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## **New Plants.**

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Distinct as is this superb plant for all horticultural purposes, I could not, until I have seen other specimens from the same country, venture to regard it as a perfectly new species; it may after all add another to the many varieties of the labiata type, but in the meantime I gladly dedicate the plant to the gallant Captain Dow (of the American Packet Service), who is always ready to render every assistance in his power to botanical collectors, and indeed to men of science generally. The entire stock of this fine plant is in the hands of the Messrs. Veitch. *J. B.*

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