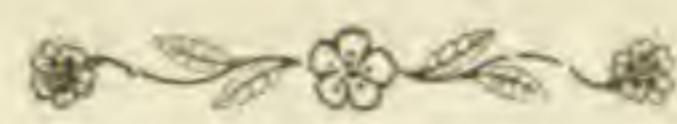


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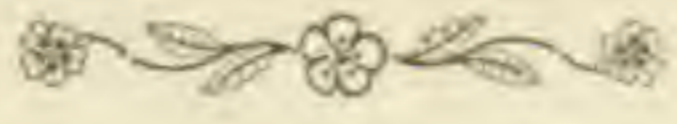
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NOTES.

Two meetings of the Royal Horticultural Society will be held at the Drill Hall, James' Street, Westminster, during June, on the 9th and 23rd respectively, when the Orchid Committee will meet at the usual hour of 12 o'clock noon.

A flower of the beautiful *Odontoglossum crispum* "Princess," to which an Award of Merit was given by the Royal Horticultural Society on May 5th last, has been sent from the collection of W. Vanner, Esq., Camden Wood, Chislehurst. The segments are very broad, a little stained with lilac, and the sepals have one large and several small vinous purple blotches above the middle, which are absent on the toothed petals.

Two flowers of a seedling *Cypripedium*, cut from different plants, have been sent from the collection of O. O. Wrigley, Esq., Bridge Hall, Bury. There is a little doubt about the parentage, though it is believed to be *C. barbatum giganteum* crossed with the pollen of *C. Curtisii*, and the flowers are just what would be expected from such a cross. Thus they are the reverse cross of *C. × Kerchoveanum*, and should bear the same name. The dorsal sepal is broad, and much like *barbatum*, while the sepals are spotted except at base and apex, and the lip rather large, showing the influence of the other parent. Mr. Wrigley states that one has the leaves much like *C. Curtisii*, and the other almost identical with *barbatum*.

An unspotted form of *Odontoglossum × Andersonianum* comes from the collection of De Barri Crawshay, Esq., Rosefield, Sevenoaks. The ground colour is pale straw yellow, deeper on the lip, and the sepals much suffused with light purple, as in *Ruckerianum*, while a trace of the same is also seen in the petals.

An inflorescence of *Epidendrum Stamfordianum* is sent from the collection of W. J. Woodhead, Esq., Elton, Maghull, near Liverpool, from a plant collected by Mr. Woodhead during a trip through the forests and swamps of South Mexico. It is a very attractive thing, and a plant of this species which was exhibited at the Temple Show a year ago will long be remembered.

An esteemed correspondent writes that he is investigating the habits of the Cattleya Fly on two plants of *Cattleya labiata* in a glass case, and hopes before long to be able to send us the results, which we anticipate will be both instructive and useful.

Two flowers from the collection of D. B. Rappart, Esq., Liscard, Cheshire, are very near *Lælia purpurata Russelliana*, and one has the petals unusually flat for this species.

A spike each of *Cypripedium Chamberlainianum* and *C. Victoria-Mariæ* have been sent from the collection of O. O. Wrigley, Esq., Bridge Hall, Bury, to show the difference between them. The latter is invariably more robust, and without the brown markings on the dorsal sepal and petals, and the spotting on the lip, but the two species are very closely allied.

Cypripedium exul aureum is an unusually brilliant variety from the collection of W. M. Appleton, Esq., of Weston-super-Mare, in which the petals and lip are bright deep yellow in colour. The ground colour of the dorsal sepal is also more yellow than usual. It is typical in other respects.

A most beautiful flower of *Cattleya Mossiæ Reineckeana* has been sent from the collection of J. Wilson Potter, Esq., of Croydon, quite perfect in shape and of the purest white, with the disc of the lip elegantly veined with rosy crimson in front and with deep yellow behind. With it is a good typical form of *Lælia purpurata*.

A flower of the beautiful *Odontoglossum* × *Humeanum excellens* and *O.* × *Ruckerianum Masoni*, to each of which an Award of Merit was given on March 24th last, have been sent from the collection of H. Mason, Esq., of Shipley, Yorks, through Messrs. Charlesworth & Co. They are noted at page 125. The latter is both richly coloured and very beautifully spotted.

An exceptionally fine form of *Cattleya citrina* has been sent from the collection of J. T. Bennett-Poë, Esq., Holmwood, Cheshunt. The seg-