



CATASÉTUM VIRIDI-FLÁVUM. YELLOW-GREEN
CATASETUM.

Class and Order.

GYNANDRIA MONANDRIA.

(Nat. Ord.—ORCHIDÆ.)

Generic Character.

Perianthium sæpius globosum, nunc explanatum. *Sepala* et *petala* subæqualia. *Labellum* crassum, carnosum, nudum, ventricosum vel explanatum, fimbriatum; sub apice saccatum obsolete trilobum. *Columna* erecta, aptera, libera, apice utrinque cirrhosa. *Anthera* subbilocularis, antice truncata. *Pollinia* 2, postice biloba vel sulcata; *caudicula* maxima nuda demum elastice contractili; *glandula* cartilaginea subquadrata.—Herbæ terrestres vel epiphytæ; caulibus brevibus fusiformibus vestigiis foliorum vestitis. Folia basi vaginantia, plicata. Scapi radicales. Flores speciosi, racemosi, virides, nunc purpureo-maculati. Lindl.

Specific Name and Character.

CATASETUM *viridi-flavum*; foliis oblongis acutis, sepalis patentibus petalisque ovatis acutis concavis, labello subconico-saccato cucullato, ore contracto integro çiliato, anthera columnaque acuminatis.

Every district of tropical South America seems to afford a CATASETUM, different from what is found in other places; but how far these are to be defined as specifically distinct it is not easy to say. The present, quite unlike in the general appearance of its flowers any other known to us, is yet with difficulty to be distinguished in words. It was discovered by Mr. BARCLAY, (while employed as Government Botanist on the Pacific side of South America, in H. M. surveying Ship