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Que votre eclat est peu durable,
 Charmantes fleurs, honneur de nos jardins!
 Souvent un jour commence et finit vos deflins,
 Et le fort le plus favorable
 Ne vous laisse briller que deux ou trois matins.
 Ah! confiez vous en, Jonquilles, Tubéreuses,
 Vous vivez peu de jours, mais vous vivez heureuses.

M. DE DESHOULIERES.

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MDCCCVI.
Cyripedium Parviflorum.

Yellow Ladies Slipper.

Class and Order.

Gynandria Diandria.

Generic Character.

Petala 4, cruciatim disposita. Neétarii labium inferius ventricofum, inflatum, calceiforme.

Specific Character and Synonymy.

Cyripedium parviflorum; petalis lateralibus linearibus contortis calceolo avenio longioribus.


This species of Ladies-Slipper is an inhabitant of North-America, from New-England to North-Carolina. It comes very near to the European species, and we suppose has been mistaken for the same by Michaux, in whose specific description conflertis seems to be an error of the press for contortis. It is a taller plant, more pubescent; lateral or interior petals longer, narrower, and more curled; and the nectarium or flipper is of a plain yellow colour without veins. Our
Our drawing was taken at Mr. Woodford's, at his late residence at Vauxhall, early in June.

Jussieu calls segments of the calyx, both the petals and nectarium, as we, in conformity to Linnaeus and most Botanists, call them; Swartz considers our petals as calyx and the nectarium as corolla. Dr. Smith has very properly remarked that there is no end to disputes of this kind; to us the language of Linnaeus appears the most easily intelligible, and the name of nectarium, so offensive to many modern Botanists, is conveniently applied to those parts of a flower that have an anomalous form, although they may not always be organs for secreting or retaining the honey. To avoid the impropriety of borrowing a name from a function, which the part does not perform, some botanists have proposed to substitute parapetalum for nectarium; but it seems hardly worth while to change an established word, well understood; and indeed we believe that the cases, where these parts are not really receptacles of honey or some analogous fluid, are fewer than is generally supposed.