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“It will flourish, if naturalists, chemists, antiquaries, philologers, and men of science in different parts of *Asia*, will commit their observations to writing, and send them to the Asiatic Society at Calcutta. It will languish, if such communications shall be long intermitted; and it will die away, if they shall entirely cease.” SIR WM. JONES.

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XII.—Noviciæ Indicæ XVII. *Some new plants from Eastern India.*—  
By D. PRAIN.

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In this paper are contained descriptions of twelve previously undescribed species of plants from the north-eastern frontiers of India. A considerable number of these have been examined and compared at the Kew Herbarium by Sir George King, who has kindly undertaken, for some of them, the responsibility of joint authorship. The descriptions are, as usual, drawn up in such a way as to conform to the descriptions given in Sir J. D. Hooker's *Flora of British India*.

## AROIDÆ.

12. *CRYPTOCORYNE CRUDDASIANA* Prain; leaves linear-lanceolate; tube of *spathe* narrow, longer than the limb, limb of *spathe* lanceolate acute not twisted, distinctly rather distantly transversely plicate within.

KACHIN HILLS; Keju river, near Sima, Prain's Collector!

Tuberous, stoloniferous. Leaves 5-8 in. long, .25-.3 in. wide, rather abruptly acute, lower fourth to third sheathing; midrib distinct. Scape very short. Tube of *spathe* 3 in. long, limb 1.25 in. long, lanceolate acuminate, purple within, with transverse folds, .1 in. apart, crossing its whole inner surface.

A very distinct species, in habit much resembling a small form of *C. ciliata* Fisch., and in this respect unlike any other Indian species of the genus. Its *spathe* has, however, a limb that is rather longer and much narrower in proportion to the tube than that of *C. ciliata*, while there are no fimbriæ but, instead, there are numerous transverse rugæ as in *C. spiralis* Fisch., which has however different leaves, a twisted limb to the *spathe*, with a tube much shorter than the limb. This species has been very kindly compared with the material preserved in Herb. Kew by Sir George King and Mr. N. E. Brown.

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