

MASDEVALLIA SIMULA, n. sp.*

Quite a little wonder of beauty in colours. The flower has a purplish upper sepal, with many pellucid honey-coloured bars. The base of the inferior sepals is purplish, the anterior part is honey coloured. It is near *M. Molossus*, *Rchb. f.*, and, like that, it has a ghost flower. Those species are among the *Masdevallias* what the mastiffs are among the dogs. It was discovered by Mr. Chesterton in New Grenada, and has already flowered twice in the Royal Exotic Nursery of Messrs. Veitch. It is the Troglodyte among *Masdevallias*. If amateurs would like to admire its charms they would have to arm themselves with very powerful eye-glasses, the flower just equalling in size a poorly-fed fly of our windows. *H. G. Rchb. f.*
