

## 78. STĚLĪS argentāta.

*S. argentata* ; folio lineari-oblongo coriaceo emarginato in petiolum canaliculatum angustato caule brevi longiorem, racemo elongato multifloro, sepalis æqualibus ovatis subdiaphanis pubescentibus, petalis labelloque subæqualibus truncatis apice particulis argenteis micantibus.

A native of Guayana, where it was found by Mr. Schomburgk, who distributed it under the number 427. It has lately flowered with Messrs. Loddiges, (no. 75). The flowers are in long racemes, dull greenish purple, slightly hairy, rather large for this genus ; the petals are purple, and, as well as the labellum, have their truncated extremities covered with an appearance like minute particles of silver. The plant forms large tufts, and flowers very abundantly.