

twelve inches long, one and three-quarters broad, five-keeled above, with two lateral veins also slightly prominent; a few bristles occasionally on mid-keel; margins rough with appressed bristle-shaped teeth; apex mucronate-cuspidate, smooth or somewhat hispid.

*Spadix* two and a half feet long, nodding or curved, slender, and thinly branched, where exposed plano-convex, convex face armed with short aculei. *Spathes* 3-4 inches long with short half-ovate limbs, armed with scattered, irregular, straight or hooked aculei. *Branches* attached just opposite the ends of the spathes, about a span long, slender, slightly flexuose, their lowermost spathes empty. *Spikes* also inserted opposite the ends of their spathes, (which are lax, clavate, generally armed with a few minute prickles,) about an inch long, scorpioid.

*Flowers* suffulted by an amplectent scale-shaped bracte, with a short acute spreading limb, and by a short, obscurely three-toothed, rather large, oblong cup. *Calyx* short, stout, divided below the middle into three oblong, broad segments. *Corolla* three times

In evidence of the numbers of species of this genus, I may mention that I have just received from Malacca a very distinct species of this section with the name *Rotang Jarnang*, which is the true name of *C. Draco*.

This species is distinguishable at once by the very small numerous deciduous prickles of the sheaths, (the old sheaths are merely rough from their scars,) the margins of the mouths of which are lacerate-fibrous. The *petiole* below the pinnæ is about a span long, armed with rather distant, stout, somewhat curved prickles, marginal ones being also found here and there: at its junction with the sheath very gibbous and transversely puckered; also among the pinnæ short hooked prickles occur along the dorsum, being continued into the slender flagellus. *Pinnæ* alternate or distantly sub-opposite, linear-lanceolate, caudato-acuminate, 10-11 inches long,  $6\frac{1}{2}$ -7 lines broad, above 1-carinate, carina and a lateral vein on both sides bristly.

For this the name *C. micracantha* may be proposed.

Another species of the same section sent from Malacca, without any name, presents green sheaths, with very few slightly curved white prickles. Total length including flagellus four feet, of the pinniferous part twenty-one inches. *Petioles* pinniferous to the base, armed with a dorsal row of stout clawed prickles, which towards the apex become binate or ternate with scattered ones intermixed. *Pinnæ* alternating or fasciculate, lowermost with cartilaginous swollen insertions, and apparently deflexed, linear-lanceolate, 5-7 inches long, 5-7 lines broad, without bristles on either side or with a very few on the carina above, acuminate with bristly points, apparently glaucous underneath.

This appears quite distinct.