow together suggests that we have not yet exhausted the list, and, as other combinations are possible, a sharp look-out should be kept for such plants among Bornean importations.