

papery, ovate, enclosing 4 to 7 flowers on pubescent pedicels 1.5 cms. long.

Calyx cylindric, 3-lobed, rather longer than the corolla tube, glabrous except for the pubescent tips of the lobes. Corolla tube 1.4 cms. long, pubescent, with a ring of long hairs at the base. Petals 2 cms. long, ovate lanceolate, blunt, hairy on the back, the upper lobe hooded and with a conspicuous spur. Lip large, quite glabrous, 2.7-3 cms. long, 3 cms. broad; side-lobes rounded, mid-lobe bifid, the lobes truncate; margin of lip crippld; two patches of claret colour on the side lobes not reaching the margin, and a number of violet-black lines in the centre of the lip above the mid-lobe. Staminodes two, conspicuous, bilobed, adnate to the base of the stamen and lip. Stamen glabrous, the connective prolonged into a short crest.

Capsule globose, puberulous, about 2 cms. in diameter and crowned by the persistent calyx.

Negri Sembilan: Gemas, I. H. Burkill 4980, August 1919.

Pahang: 126th. mile, Kuantan Road, between Sungai Lepar and Sungai Ketam, and at Sungai Luit, I. H. Burkill and Md. Haniff 17210, 17461, November 1924.

A New Fern from the Malay Peninsula.

Syngamma minima, *Holttum* sp. nov.

Rhizoma repens, tenue, pilis nigris nitidis vestitum. Stipites approximati, 5—15 mm. longi. Frondes rigidae, in sicco fragiles, glabrae, 1—4 cm. longae, 5—8 mm. latae, obovatae vel oblanceolatae, apice rotundatae, basin versus sensim angustatae, margine cartilagineae denticulatae. Costa utrinque vix prominens; venae simplices vel furcatae, liberae vel sub margine anastomosantes, fere obscurae. Sori 1-2 mm. longi, ad venas terminales.

Gunong Pantl, Johore, Holttum 17498.

This small fern grows side by side with *S. borneensis* on sandstone rocks at the top of the ridge of G. Pantl, at an altitude of about 1600 feet above sea. It somewhat resembles the young plants of *S. borneensis*, but is distinguished clearly from its earliest stages by the shape of its leaves and by its less densely tufted habit. The shorter leaves are often quite as broad as the longer ones, and leaves hardly more than 1 cm. in length may be fertile. The leaves on young plants are more deeply toothed than those produced later. The species is allied to *S. Dayi*, but has much shorter and broader



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