

## TRIBE VANDEÆ.

*MAXILLARIA VARIABILIS*, var. *UNIPUNCTATA*. Lindl. *Bot. Reg.* p. 23. A singular little epiphyte, received by Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., with others, from the Horticultural Society, in March, 1837, in whose collection it flowered January, 1838. It was gathered by Mr. Hartwig in the neighbourhood of Vera Cruz. It is also in the very rich collection of Thomas Harria, Esq., of Kingsbury. *Bot. Reg.*

*GOVENIA LILIACEA*. Lindl. Lily-flowered *Govenia*. *Bot. Reg.* A small tuberous plant about a foot high, imported from Mexico by G. Barker, Esq., of Birmingham. It has the habit of *Bletia*, and flowers in the month of July. The colour of the flowers is not a good pure white, but delicately streaked with lines of rather pale purple. It is at present extremely rare, and Dr. Lindley states that he has not heard of it in any other collection except Mr. Barker's *Bot. Reg.*

**ONCIDIUM CARINATUM**; pseudobulbis ovatis; foliis lanceolatis; scapo erecto; floribus secundis racemosis; petalis conniventibus, maculatis; pedicellis flexuosis; labello cristato integerrimo; bracteis scariosis.

This is a pretty plant, but not showy; and although not strictly agreeing with the generic character, *Oncidium*, we consider it one of those exceptions mentioned by Dr. Lindley in the *Botanical Register* which come too near it to be separated. It differs from *Oncidium* in having the wings of the column in the centre instead of the apex: but the pollen-masses, caudicula, and gland, are certainly those of *Oncidium*. The labellum is also entire, and keeled from the apex. It appears allied to *O. gracile* of Von Martius, described by Dr. Lindley in the work above quoted. It is a native of Xalappa, where it was gathered in the year 1837, and imported with many other rarities by George Barker, Esq., Springfield, near Birmingham.

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 MONTHLY SCRAPS.
 

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THE LONDON COLLECTIONS.—At Messrs. Rollisons', of Tooting, a very rare orchideous plant is now in flower, *Huntleya Melesgris*; it is the only plant in the kingdom, and excites much interest among the amateurs of orchidaceæ. There is at present but a single flower, and that perhaps not so favourable a specimen of the beauties of the plant as some of its successors may prove, for the beautiful chequering of the petals is not sufficiently distinct. This collection boasts another orchidaceous novelty at the present moment:—a beautiful plant presenting some characteristics of the genus *Oncidium*, and somewhat resembling the *Oncidium Tigrinum*, described by botanists, but is thought to be a new genus\*; the present drooping raceme of eight or ten flowers is merely an adventitious shoot, one quarter of the size of the old stems remaining when the plant was imported, and consequently the flowers, of a delicate straw colour

\* This plant will be figured in No. XV. of the *Floral Cabinet*.