

MASDEVALLIA ATTENUATA, n. sp.

Affinis *Masdevalliae floribundae* Lindl. Folia longe petiolato-attenuatis lineariliguatis acutis (apice scilicet minutissime tridentato), pedunculis bene exsertentibus; pedunculo tomi; bractea vaginata ovarium pedicellatum longe non aequante; mento angulato, cupula subcylindracea; sepalorum parte libera a triangula basi caudata, caudis carnosulis crassiusculis deflexis; petalis supra basin unguiculatam antice semihastatis ligulatis acutis uninnerviis; labello ligulato antice subacuto crenulato carinis depressis a basi in discum anticum ibi in lineas callosas subparallelas excurrentibus; columna apice postice in dentem retusam extensa, utriusque juxta antheram rotundata.

A small-flowered little plant, with whitish flowers, having orange-yellow tails, and a greenish hue on the white of the flower. The petals are white, with a green middle nerve. The column is greenish. The lip yellow, with an orange-coloured base and apex. It is one of the recent introductions from Costa Rica, obtained by Messrs. Veitch.

We must state a very surprising fact, viz., that our wild flowers are quite even inside, while the fresh ones have a very thin but quite obvious cover of velvet inside. We should not have been astonished so much if the dry flowers had been scabrous, the fresh ones quite glabrous, for we have observed that very often, and particularly in *Masdevallias*. *H. G. Rchb. fil.*