



## Orchid Notes and Gleanings.

### CATTLEYA BOWRINGIANA (AUTUMNALIS).

THIS very lovely new introduction is in bloom in several examples with Messrs. James Veitch & Son, who are the importers and holders of the stock. At first sight it might be taken for an autumn-flowering *C. Skinneri*, but examination reveals peculiarities which render it totally distinct from that species, or, indeed, from any *Cattleya* in cultivation. The chief peculiarity consists in each of the pseudobulbs having an enlarged and flattened base, so that each of them seems to spring from a formation something like a pseudobulb of *Broughtonia sanguinea* or *Læliaopsis*. The pseudobulbs, too, are clad with sheaths of very peculiar structure, and the leaves have a glaucous tint, which makes them resemble a tall form of *Epidendrum ciliare* or *E. cinnabarinum* more than a *Cattleya Skinneri*. The flowers are in neat bunches, the sepals and petals being mauve-tinted rose, and the labellum dark crimson, with yellow stain in the throat. Flowering, as it does, in the very dullest season, *C. Bowringiana* will be a great acquisition, and more demands will be made for it no doubt than the limited stock will meet. J. O'B.