

This little fern is of close, compact growth, notwithstanding that it is furnished with a slender, creeping, scaly caudex. Hence, it forms a dense mass of delicate



evergreen linear pinnate fronds, which grow from four to six inches in length, and are exceedingly beautiful. The pinnae are dimidiate, that is to say, developed only on one side of the costa, and hence the name of hemiptera, which means