

428. BRASAVOLA ACAULIS. A singular epiphyte from Central America. Belonging to Orchids. Flowers cream-colour, at midsummer. Introduced by G. U. Skinner, Esq. (Fig. 216.)

*B. acaulis*: foliis teretibus rectis et flore subsessilibus, sepalis petalisque linearibus patulis æqualibus, labelli laminâ subrotundo-ovata ungue cucullato duplo longiore.

This singular plant approaches *B. glauca* in its manner of growth, the stem being so short as to be scarcely perceptible, and *B. grandiflora* in the size and form of the lip. It is strikingly different from all others. Only one flower appears on a very short stalk, greenish white, with some tendency to spotting; the firm and narrow sepals, about three inches long, and curving round the lip, the flat part roundish ovate, and about twice as long as the rolled up claw. The leaves are remarkably short and stiff. The only plant we know of is in the garden of the Horticultural Society, where it was received from Mr. Skinner, and was reported to have pink flowers.

