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A CURIOUS PLANT—THE ASIATIC PITCHER PLANT.

OF what are termed Pitcher Plants, there are a number of different kinds, belonging to different botanical orders. One of these is an American kind, also known as

THE HUNTSMAN'S CUP, and the Side-saddle flower. Of this one, no doubt many of our young readers have met specimens growing wild, for it is found in many parts of America thriving in peat-bogs. The leaves, very curiously, have the form of an open cup, and are usually half-filled with water, much of which may be rain. Into this water many insects find their way during the season, only to drown.

But even more curious than the common American Pitcher Plant, is the Asiatic Pitcher Plant, of which an engraving is herewith given. It is over sixty years ago since the first species of this was met by Europeans, in China, and introduced into their hot-houses. Since that time various other species have been found, but none is more interesting than the one here illustrated. This one is known botanically as *Nepenthes Hookeriana*.

In the engraving the peculiar appendages to the apex of the leaves, which give it its very appropriate name, are conspicuous. This formation is a veritable Pitcher,

EVEN TO THE LID, which is hinged to one side. When