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***Epipactis Elmeri Ames sp. nov.*** Herba pusilla, plus minusve quadrifoliata, foliis inter se satis distantibus. Rhizoma repens, ad nodos radicans. Folia bene reticulata, ovata, acuta, in petiolum contracta. Caulis supra folios paucibrakteatus. Racemus gracilis, plus minusve decemflorus, minute glandulosus. Bracteae inflorescentiae ovarium pedicellatum superantes, anguste triangulari-lanceolatae, glabrae. Ovarium glabrum vel inconspicue et sparse glandulosum. Flores glabri. Sepala lateralia ovata, obtusa, uninervia. Sepalum dorsale valde concavum, ellipticum, obtusum, uninervium. Petala sepalum dorsali adhaerentia, cum sepalum dorsali galeam formantia, subspathulata, obtusa, uninervia. Labellum valde saccatum, antice in laminam semiellipticam productum, intus longe glandulosum. Columna generis rostello bicuspido.

Rhizome creeping, about 2 mm. in diameter, rooting at the nodes. Stems 14–17 cm. long, minutely glandular above, leafy. Leaves 1.5–2 cm. apart, 1.5–4 cm. long, 9–20 mm. wide, ovate from a broad base, conspicuously reticulate-veined, acute, contracted at base into a slender petiole, the base of the petiole sheathing the stem. Between the uppermost leaf and the base of the raceme there are

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Fig. 3

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several ascending bracts, 5–10 mm. long. Raceme slender, 3–4.5 cm. long, ten or more flowered, glandular-pubescent. Bracts of the inflorescence up to 7 mm. long, triangular-lanceolate, smooth, exceeding the shortly pedicellate ovary. Ovary smooth. Lateral sepals 2–3 mm. long, 1.25–2 mm. wide, ovate, obtuse, 1-nerved, smooth, concealing the saccate base of the labellum. Dorsal sepal about 2.5 mm. long, concave. Petals 2 mm. long, adhering lightly to the upper sepal, somewhat spatulate, obtuse, 1-nerved. Labellum 2.5 mm. long, strongly saccate, with several clavate glands within, produced in front into a more or less expanded lamina which is obtuse and semielliptical. Column about 2 mm. long, with the rostellum deeply and broadly excised.

Allied to *Epipactis Ramosii Ames* comb. nov. (*Good-  
yera Ramosii Ames* in Phil. Journ. Sci. 8 (1913) 409), but  
with smaller flowers and a different labellum. [Fig. 3.]

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Herb. Ames No. 26302.)