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## CYPRIPEDIUM × MEMORIA MOENSII L. LIND.

Mr J. MOENS' CYPRIPEDIUM.

CYPRIPEDIUM. Vide *Lindenia*, Engl. ed., vol. I, p. 13.*Cypripedium* × *memoria Moensii*. Novum hybridum a defuncto J. MOENS productum, et ejusdem memoriae dicatum.

*purple Leeaenum*. Such is the summary which one might give in order to convey an idea of the particular character and beauty of this new hybrid, and which would enable one to picture it to themselves sufficiently well in the imagination.

The group of hybrids derived from *C. Spicerianum* is at the present time one of the largest which exists in the genus. Their beauty has encouraged a large number of hybridists to follow this particular line of experiment, and quite recently many forms have appeared which are remarkable for the size of the dorsal sepal, for their beauty of form, their pure white colour spotted with green, and their clear or dark violet, or even rose, tint.

*C. × memoria Moensii* marks the extreme of these successive improvements, and we think it will be scarcely possible to obtain more splendid results. The dorsal sepal is of the form so characteristic of the hybrids of this section, broadly orbicular, with the margins slightly reflexed at the base, while the apex is well expanded, but it is distinguished from all of them by the splendour of its charming purple colour, hitherto unknown among Cypripediums, and quite unique. There remains at the extreme apex a light trace of white.

The petals are long, well expanded, slightly inclined inwards at their extremities, and very broad. As is often the case, they are divided throughout their length by a median line of dark brown; the upper half of each is of a bright shining brown, the lower one of a lighter colour.

The staminode, whose colour is violet-rose with a bright violet border, is much like that of *C. Spicerianum*. Lastly, the point of insertion of the petals and the upper sepal forms a very narrow area of clear green, covered with very small black spots. The bright brown lip is very large, and nearly square.

We have dedicated this magnificent hybrid to the lamented J. MOENS, of Lede, in whose collection it made its appearance, unfortunately when its raiser was no longer able to enjoy the contemplation of it. This distinguished amateur, whose loss for some months we have had to mourn, was an excellent connoisseur, as might readily be inferred from the beautiful plants from his collection which

he exhibited regularly at the meetings of the ORCHIDÉENNE, and the hybrids which he so judiciously produced, and of which the present is the best. His Orchids were the objects of his constant preoccupation, and when the tidings of his death so unexpectedly arrived, the same evening as the grand Exhibition in the month of May, he had sent some of his most beautiful plants in flower, notably certain *Cypripediums*, several *Cattleyas*, *Odontoglossums*, etc., to which a special prize (Object of Art) was awarded by the jury.

The name of M. J. MOENS is already commemorated by the superb variety of *Cypripedium Argus*, which is dedicated to him. It will not be less brilliantly borne by the new hybrid which we figure to-day, and which marks a decisive stage in the history of Orchid hybridisation.

L. L.

