

PEDILUM SUPERBIENS

The history of the introduction of *P. superbiens* and of its confused and complicated taxonomy have been admirably described by Mark Wood (1975).

To summarise, this species was first described as *Cypripedium superbiens* by H.G. Reichenbach in 1855 based on a plant flowered in the collection of Herr Consul Schiller in Hamburg. Schiller had received it from the nursery of Messrs. Rollisson and its provenance was said to be Java. In 1861, Van Houtte described and illustrated *C. barbatum veitchii* which Thomas Lobb had collected for Messrs. Veitch & Sons. Plants, possibly from the same intro-



Fig. 113. *Paphiopedilum superbiens* var. *curtisii*, in cultivation. (Photo: E. Grell)