

2. STELIS FOLIOSA.

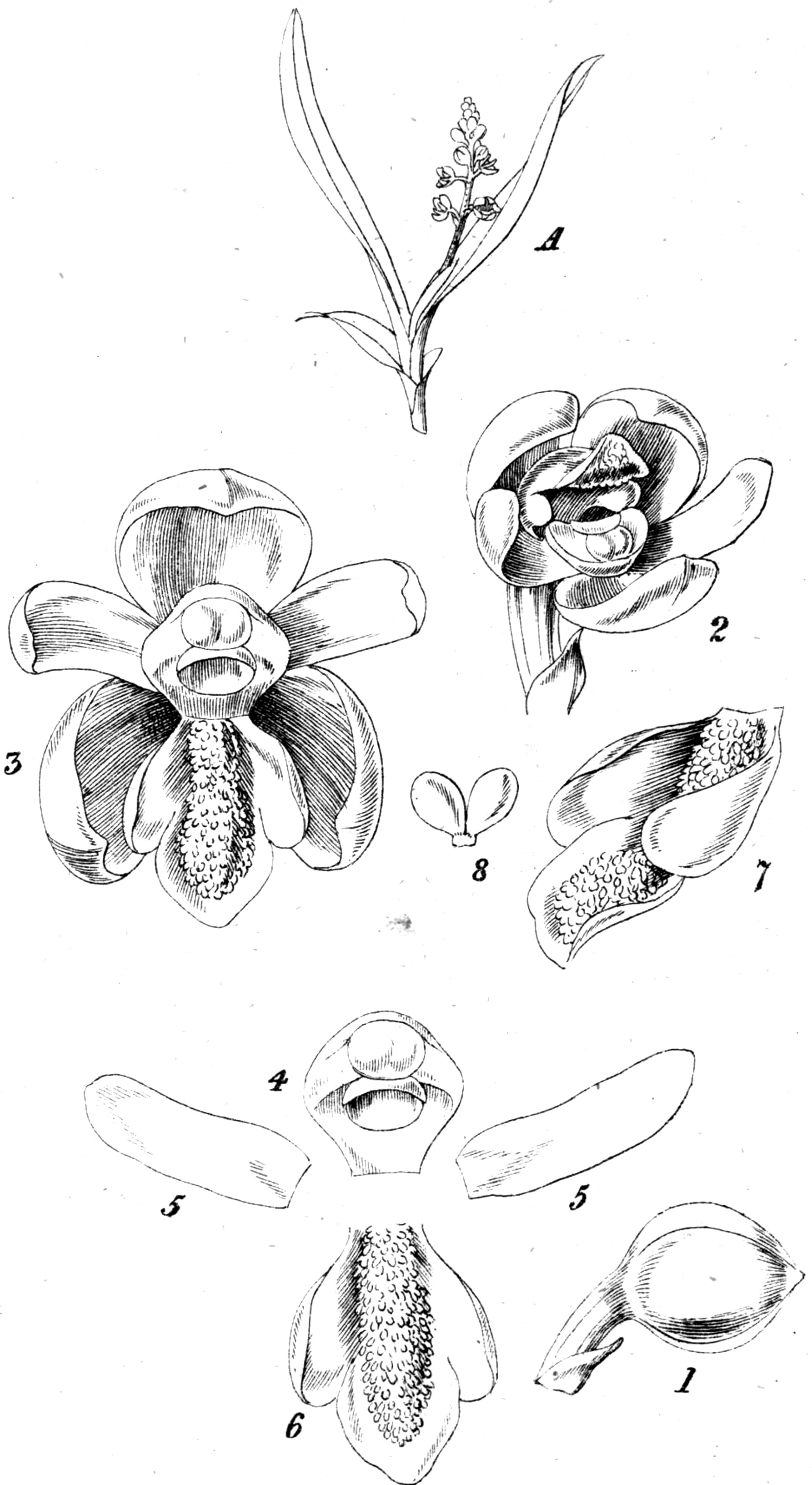
Nana, foliis subtribus lineari-oblongis, scapo foliis brevior, spica subcompacta, floribus subcernuis, petalis lingulatis sepala subæquantibus, labello trilobo, medio dense glanduloso. (Plate XVII.)

Hab. British Guiana; whence it was introduced in a living state by C. S. Parker, Esq.

Root small, fibrous. Leaves 3—4, of which 2 are nearly equal in length, 2—3 inches long, linear oblong, rather waved, below there are one or two smaller ones. Scape shorter than the foliage, bearing a short and rather compact spike of 12—14 flowers, throughout of this same uniform pale greenish colour, slightly drooping, each subtended by a small

acute bractea. Sepals equal, broadly oval or nearly orbicular, very concave. Petals lingulate, obtuse, slightly concave. Lip equal in length with the petals, divided to the middle into three obtuse segments, of which the middle one is the largest and broadest: the centre of the lip is clothed with a broad line of dense glandular down, reaching from the base almost to the apex. Column much shorter than the perianth, thick, fleshy, rhomboid. Anther hemisphærical.

Plate XVII.* A. *Stelis foliosa*, nat. size; fig. 1, flower-bud; fig. 2, flower expanded, in its natural position; fig. 3, the same inverted and more expanded; fig. 4, column; fig. 5, petals; fig. 6, labellum; fig. 7, side view of the labellum; fig. 8, pollen masses, magnified.



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