



Harry James Veitch

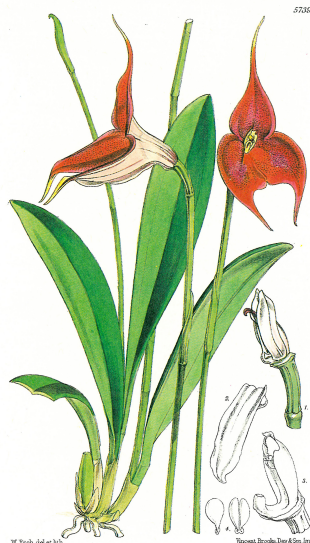
1840 – 1924

Harry Veitch, the second of James Veitch's three sons was born in Exeter, England. At a young age he was inspired by the botanical lectures of John Lindley. At age 18 he joined his father in the management of the Chelsea nurseries. He was industrious and the firm of Messrs. James Veitch & Sons gained the reputation of being the foremost nursery in the world. In 1856 Veitch's nursery manager, botanist John Dominy raised the first orchid hybrid *Calanthe dominii*, a primary hybrid between *Calanthe masuca* and *Calanthe triplicate*.

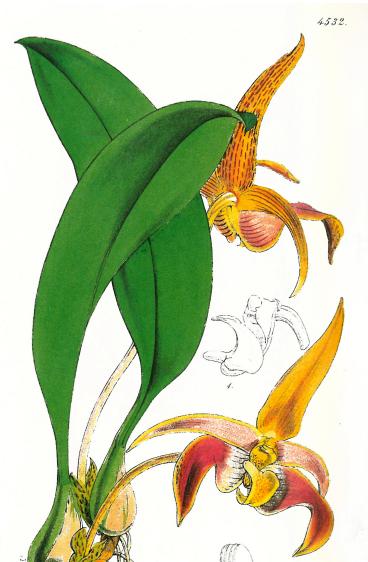
Veitch sent out numerous collectors to various parts of the world. Thomas Lobb was engaged by contract as a collector for Veitch exclusively. He was sent to China via Singapore, to Java, India and Burma. He collected some of his finest specimens from the Malay Peninsula and the Philippines including *Vanda tricolor*, *Phalaenopsis intermedia* and *Bulbophyllum lobbii*.

Harry's association with the Royal Horticulture Society went on for decades. In 1866 with the proceeds from the Great International Horticulture Exhibition, the Lindley Library was purchased. Harry became head of the company in 1890 after the death of his father and eldest brother. For more than 20 years he continued to manage nurseries at multiple locations, each with specialized groups of plants. In 1912 Harry took a leading part in the Second Great International Horticulture Exhibition and was knighted for his contribution. He received

honors from many, including the Victoria Medal of Honour from R.H.S. where he was chairman of the Orchid Committee for many years. Sir Harry Veitch retired in 1914 and with no heir sold the business and land for redevelopment rather than risk loss of their reputation.



Masdevallia veitchiana



Bulbophyllum lobbii



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