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## CYPRIPIEDIUM × LUCIENIANUM HORT.

M. LUCIEN LINDEN'S CYPRIPIEDIUM.

CYPRIPIEDIUM. Vide *Lindenia*, Engl. ed., vol. I, p. 31.*Cypripedium* × *Lucienianum*. Hybridum novum e *C. villoso* et *C. × bellatulo* artificiosa fecundatione productum.

**I**f we carry out among the numerous artificial hybrids at present existing in the family of Orchids the selection not unreasonably demanded by M. ERNEST BERGMAN, in his interesting little volume, recently published, entitled *Les Orchidées de semis*; if we sacrifice without pity mediocre forms, and only preserve the most characteristic types, and those possessing superior merit, there can be no doubt that *Cypripedium* × *Lucienianum* must be included among the number of these selected forms, because of the beauty of its dorsal sepal. This segment alone constitutes a remarkable improvement with reference to its two parents, which possess neither the ampleness of form, nor the richness and variety of colour, which consists of an exquisite mixture of clear green, brown, red and violet. In the genus *Cypripedium* and in the hybrids already produced artificially, few certainly exist which from this point of view can be compared with the one which we figure to-day.

The new hybrid we here figure was at first thought to be derived from *C. villosum* crossed with a superior form of *C. oenanthum superbum*, but its raiser states that the second parent was *C. bellatulum*. Such being the case, a special interest arises from the fact, that there exists till now no other hybrid issued from *C. bellatulum*, a superb species which, however, seemed to deserve every attention of the hybridists, on account of its beautiful form and colour. A single defect has been thought by certain persons to mar such great qualities, namely the shortness of its peduncles; and the reader can ascertain, by inspecting our plate, that the result of the hybridisation has been to successfully redress that fault.

The influence of *C. villosum* is distinctly apparent in the lower segments of the flower, the petals, lip, and also the lower sepal, but the dorsal sepal is very distinct, and more nearly resembles that of the other species.

*Cypripedium* × *Lucienianum* is dedicated to M. LUCIEN LINDEN, Managing Director of the HORTICULTURE INTERNATIONALE.

G. R.