

MASDEVALLIA FULVESCENS, Rolfe, n. sp.*

* *Masdevallia fulvescens*, n. sp. (fig. 65).—Scape short, 1-flowered. Perianth tube 5 to 6 lines long, about 3 lines diameter at the apex, a little constricted below, buff-yellow, passing into light purple-brown on the sides. Upper sepal broadly triangular, 2 to 3 lines long, deep yellow shading into purple-brown above on the two lateral nerves, tail 2 inches long, buff-yellow. Lateral sepals united into a broadly rounded body 4 to 6 lines long, buff-yellow, the small triangular free portions passing into buff tails about 2 inches long. Petals obliquely oblong, subobtusate, $2\frac{1}{2}$ lines long, white, with very minute spots of light purple, and with a median band of the same colour. Lip oblong, slightly constricted in the middle, acute, white, with light yellow apex, and a shade of the same colour on the disc. Column slender, with acute purple margins.—Native of New Granada.

NOTWITHSTANDING the large numbers of *Masdevallias* which have been discovered during the last quarter of a century, the genus does not appear to be exhausted of novelties at present, as I know of several species for which no names are at present forthcoming. The present novelty is one which came from Messrs. Fred. Horsman & Co. during the early part of the present year, and which had been imported by them from New Granada. It is a very pretty little species, apparently allied to *M. infracta*, Lindl., but with more brightly coloured flowers. The perianth is of a light buff shade, passing into light purple-brown on the constricted sides of the throat, the upper sepal deeper orange-yellow, shading into purple-brown on the two lateral nerves. The peduncles are single-flowered, short, probably a little exceeding the leaves, which latter I have not seen. It may bear the name of *Masdevallia fulvescens* on account of the colour of the flowers.
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