

18. BURLINGTONIA REFRACTA.

B. sepalo anteriore integerrimo acuminato refracto calcar depressum spatulatum involvente, petalis obovatis apiculatis apice recurvis, labello apice semi circulari emarginato medio constricto infra medium undulato lamellâ duplici carnosâ planâ in discum lineisque 2 elevatis utrinque, columnæ glabræ alis calvis 2 linearibus erectis 2 oblongis dimidiatis porrectis.

A stemless plant of no beauty, with recurved 5-7 flowered racemes, shorter than the solitary oblong leaves. The scentless flowers are dirty white, a little stained with purple, about as large as in *B. candida*. The double front sepal, instead of curving upwards beneath the lip, is directed backwards, and entirely envelopes a long narrow depressed spur. The small wings of the column are sometimes longer, sometimes shorter than the anther, the front of which is blunt and hooked downwards. The elevations of the lip are spotted with dull red. We received a live specimen the other day from Mr. Skinner, without any information concerning its native country. Our herbarium, however, contains good specimens gathered in Santa Martha by Purdie, for which we are indebted to Sir William Hooker.

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