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PLATE 90.

97. CRYPTOCORYNE CRUDDASIANA Prain in Journ. As. Soc. Beng. lxi. 2. 174 (1900).

*Natural order* Aroideæ.

An aquatic herb, with tuberous, stoloniferous rootstock; *leaves* linear-lanceolate, 12—20 cm. long, .75—1 cm. wide, rather abruptly acute, lower fourth to third sheathing; midrib distinct; *flowers* on very short scapes; tube of spathe narrow, 8 cm. long, limb shorter than tube, 3.25 cm. long, lanceolate-acuminate, not twisted, purplish and with irregular but very distinct transverse folds, 2.5 mm. apart, crossing the whole of the inner surface.

UPPER BURMA: Kachin Hills, by the Keju River, near Sima; Prain's Collector!

This very distinct species is in habit a small edition of *C. ciliata*; it thus does not closely resemble any other Indian species. The limb of the spathe is however longer and narrower in proportion to the tube and the tube is not fimbriate as in *C. ciliata*. It has, moreover, many transverse rugae as in *C. spiralis* Fisch.; *C. spiralis*, however, has very different leaves and a spathe with a twisted limb, this limb being longer than the tube.

PLATE 90.—*Cryptocoryne Cruddasiana Prain*. 1. Plant from Keju river, Kachin Hills; 2, spathe with short peduncle; 3, spathe laid open,—*all of natural size*; 4, male inflorescence; 5, female inflorescence; 6, ovule,—*all enlarged*.

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