Phalænopsis Lüddemanniana, var. hieroglyphica, n. var.

This lovely thing has bloomed at Messrs. Hugh Low & Co.'s, Upper Clapton. It was at once marked to be reserved, on its arrival from the Philippines. The leaves are said to be of a peculiarly erect habit for a Phalænopsis, 7 to 8 inches, and narrow in proportion to the length, being at the widest part scarcely 2 inches wide; roots round and whitish-green. The Lowers have light ochre-white sepals and petals narrower, and thus appearing longer than is a common Phalænopssis Lüddemanniana. They are covered with small cinnamon circles or spots, or curious figures; the lip has very short side laciniæ, and the mid lacinia is very cuneate, narrow, with an unusually developed keel at the base, and very few hairs at the convex top.

The connecting link with the genuine Phalænopsis Lüddemanniana would appear to be my variety delicata which I have not seen since 1865, when it flowered amidst Monsieur Porte's plants, at Mr. Lüddemann's. H. G. Rehb. f.