

New Garden Plants.

CYPRIPEDIUM SPICERIANUM, *n. sp.*, in *litt. ad cl. Veitch*, Dec. 1878.* [*Gard. Chron.* 1880, vol. xiii., p. 41.]

This is a most lovely original species, named by me on December 1, 1878. It stands just beside the curious *Cypripedium Fairrieanum*, having the same narrow petals, curved down sideways; they are light green, with a purple middle line and copious most minute freckles on the upper side over the middle line, the border much waved. The standard-like upper sepal is the chief ornament. It is transverse oblong, blunt acute, with reflexed margins, thus making one think of an old-fashioned shepherd's hat, pure white at the base, as light green as a young adult green frog (*Hyla arborea*), the middle line being of a beautiful purple. The connate oblong acute lateral sepals are of a light whitish-green. The lip is shaped like that of *Cypripedium Fairrieanum*, but it is much larger, olive-green, with a brown anterior part, side lobes with red margin. The nearly square staminode has three very blunt rather evanescent lobes in front; colour mauve with a white anterior border and a queer yellow figure in the centre, which may be compared with two three-branched deer-horns with that part of the skull whereon they are inserted, just as they may often be seen in the rooms or lobbies of enthusiastic hunters.

This lovely plant has recently been figured in these columns. It was sent me in 1878, and exhibited at the end of 1879 by Messrs. Veitch. *H. G. Rchb. f.*

* *Cypripedium Spicerianum*, *n. sp.*, Rchb. f., MSS., 1878.— (*Acaulia coriifolia viridifolia*); foliis quam in *Cypripedio* insigni angustioribus; pedunculo parcissime piloso; bractea ancipiti, ovario trigono calvo breviori; sepalo impari cuneato-ovato apiculato transverso vexillario magno; sepalis paribus ovato acutis connatis labello brevioribus; tepalis triangulo-ligulatis acutis deorsum extrorsumque curvatis, latere sepali impari energetice curvatis; labelli sacco utrinque angulato, medio antice retuso; staminodio subquadrato, antice medio angulato, utrinque emarginato, ante basin utrinque margine, margine profunda et anguste sinuato. *H. G. Rchb. f.*