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"nor thou disdain
To check the lawless riot of the trees
To plant the grove, or turn the barren mould.
O happy he! whom, when his years decline,
(His fortune and his fame by worthy means
Attain'd, and equal to his moderate mind;
His life approv'd by all the wise and good,
Even covy'd by the vain) the peaceful groves
Of Epicurus, from this stormy world,
Receive to reft; of all ungrateful cares
Abolv'd, and farred from the selfish crowd.
Hapless of men! if the fame foil invites
A chosen few, companions of his youth,

" Once fellow-rakes perhaps now rural friends;
With whom in easy commerce to purse
Nature's free charms, and vie for sylvan fame
A perfect ambition: void of strife, or guile,
Or jealousy, or pain to be outdone.
Who plants th' enchanting garden, who directs
The vial bell, and bell conduits the stream;
Whose groves the fALTHIEST CHICKEN, and ascend;
Whom first the welcome spring salutes; who thieves
The earliest bloom, the sweetest poodest charms
Of Flora; who bell gives Pomona's juice
To match the sprightly genius of Champlain."

ARMSTRONG.

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CYPRIPE DIUM ALBUM. WHITE-PETAL'D LADIES SLIPPER.

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Class and Order.

GYNANDRIA DIANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Nectarium ventricosum inflatum cavum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.


HELLEBORINE Calceolus diëta mariana flore gemello candido, venis purpureis striato. PIuk. Mant. 101. t. 418. f. 3.

CYPRIPE DIUM birsutum foliis oblongo ovatis venosiis hisrufutis flore maximo. MILL. Dist. ed. 6. 410.


Of the genus Cypripedium, Great-Britain produces only one, America several species; of these the album here figured, (whose name is derived from the whitenes of its petals, and with which the nectary must not be confounded) is by far the most magnificent; indeed there are few flowers which to such singularity of structure add such elegance and beauty: it grows spontaneously in various parts of North-America, and chiefly in the woods; was introduced to the royal garden at Kew, by Mr. William Young, about the year 1770, but was known to Mr. Miller, and cultivated by him at Chelsea long before that period; this intelligent and truly practical author informs us, that all the sorts of Cypripedium are with difficulty preferred and propagated in gardens; he recommends them to be planted in a loamy soil, and in a situation where they may have the morning sun only; they must, he observes,
observes, for the above reasons, be procured from the places where they naturally grow; the roots should be seldom removed, for transplanting them prevents their flowering, which usually takes place in June.

A greater proof of the difficulty of increasing these plants need not be adduced than their present scarcity, though vast numbers have been imported, how few can boast of possessing them, or of preserving them for any length of time; careful management in their cultivation will doubtless go far, but peculiarity of soil and situation would appear to be of greater importance: it is well known that certain plants thrive in certain districts only, the double yellow rose, for instance, barely exists near London, yet this plant I have seen growing most luxuriantly, and producing a profusion of bloom, in the late Mr. Mason's garden, Cheshunt, Herts, and in which various Orchis's also acquired nearly twice their usual size,—enviable spot!