

535. HUNTLEYA CERINA. A beautiful stove Orchid, from Central America. Flowers pale yellow, with a purple column, in April. (Fig. 263.)

*H. cerina*; sepalis subrotundis concavis, labello ovato convexo retuso cristâ crassâ semi-circulari truncatâ plicatâ, columnâ apice nudâ.

A third species is now added to the curious genus *Huntleya*, neither with brown nor violet flowers, but with firm whitish waxy blossoms, not unlike those of *Maxillaria Harrisonie*. It was found in Veragua, by Mr. Warczewicz, on the Chiriqui Volcano, at 8000 feet above the level of the sea, and was sold by auction by Mr. Stevens some time in 1851. Mr. Rucker has been the first to flower it. Its manner of growth and general appearance are those of *Huntleya violacea*. The flowers rise singly from the base of the leaves upon a peduncle about six inches long, with a few short tubular close-pressed scales near the base; they are very fleshy, nearly circular, concave, and about three inches across. The sepals and petals are rounded, and even at the edge, of a very pale straw-colour. The lip is somewhat ovate, convex, indented at the point, much more yellow, and furnished near the base with a deep thick semicircular ruff, composed of numerous plaits and folds. The column is deep violet near the base, and has no expansion or hood over the anther.

