

CRYPTARRHENA *lunata*.*Crescent-lipped Cryptarrhena.*

## GYNANDRIA MONANDRIA.

*Nat. ord.* ORCHIDÆE. *Jussieu gen.* 64. *Brown prod.* 309.*Div. IV.* *Anthera terminalis mobilis decidua. Massæ pollinis demùm cereaceæ. Brown in Hort. Kew. ed. 2. 5. 205.**CRYPTARRHENA. Petala 5, distincta patentia. Labellum ecalcaratum: lamina dilatata explanata. Columna libera, aptera. Anthera apice cucullato columnæ inclusa, porrecto-adscendens. Massæ pollinis quatuor. Brown MSS.**Cryptarrhena lunata. Brown MSS.**Herba humilis. Folia radicalia numerosa, multifariam ambientia, patentia, crassiuscula, carnosa, remotiùs nervosa, exteriora recumbentia, subovato-lanceolata, acuminata, subtriuncialia, lætè virentia, interiora erectiora, lineari-lanceolata. Caulis longior istis, striato-teres, crassitudine pennæ corvinæ, infernè foliolis paucis lineari-subulatis erectis vagè stipatus. Spica subbiuncialis, inclinata, laxiùs digesta, nuda. Flores viridi-lutei, vix tertiam partem uncix transversi.*

We had not the opportunity of inspecting the flower of this plant after the drawing was made; but to the greater advantage of Botany, Mr. Brown has had that opportunity. He has found it an unrecorded vegetable, and to possess features so distinct from those already known of the tribe, as to make it expedient that it should form the foundation of a new generic group.

All we know of its history is, that it was lately received by Messrs. Lee and Kennedy, of the Hammersmith nursery, from Jamaica, and that it flowered in one of their hothouses in the course of last summer.

A humble herbaceous species; and, judging by analogy, probably parasitic. *Leaves* radical, numerous, ambient, multifariously patent, fleshy, thickish, loosely nerved, of a bright grass-green colour: outer recumbent broadest, lanceolate, and somewhat ovate, acuminate, three parts of an inch across, almost three inches in length; inner more up-

right, linear-lanceolate. *Stem* higher than these, simple, round, angularly striate, bearing a few linearly subulate leaflets, placed irregularly towards its base. *Spike* many-flowered, loose, bent. *Corolla* hardly the third of an inch over, green and yellow; and, as we are told, having scarcely any scent.

*a* The outline of the front view of a magnified flower, with the lid of the anther forced back, showing the loculaments. *b* The outline of a magnified flower viewed sideways, showing the cowled part of the column which covers the anther.