



BEGONIA ALBO-COCCINEA.

Scarlet and White-flowered Begonia, or Elephant's Ear.

Nat. Ord. BEGONIACEÆ.—MONŒCIA POLYANDRIA.

Gen. Char. (Vide supra Tab. 4131.)

BEGONIA *albo-coccinea*; acaulis, foliis oblique ovatis obtusissimis subreniformibus peltatis coriaceo-carnosis sublobato-sinuatis glaberrimis longitudine petiolorum, petiolis appresso-hirsutis, sepalis 2 exterioribus rotundatis (extus coccineis), reliquis minoribus obovatis (albis), fructu turbinato trialato alis latis subæqualibus.

One of the most lovely of this beautiful Genus, which we cannot too much recommend for cultivation to all admirers of hothouse plants, blooming throughout the spring and summer months; the flowers numerous, white and coral-red. Our plants were raised in the Royal Gardens of Kew, from seeds sent from India by — Strachan, Esq., of Twickenham, Surrey.

DESCR. *Stem* none; or so short, that the plant may fairly be called stemless. From a short, thick column, spring the stout, red-colored *leaf-stalks*, two to five or six inches long, terete, with scattered appressed hairs on the surface; their base sheathed with large, lax, membranaceous *stipules*. *Leaves* from two to five or six inches in diameter; in general the length being about equal to that of the petiole, quite glabrous, obliquely ovate, very obtuse, approaching to reniform, the margins slightly reflexed, sinuate, and unequally sublobate, peltate, the point of insertion excentric, and towards the principal sinus. The texture is thick, between fleshy and coriaceous. *Scapes* a foot to a foot and a half high, twice as long as, or more, than the leaves, terete, red, branched above into a many-flowered, spreading, lax *panicle*, with small *bracteas* at the setting on of the branches. *Male flowers* of four sepals; two outer and larger ones, nearly orbicular, red externally, white within: two inner, smaller, obovate, white,

sometimes tinged with blush. *Stamens* as in the Genus. *Female-flowers* with similar sepals to the male, except that the inner ones are sometimes increased to three. *Fruit* with three, broad, nearly equal angles.