

MASDEVALLIA ABBREVIATA, n. sp.*

Another member of the group of the *Amandæ*. I have had a day's work to go once more over all my types of the affinity of *Masdevallia polysticta*, *melanopus*, \times *anthodactyla*, *Lehmanni*, *tridens*, *caloptera*, *Gustavi*, *pachyura*. This one is the ninth species, so much a connecting link between *M. polysticta* and *melanopus* that I often believed it to be a mule between these two. It has the full colours of *M. polysticta*, yet there are usually far fewer dots. There is even a nearly unspotted variety. The whole flower is far shorter, more gibbous underneath at its base, and those ciliæ and hairs, so very conspicuous in *Masdevallia polysticta*, are scarcely to be seen, or not at all present. Then the petals are more retuse, with a single apiculus, and very seldom adorned with a few lateral teeth (only seen once). The anterior part of the lip is hooded, as in genuine *Masdevallia polysticta*, and covered with three blunt ridges, yet it is usually far broader. I am not very sure whether it comes from *M. Roezli*, or perhaps from *M. Bruchmüller*, since none of wild specimens agree with it. I am rather more inclined to believe in its Roeszlian origin. *Masdevallia Amanda* has the same long lateral sepals, which are characteristic of *M. polysticta*, and which I saw very judiciously represented in an elaborate drawing of this species prepared for the *Botanical Magazine* by Mrs. Dyer. *H. G. Rehb. f.*

* *Masdevallia abbreviata*, n. sp.—(*Amandæ*.) Folius spatulatis obtusis; racemo paucifloro; bracteis cucullatis ovaria crispo-alata vulgo superantibus; perigonio abbreviato antementum obtusum constricto; sepalorum partibus latis brevissimis triangulis minutissime denticulatis, in caudas longiores extensis, intus calvis; tepalis cuneato-oblongis retusis cum apiculo medio, labelli laciniis lateralibus semioblongis elongatis, lamina antica infrapposita oblonga lateribus replicatis, lincis tumidis ternis: columna gracileota, androclinii cucullo serrulato. *H. G. Rehb. f.*