New Garden Plants.

ASPASIA PAPILIONACEA, n. sp.

It is a very rare case to have now-a-days a beautiful novelty from a country believed by many to be ex-hausted. This is such a case. The yellowish bulbs and leaves are those of the well known A. lunata, yet they are nearly twice as large. The flowers look quite different at the widest distances, and you want the critical regard of the botanist to understand their very close affinity to those of A. lunata. It is the shape of the beautifully coloured lip that forbids you to remember at first sight the old plant. The flowers are unusually pretty. The sepals and petals are vellowish. mottled with brown lines on their internal inferior halves. The beautiful pandurate lip has its anterior part very great, elliptic, apiculate; an orange coloured area stands at its base, a wide violet disc before and around it. All the colours are pure and rich. The best characters of distinction from the much smaller and poorer A. lunata are the apiculate lip with thirteen keels at its base (in lieu of seven), the echinulate anther, and the higher insertion of the lip. We were much puzzled at the appearance of this totally unexpected beauty in Hamburgh Botanic Garden. Its discoverer. the late Señor Endres, appears not to have guessed what it was. He sent it with other things without ever mentioning the plant that beats all his Orchidaceous discoveries. He may have obtained it shortly before leaving Costa Rica, and the plant took a long rest before it developed two splendid flowers at once. It may be found with Messrs. Veitch, who got a lot of unnamed things from Señor Endres. H. G. Rehb. f.