

* 21. **S. violacea.** *Linden. Lindley, Orch. Lind., no. 133.*

S. glabra, vaginis verruculosis, foliis duris lanceolatis altè plicatis, bracteis imbricatis duris subfoliaceis flori subæqualibus, labello rotundato crispo emarginato lævi, clinandrii lobis brevibus.

(A) Flowers pale violet.

(B) Flowers white, with a yellow disk to the lip.

Wild in NEW GRENADA; abundant in the high regions of the province of Merida, at the elevation of 6000 to 8000 feet—Linden, 615 and 617; Santa Martha—Purdie; **B** Merida at 5000 feet—Wagner (*v. s. sp. et B v. cult.*)

This resembles *S. decora*, but is much stronger, has larger flowers, with imbricated somewhat leafy bracts, and a convolute lip, not unlike that of a *Cattleya*. The variety **B** flowered with Mr. Rucker in July, 1847.