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BY **JOHN SIMS, M.D.**

FELLOW OF THE ROYAL AND LINNEAN SOCIETIES.

VOL XLVII. *A*

Being the Fifth of the New Series.

The FLOWERS, which grace their native beds,
Awhile put forth their blushing heads,
But, e'er the close of parting day,
They wither, shrink, and die away:
But THESE, which mimic skill hath made,
Nor scorched by suns, nor killed by shade,
Shall blush with less inconstant hue,
Which ART at pleasure can renew. LLOYD.

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**CYPRIPEDIUM VENUSTUM. COMELY LADY'S
SLIPPER.**



Class and Order.

GYNANDRIA DIGYNIA.

Generic Character.

*Labellum (nectarium) ventricosum, inflatum (nunc sac-
catum). Columna postice terminata lobo petaloideo (stamine
sterili) antheras distinguente. Petala 2 antica sæpius con-
nata. BROWN in Hort. Kew.*

Specific Character and Synonym.

CYPRIPEDIUM venustum; acaule, foliis lanceolatis equitan-
tibus maculatis, petalis lateralibus ciliatis, nectario venoso
ore inflexo.

CYPRIPEDIUM venustum. *Wallich.*

DESCR. *Leaves* ovate-lanceolate, carinate, spreading distich-
wise, their bases overlapping one another alternately; spotted
with large green spots on the upper surface, and small purple
dots on the under, perennial. *Scape* but little longer than the
leaves, rounded. *Spathe* ovate, concave, keeled; keel and mar-
gins blackish. *Germen* twice as long as the spathe, obtusely
3-angled. *Corolla* at first nodding: *upper petal* oval, con-
cave, white, striped with green: *lower petal* smaller, otherwise
similar, composed of two united, which is proved (as observed
by BROWN) by the absence of the midrib. The two *lateral
petals* longer than the others, strap-shaped, ciliated with dark
purple hairs, externally of the same colour with the others;
internally marked with black round spots, and towards the
tip tinged with purple. *Slipper (labellum or nectary)* inflated,
oval, beautifully veined with green and tinged with purple,
the opening bent inward at the sides, leaving the corners
erect. *Column* short, dark green, terminated with a two-
lobed lid. *Style* incurved, short; *stigma* large, orbicular.
Filaments

Filaments lateral, sulcate; *anthers* at the time of examination much wasted: *pollen* glutinous.

The *Germen*, which was much incurved at the time the drawing was taken, afterwards became straighter, and the flower in consequence ceased to droop; the upper petal becoming quite upright, and the lateral ones spreading horizontally.

Native of the East Indies. Communicated by Messrs. WHITLEY, BRAMES, and MILNE, in November; who received it from the botanic garden at Calcutta. It was brought here by Captain CRAIGIE. The only account we can find of this plant, is a mere notice by Dr. WALLICH in a letter to Dr. FRANCIS HAMILTON, published in the first volume of the Edinburgh Philosophical Journal, of a *third* new species of CYPRIPIEDIUM from Nepal, to which, we understand from Mr. BROWN, the Doctor has given the name, which we have adopted.