

FERNANDÉZIA acúta.

* *Sharp-leaved Fernandezia.*

GYNANDRIA MONANDRIA.

Nat. ord. ORCHIDÆ, §. VANDEÆ, Lindl. (Introduction to the Natural System of Botany. p. 262.)

FERNANDEZIA, Fl. Peruv. Perianthium patens. Sepala libera. Petala conformia, sub sepalo supremo conniventia. Labellum anticum v. posticum, ecalcaratum, liberum, trilobum, disco tuberculatum. Columna brevis, utrinque aurita. Anthera bilocularis. Pollinia 2, solida, obovata, glandulá caudiculá—Epiphytæ caulescentes. Folia disticha, equitantia, imbricata. Racemi pauciflori, terminales v. laterales. Flores parvi lutei. Lindl. Gen. et Sp. Orch. p. 207.

F. acuta; foliis acuminatis carinatis, corymbo laxo multifloro, bracteis obtusis membranaceis, labello lineari 3-lobo laciniis lateralibus rectis abbreviatis intermediâ emarginatâ obtusâ, disco pulvinato tuberculo minimo pone basin.

Omnia fere F. elegantis nisi folia et labellum. Hoc pallidè luteum disco prominulo pulvinato anticè bilobo sanguineo-marginato; laciniis lateralibus nullo modo hastæ effigiem referentibus sed lacinid intermediâ parallelis.

A native of Trinidad, whence it was imported by Mr. Knight, in whose collection it flowered in June last.

In habit is very like *F. elegans*, from which it is principally distinguished by the tapering form of its leaves, and the shape of its lip, which, instead of having a sort of hastate form, in consequence of the divergence of its lateral lobes, and a number of irregular unequal tubercles upon its disk, has the lateral lobes parallel with the middle one, only a single small tubercle at its base, and a slightly elevated disk which is 2-lobed, and bordered with crimson in front.

A hot damp stove is necessary to keep this rare species in health.

* So called after George Garcias Fernandez, a Spanish Botanist, who is unknown, except through the medium of this genus.