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10. *Kefersteinia alba* SCHLTR., Repert. Spec. Nov. Beih. 19: 228 (1923); (fig. 12).

Type: Costa Rica. Alajuela: San Pedro de San Ramón, 1075 m, July 1922, A.M. Brenes 284 (holotype, B, destroyed; lectotype, selected here, AMES 31624!, drawings from the holotype).

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Discussion: Although FOWLIE (1966b) treated *K. alba* as a synonym of *K. lactea*, SCHLECHTER's drawings from the holotype at AMES clearly show the ligulate to narrowly elliptic leaves, the winged column without ventral keel, the rhombic, three-lobed lip and the lyre-shaped callus that are good diagnostic characters to distinguish *K. alba* from its close relatives. The species seems to be exceedingly rare, and the only other Costa Rican collection referable to this taxon is a plant collected in 1976 and flowered at Selby Gardens, on which the illustration intended for the *Icones Plantarum Tropicarum* was prepared (ATWOOD 1989). Unfortunately, no material was preserved at the time and the illustrated plant died in cultivation (DRESSLER, pers.comm.). Although in his description ATWOOD (1989) mentions the presence of a ventral keel on the upper half of the column, the published drawing of the ventral view of the column shows no trace of any keel. In his typification of SCHLECHTER's Costa Rican Orchidaceae based on collections by A.M. BRENES, BARRINGER (1986) did not select any type for *K. alba*. However, the analytical drawings of the plant and flower at AMES are detailed enough to adequately distinguish the species, so they are designated here as the type.