

MASDEVALLIA TRIDACTYLITES, *n. sp.* \*

A most lovely gem of the lovely *Triaristella* group. Its caespitose stems have very thin semi-terete, acute, channelled leaves, and finally capillary peduncles, and small flowers with a yellow odd sepal, and brownish-purple lateral sepals, having in front of their apex sigmoid, blunt, upright orange tails. Petals very small, white, with a purple central blotch. Lip curvate, cordato-ligulate, acute, with two keels before the base, purple at the base and lip, white in the centre. Column purple, with yellow terminal teeth.

This very surprising gem was sent at once from two sources. Mr. W. Lee, Downside, Leatherhead, sent five specimens. I had it at the same time from one of my numerous anonymous benefactors, in a miserable cardboard, containing also a fine inflorescence of *Catasetum carneum*, and a neat living plant of *Restrepia*, in the way of *R. elegans*. I am rather suspicious that poor materials kindly forwarded September last year by my ardent correspondent, Mr. O'Brien, belong to this. There is also in the Hamburgh Botanic Garden a plant which we have from my friend, Mr. J. C. Lehmann, that may belong to this, but the only flower we had was too poorly developed to admit any certainty.  
*H. G. Rehb. f.*