

15. ONCIDIUM ensatum.

O. *ensatum*; pseudobulbis subrotundis compressis, foliis ensiformibus strictis carinatis, paniculâ longissimâ multiflorâ, bracteis membranaceis acutis canaliculatis, sepalis petalisque lanceolatis acuminatis subundulatis (olivaceis luteo-marginatis), labello (luteo) reniformi emarginato basi auriculato (disco olivaceo), cristâ pubescente subseptemtuberculato tuberculis elongatis, columnæ alis emarginatis utrinque acutis.

A Guatemala plant with singular long sword-shaped erect leaves, and a panicle like that of O. altissimum. The flowers are yellow in the lip, and on the border of the segments, but olive brown in the middle of the lip and the face of the segments. It is a very fine looking plant, the panicle being as much as eight feet long. The downy crest of the lip, with its long tubercles, forms a more obvious mark of distinction than anything else in the flower. Messrs. Loddiges have blossomed it.