

Recent introductions under the name *P. nigratum* (such as that illustrated in the *Orchid Digest* 32: 125, 1968) are small-flowered forms of *P. lawrenceanum* and not true *P. nigratum*.

*Paphiopedilum lawrenceanum* is not at all common in nature as evidenced by its very spasmodic introductions into cultivation. According to Veitch (1889) it is found in primary forest in small colonies growing in deep leaf litter and, less commonly, on mossy limestone rocks.

Several varieties of *P. lawrenceanum* have been recognised. The most outstanding of these is var. *hyeanum* (Rchb. f.) Braem, an albino first flowered by the Belgian nurseryman, Jean Linden, in 1885. Var. *atrорubens* Rolfe, flowered for the first time by O.O. Wrigley of



Fig. 110. *Paphiopedilum lawrenceanum* flowering in cultivation at Chelsea Flower Show. (Photo: P. Cribb)