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The Flowers, which grace their native beds,
Awhile put forth their blushing heads,
But, e'er the close of parting day,
They wither, shrink, and die away:
But these, which mimic skill hath made,
Nor scorched by suns, nor killed by shade,
Shall blush with less inconstant hue,
Which art at pleasure can renew. Lloyd.

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CYPRIPEDIUM ARIETINUM. RAM’S-HEAD LADIES-SLIPPER.

Clafs and Order.
GYNAN¢RIA DIGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. 4-petala (raro 5-petala) patens. Nectarium ventricosum inflatum. Stylus superne lobo petaloideo appendiculatus.

Specific Character and Synonym.

CYPRIPEDIUM arietinum: caule foliòso, foliis lanceolatis amplexicaulisibus, corollis pentapetalis.


Descr. Stem 4—6 inches high, covered with a soft pubescence. Leaves usually, besides the floral one, 4, alternate, stem-embracing, lanceolate, hollowed, many-nerved, smooth, palish-green on both sides. Bracte leaf-like, lanceolate, erect, twice the length of the germen, which is incurved, angular, not twisted. Corolla 5-petaled. Petals lanceolate, unequal: upper one erect, broad-lanceolate, acuminate, three or four times larger than the rest: the other four nearly equal, linear-lanceolate, all lateral, incurved round the nectary, than which they are shorter. Nectary or labellum coral-shaped, white chequered with red, very woolly at the upper part. Intermediate filament (upper lip of the nectary, Linn.) sterile, round-spoon-shaped, bifurcate within the hollow; side filaments short, anther-bearing: anthers ovate, whitish: pollen white, globular. Style incurved: stigma flattened, circular, with a small projection pointing downwards.

In the Cypripediums which we have before figured, as in most of the genus, the two lower external petals are united together, and
and stand directly opposite the upper one; so that the four petals stand crosswise, which has been considered as part of the generic character: but in this species, from the lower petals being separate and distant, the arrangement is quite different.

The name of *arietinum* was given by Mr. Brown, from the resemblance which the flower, in some positions, bears to the head of a sheep.

Our drawing was taken in May 1811, from a plant that flowered with Messrs. Whitley, Brame and Milne; but as we had no opportunity of seeing the original, we could not publish it, till we were enabled this spring to examine living plants communicated by Messrs. Chandler and Buckingham, of the Vauxhall Nursery, who imported the roots last year from Montreal in Canada.

Requires the same treatment as the other American Cypripediams.