

ODONTOGLOSSUM VEXILLARIUM, *sp. n.*

Affine *Odontoglossum Phalaenopsidi*, sepalis oblongis apiculatis, tepalis latioribus obtusis, labello basi angusto sagittato, dein expanso in laminam amplam flabellatam emarginatobilobam, [carinis elevatis] geminis acutis basi, sepala interposita, columna aptera brevi.

This is a dangerous rival of the old *Odontoglossum Phalaenopsis* itself, bearing a larger, more delicate white flower, with rosy petals, and a rosy lip, yellow at its base. The sagittate lip presents a form which is quite new among these plants. The plant is reported to be small, and the leaves are said to be fine and delicate.

Where does it grow? We are not allowed to say. Who has discovered it? We do not know. Who possesses the specimen? Impossible, too, to say. How do you know it? *Infandum, regina, jubes renovare dolorem*. A friend of ours, Mr. S—t L—, of U—r Cl—n, near London, got the flower for six days' space, in order to lend it to us, after having given his promise, 1, not to show it to anybody else; 2, not to speak much about it; 3, not to take a drawing; 4, not to have a photograph made; 5, not to look oftener than three times at it. We were indiscreet enough to take a description of it, and hope the wonderful beauty will one day appear at South Kensington. *H. G. Rehb., f.*