

**CRYPTANTHE RATTANI.** Pilose-hispid and slightly canescent, about a foot high, slender but rigid; leaves linear: spikes in threes on an elongated naked common peduncle, rather densely flowered, and in age strict: calyx appressed to the rachis,

its bristles spreading, not recurved, and straight to the very tips: nutlets (3 maturing) lanceolate-ovate,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines long, brownish and smooth, but dull, not shining, the closed ventral groove opening at the very base into a transverse areola.

This plant was first brought to me, from the hills near San Jose, California, by Mr. Rattan, and supposed by him to be a new species. I could then see nothing in it but a state of the common *C. flaccida* (*Eritrichium oxycaryum* of the Bot. Cal.) with larger corollas and more open and spreading habit, for the specimens were young and only beginning to flower. The botanist of Monterey County, Mr. Hickman, has more recently favored me with a plant in good fruit, revealing the excellent characters above given.