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## PREFACE.

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**That which has been aimed at in the present Synopsis is the description, as full and complete as possible, of the North American Syrphidæ. The labor involved in the determination of our diptera, save such as have been described or monographed by Dr. Loew and Baron Osten Sacken, is very great, owing to the often incomplete and unsatisfactory descriptions scattered through the literature of a half dozen languages. To bring together descriptions in such a way as will render the identification of our numerous species less toilsome and more certain, is the only means that will now materially further the study of American diptera; the description of desultory new species is detrimental to real progress in the knowledge of our fauna. My aim has been the study of genera and species, to so describe and figure those of the United States as to render them more easily determinable. With every page I write I feel more fully how difficult descriptive dipterology really is, and that only a beginning has been made in the study of this interesting family. But the work will, I trust, serve a useful purpose in pointing out what the needs and necessities are, and to pave the way for a future exhaustive monograph of the family, based upon a wider knowledge than is now possible.**

I have given especial attention to this family since the beginning of my dipterological studies eight years ago, and have collected a large part of the species, either in New England or the West. I could not, however, have accomplished what I have, except by the aid of the many friends who have kindly sent me material. Without in any way depreciating the favors of others, I would express my acknowledgments especially to Prof. J. H. Comstock, of Cornell University, for the aid furnished me in the examination of a considerable collection, among which I found the very interesting genus *Senogaster*; to Mr. Eugene L. Keen, of Philadelphia, who, in the most generous way, gave me freely everything I desired from his industrious collecting; to Prof. C. V. Riley, of Washington, for the privilege of examining his large collections, including the excellent one of Mr. E. Burgess; and to Mr. D. W. Coquillett, of Anaheim, Cal., Mr. Theodore Pergande, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. George Dimmock, of Cambridge, for the addition of not a few species otherwise unknown to me. Other aid has been afforded me by

Prof. J. A. Lintner, of Albany, Mr. G. F. Gaumer, of New Mexico, and various others whose names will be found in their appropriate places. To all these I would express my sincerest thanks. Nor should I neglect to mention the extensive collections from the West and Southwest obtained from Messrs. H. K. Morrison and O. T. Baron, and from San Domingo, from Mr. G. F. Frazar.

Other kind favors, which I would gratefully acknowledge, were received from Prof. H. A. Hagen, of Cambridge, who kindly permitted me to study for several days in his laboratory the type collections of Loew and Osten Sacken. My readers will pardon me in the pride I take in stating that of nearly two hundred species which I had identified absolutely independently from descriptions, I found upon comparisons with the types and identified species in the Loew and Osten Sacken collection but three or four discrepancies. I can give no higher praise to the work of these two authors that admits of such close results. To Mr. S. H. Scudder, my thanks are due for his kindness and courtesy in permitting me to study his collections of fossil diptera and drawings. To Prof. A. Van Name, the librarian of Yale College, my sincere thanks are also due for his unfailing courtesy and assistance. Nor should I neglect to speak of the encouragement and assistance that have been afforded me by my wife.

Of the published writings on this family, I have been mostly indebted to those of Schiner, to whom the classification of the family owes much, and to the writings of Loew, Osten Sacken, Wiedemann, and others, wherever they were accessible. Of Baron Osten Sacken's work here, as elsewhere, I cannot speak in terms of too great praise. His descriptions are clear, accurate, and conscientious; I have never been in doubt regarding the correct identification of his species in this family. How much the present results are owing to his labors will be apparent to any one who will even cursorily examine the following pages. My heartiest thanks are likewise due him for the constant interest he has taken in my studies, during the years that I have had the pleasure of correspondence with him. Of Loew's work I need not speak. No better monument to a talented, learned, and versatile man exists anywhere in the domain of dipterological literature—and this field has been cultivated by most able, as well as poor workers—than in his *Diptera Centuriæ* and *Monographs*. His Latin descriptions are models, and very much of the synonymy of the American *Syrphidæ* is due to him. Nor should I fail to mention the conscientious work of Mr. F. M. v. d. Wulp, of Holland. He has not written a great deal on North American diptera, and that, unfortunately, is mostly in the Dutch language; but what he has written makes one wish that he had published more on our fauna in the English language, which he uses with fluency. Mr. J. F. M. Bigot, of Paris, has, with commendable zeal and industry, written much on the North American *Syrphidæ*; his works may be consulted with profit.

My work must have shortcomings and errors; the subject is by no means an easy one. I only ask that it be accepted as an honest endeavor to advance the study of these neglected but interesting insects.

The types of all but two or three of the new species described by me, together with my entire collection in this family, will be preserved in the National Museum for future reference and revision.

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PART I.

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CLASSIFICATION

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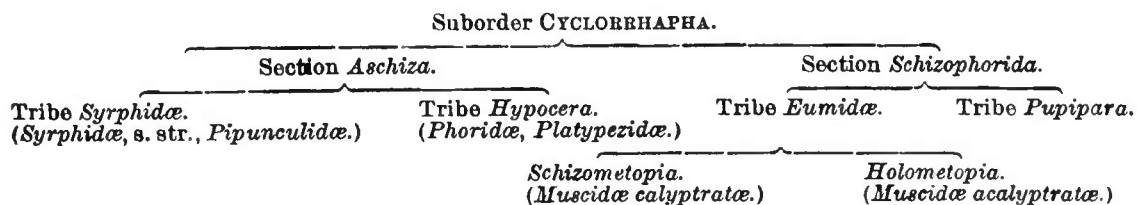


# NORTH AMERICAN SYRPHIDÆ.

## PART I.—CLASSIFICATION

The family of *Syrphidæ* is one of the most extensive in the order of diptera. Nearly or quite two thousand species are known from throughout the world, and many new forms are constantly being added. They contain among them many of the brightest-colored flies, and numerous specimens are sure to appear in every general collection of insects. None are injurious in their habits to man's economy, and many of them are very beneficial. In the following pages about three hundred species are described from the region north of Mexico, so that I trust even the non-entomological student, with a little exertion, may be able to identify them. That there are many more species within these limits is certain, especially in the southern and western regions. From Europe over five hundred and fifty species have been catalogued; doubtless nearly or quite as many will be eventually accredited to North America.

The family is easily and exactly defined; with but few exceptions by the presence of the spurious vein of the wings alone; in all, by the structure of the head and the neuration. Its position in the dipterological system is thus given by Brauer:



While, as a general rule, the *Syrphidæ* present excellent specific characters, there is a remarkable dearth of generic or group characters. The richness in species, the many intermediate forms, the absence of marked plastic variations, all tend to make the family in its subdivisions an exceedingly difficult one to define with clearness. From this fusion or coalescence of genera, we are often compelled to base our classification upon what appear very trivial differences. Species must be grouped together that show natural relationships, drawing the dividing lines where the largest intervals occur. Their classification ulti-

mately must in many cases depend largely upon convenience, and the views of those best qualified to interpret natural characters. Not seldom these views will rest, more or less, upon an indefinable *tout ensemble*, the instinctive or natural grouping of the trained eye and mind. There are no generic and specific limitations in nature; this fact, thanks to modern philosophy, we have nearly all learned. But by no means does it follow that there is no such thing as classification. A horse and an ass might show all possible intermediate characters, so that one could not say when the horse put off the caballine and took on the asinine nature; but nevertheless the horse is still a horse and the ass an ass; the only vexatious question would be when and where to label the one *caballus* and the other *asinus*. So, indeed, does the question come home pertinently in the small fragment of zoological life treated in the following pages. With a knowledge of but few species, classification was not difficult, and definition easy, but with the discovery of numerous and multifarious forms generic bands become stretched and thinned till at last they are rent asunder, and nothing is left but individual coherence. Even a novice would be astonished at the proposition to unite a *Chrysogaster nitida* and a *Syrphus lapponicus* in the same genus, yet the chain between them is complete; nowhere do differences exist that can be accredited with more than specific valuation. Nor is this a solitary instance; the majority of genera in the family do not admit of true generic definition; the best that we can do is to point out where one shall end and the other begin, a proceeding which sometimes (*Helophilus*, for instance) entails the result that a species differs more from some of its own associates than it does from members of other genera. What, then, are we to do? Make a genus for every difference? As well abandon species. Make only genera that can be limited by generic characters? As well abandon the family. In steering clear of Scylla we may be engulfed in Charybdis.

No characters offer for the accurate or even clear separation into sub-families. The best general division that we have was that proposed by the erudite Schiner, based upon the position of the anterior cross-vein. Though, like most of the higher characters in this family, it admits of no sharp definition, nor dispels doubt in many cases, it is unquestionably a natural one. In no case can a species with a well marked, oblique, and exterior cross-vein be placed among those with an internal and rectangular one, yet in not a few we cannot easily decide to which of the divisions a given species belongs. In the following classification I have recognized fourteen groups, not because they are clearly defined, for but very few are, but because some grouping is absolutely necessary. It has been criticised as in some respects artificial; this I by no means deny, in the sense that they cannot be separated, except upon ultimately trivial distinctions, but that they are in the main a natural grouping I do most earnestly contend. A faunistic classification is confessedly imperfect, though, as in the case of Osten Sacken's Tipulidæ,

a limited classification may happily admit of a far wider application. In such a family as the Syrphidæ many disturbing elements must naturally intrude themselves with the ingress of new forms; but the knowledge of the world's fauna can only be obtained from the assimilation of more or less heterogeneous parts into one homogeneous whole. My autoptic knowledge of genera is almost exclusively confined to the European and North American forms, types of nearly all of which I have examined.

## SYNOPTIC TABLE OF TRIBES.

- a.* Anterior cross-vein of the wings distinctly before the middle of the discal cell, usually nearly rectangular; third longitudinal vein rarely with a distinct curvature into the first posterior cell; hind femora rarely thickened. Usually smaller, more delicate species, generally thinly pilose.....SYRPHINÆ.
- b.* Third joint of the antennæ with a thickened styliform arista or style.  
PELECOCERINI.
- bb.* Antennæ with a dorsal bristle.
- c.* Third joint of the antennæ not both elongate and with a strongly plumose arista; marginal cell open.
- d.* Antennæ longer than the head, rather large species.....MICRODONINI.
- dd.* Antennæ not longer than the head.
- e.* Front long, much narrowed above in the female, cheeks narrow, face considerably narrowed below, abdomen frequently contracted beyond the base, more or less slender.....BACCHINI.
- ee.* Face not remarkably narrowed below.
- f.* Epistoma projecting, face without tubercle; abdomen contracted toward the base, in outline more or less club-shaped; small species.  
SPHEGININI.
- ff.* Not such species.
- g.* Color chiefly reddish or lutescent.....BRACHYOPINI.
- gg.* Color not chiefly reddish or lutescent.
- h.* Metallic green, metallic green and black, or black species, rarely with luteous markings at base of abdomen, and on the humeri and face; abdomen never with entire shining cross-bands.....CHILOSINI.
- hh.* Black or greenish black species with yellow or yellowish stripes and bands, or at least with entire shining cross-bands on abdomen.
- i.* Face black.....MELANOSTOMINI.
- ii.* Face partly or wholly yellow.....SYRPHINI.
- cc.* Third joint of antennæ elongate, with a strongly plumose arista; marginal cell usually closed; thick-set species.....VOLUCCELLINI.
- aa.* Anterior cross-vein near or beyond the middle of the discal cell, usually oblique; hind femora frequently thickened. Usually larger, robust, pilose species.
- j.* Antennæ with a dorsal bristle.....ERISTALINÆ.
- k.* Third longitudinal vein bent deeply into the first posterior cell.....ERISTALINI.
- kk.* Third longitudinal vein only gently curved or straight.
- l.* Arista plumose.
- m.* Third joint of antennæ elongated.....VOLUCCELLINI.
- mm.* Third joint of antennæ subquadrate; marginal cell open.....SERICOMYINI.
- ll.* Arista bare or pubescent.
- n.* Thorax with distinct yellow markings.....MILESINI.
- nn.* Thorax without yellow markings.....XYLOTINI.
- jj.* Antennæ with a terminal style.....CERINÆ.

MICRODONINI.

*Anterior cross-vein near the base of the discal cell, or near the middle, and more or less oblique. Marginal cell open. Legs slender, third joint of the antennæ, at least, elongate, the first more or less so. Large, species.*

- a. Face rounded, pilose.
- b. First posterior cell with a stump of a vein from the third longitudinal vein; scutellum flattened, usually with two points .....MICRODON.
- bb. First posterior vein without such a stump of a vein; scutellum without points. MIXOGASTER.
- aa. Face produced downwards, bare .....CHRYSOTOXUM.

This group as here distinguished is artificial. *Microdon* is one of the most peculiar genera in the family. The presence of a stump of a vein in the first posterior cell is characteristic, reappearing in *Ceria*, and occasionally in species allied to *Eristalis*. The presence of points on the scutellum reminds one of the *Stratiomyidæ*, but the resemblance is not great. This character was used by Wiedemann to found the genus *Ceratophya*, but it is of slight importance, two such closely allied species as *M. globosus* and *M. fuscipennis* differing in its presence. *Mixogaster* doubtless finds a place here, notwithstanding its club-shaped abdomen, by reason of the structure of the head and wings. The European *Psarus* likewise evidently finds its nearest relationship here, though showing an affinity with *Paragus* of the next group.

*Chrysotoxum* is more aberrant, and is a disturbing element in the arrangement of the genera. The only thing it has in common with *Microdon* is the elongate antennæ; the neuration approaches more that of the second division. Singularly, too, the genus is a close one, the species all showing great structural and color resemblance. Why the group *Chrysotoxinæ* should be retained to embrace forms so diverse as *Orthoneura* and *Pipiza* I do not understand.

CHILOSINI.

*Small to moderately large species, seldom with light markings (Paragus Chilosis, Pipiza spp.), usually the color is uniformly dark, with or without metallic greenish markings, or wholly deep black, the face never yellow (except in Paragus), the abdomen never with entire cross-bands. Third longitudinal vein nearly straight, anterior cross-vein basal discal.*

- a. Epistoma protuberant, antennæ often elongate, outer cross-veins more or less inflected.
- b. All the femora thickened and with a row of short spines below; body clothed with sparse tomentum.....LEPROMYIA Will.
- bb. Femora not thickened; body not tomentose.
- c. Front in female, and face in both sexes often, with transverse wrinkles; false vein of wing usually obsolete. ....CHRYSOGASTER Meig.
- cc. Front and face not with wrinkles; face hairy, concave .....PSILOTA Meig.
- aa. Epistoma not projecting, or, if so, the hind femora thickened; outer cross-veins more usually reflected, antennæ usually short.

- d.* Face evenly rounded and pilose.....PIPIZA Fallen  
*dd.* Face not evenly rounded and pilose, tuberculate.  
*e.* Abdomen with only four visible segments; arista short, subapical.  
 NAUSIGASTER Will.  
*cc.* Abdomen with at least five visible segments.  
*f.* Face partly or wholly yellow; abdomen punctulate, antennæ elongate; small  
 species.....PARAGUS Latr  
*ff.* Face wholly black, or at least only with luteous spots; antennæ short.  
*g.* Hind femora slender.....CHILOSIA Meig.  
*gg.* Hind femora thickened; epistoma projecting.  
*h.* Scutellum unusually large, nearly square in outline; males dichoptic.  
 CHALCOMYIA Will.  
*hh.* Scutellum not unusually large, considerably broader at the base; males holop-  
 tic.....MYIOLEPTA Newm.

There is considerable diversity in this group, but there can be no natural division, so closely do the characters blend from one to the other, and because the relationships do not permit a linear arrangement of the genera. *Chilosia* may be taken as its most predominant type, from which *Chalcomyia* and *Nausigaster* depart the most. The genus itself is a large one, with a considerable diversity of forms, but which, so far, has eluded attempts at rational subdivision. The presence of a swollen frontal triangle, or frontal groove, is characteristic in not a few species, but they are evanescent, and not of sufficient uniformity to warrant their use exclusively as a generic distinction. The neuration varies from a Pipizoid to a Syrphoid type; none except artificial distinctions can be made use of here. The antennæ show only slight variations; generic characters based chiefly upon these organs are not generally reliable throughout the family. The plumosity of the arista has been proposed as a means of distinction; but the plumosity is never very strong, and the ultimate generic boundary would often depend upon the power of the lens employed; nor can this character be used in connection with the pilosity of the eyes and the hairiness of the face, unless we are prepared to dub every possible permutation of the three characters with an independent title. The pilosity of the eyes is also unsatisfactory; its use will separate allied forms and bring together irrelevant ones; moreover, here, likewise, the microscope and possibly the imagination would sometimes be the ultimate generic distinctions. The hairiness of the face is in itself wholly insufficient, and bears no constant relation to the other more important characters. The thoracic bristles imperceptibly change to hair and then to pile. The limits of the genus are also doubtful. From *Chrysogaster* on the one hand, and *Melanostoma* on the other, nothing more than specific separation is yet possible. The relation to *Pipiza*, through *Chrysogaster* and *Psilota*, is equally obvious. Yet again we cannot overlook the natural affinity with species of *Myiolepta*.

*Pipiza* and *Psilota*, as here employed, are unquestionably nearly related forms; indeed further discoveries may require their union. The former genus has been very much subdivided. A knowledge of numerous species, however, constantly tends to break down the distinc-

tions. The following are the characters used by Kowarz,\* an able European dipterologist, to define the generic subdivisions:

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|---|-----------------|
| 1.—Third antennal joint slender and long.....   | 2               |
| Third joint short and broad.....  | 3               |
| 2.—The auxiliary vein terminates before the anterior cross-vein.....  | PIPIZELLA Rond. |
| The auxiliary vein terminates beyond the anterior cross-vein.....   | HERINGIA Rond.  |
| 3.—Frontal triangle of the male comparatively large and arched; front of female without a tuft of white hairs near the orbit..... | 4               |
| Frontal triangle not large, of usual form; front of female with a tuft of white hairs near the orbit.....                         | PIPIZA Fallen.  |
| 4.—Hind coxæ of male with spinous process; front of female with a distinct transverse groove near the middle.....                 | CNEMODON Egger. |
| Male coxæ without spinous process; front of female without transverse groove.....   | PENIUM Phil.    |

An examination of these characters seriatim will, I think, show their invalidity as generic distinctions. I by no means wish to say that they are without value, or that the names should be abandoned, but that their present substitution is not justified.

1. All intermediate stages will occur between a long, slender antenna and a short broad one, where it will be impossible to refer a species to either of these divisions without we take an artificial standard.

2. The same may be said of the termination of the auxiliary vein. What will we do with the species where the termination is opposite the cross-vein?

3. The presence of a swollen frontal triangle is a useful character, but the same objection may be urged against it as against the two preceding ones. The same feature occurs in species of both *Chilosia* and *Chrysogaster*, and was formerly made use of, in the former at least. Its acceptance here will, *pari passu*, necessitate its employment in allied genera.

4. The presence of a coxal spine is perhaps of greater value, yet we must not forget that the same character is disregarded elsewhere in the family. No one will think of generically separating *Xylota bicolor* and *X. tibialis*, or *Helophilus distinctus*, that has been confounded with *H. chrysostomus*, on this character.

The introduction of such fine distinctions is undesirable in any genus when characters of the same or similar nature are unrecognized in allied genera. It is true that arbitrary distinctions in the comparative shape of the antennæ, etc., we are compelled to use to a great extent in the *Muscidæ calyptrata*; but at the same time we must admit the almost insuperable difficulties which these families present to systematic study; so great, indeed, that there are but three or four entomologists (among whom we must award to Mr. Kowarz the first rank) who are capable of interpreting them.

Two species of *Triglyphus* have been described by Loew; both of them I have placed under *Pipiza*, as from an examination of the types

\* Wien Ent. Zeitung, iv, 241.



at Cambridge I could not discover differences. The genus, as I understand it, is based upon the presence of but four visible segments in the abdomen with elongation of the median ones. The types of these species, however, show the fifth segment to be as well developed as in other species of *Pipiza*, and with no appreciable greater development of the third and fourth segments.

The genus *Nausigaster* is a very peculiar one, and has only slight relationship to the other genera, except perhaps *Paragus*. On account of its general habitus, its punctate markings, and the structure of the abdomen, I place it here.

It may be objected that I place the genus *Myiolepta* in this group. Perhaps did I know the European species, I should feel the force of the objection myself, but certainly in the American species the affinity with species of *Chilosia* cannot be overlooked. Where the hind femora are but little thickened, and without spines, there is but little to distinguish them; even the luteous coloration in the female of some species mimics that in the females of some *Chilosia*, and the male facial tubercle repeats itself in certain *Chilosia* and *Chrysogastre*.

How Loew could have overlooked the striking relationship between *Leprouyia calopus* and *Myiolepta strigilata* I cannot account for. In the latter the third joint of the antennæ is distinctly elongate, the femora are all thickened, with short spines below, and the body is clothed with sparse tomentum, all characters of the genus. The genus thus holds an intermediate position, connecting *Chrysogaster* and *Myiolepta*.

#### MELANOSTOMINI.

*Small, elongate, thinly pilose species. deep black or shining green, the abdomen usually slender with interrupted bands of bright yellow, orange, or greenish-yellow color; face uniformly black, or at least never with light ground color. Antennæ short, face tuberculate; neuriation Syrphoid; legs slender.*

a. Wings not longer than the abdomen; ocellar tubercle large, prominent; abdomen depressed, the lighter markings ferruginous or orange colored.

PYROPHLENA Schiner.

aa. Wings longer than the abdomen; ocellar tubercle not unusually large; abdomen more slender, the cross-bands yellow or greenish yellow, sometimes shining metallic.

b. Front tibiæ and tarsi of the male dilated, those of the female slightly widened.

PLATYCHIRUS St. Fargeau and Serville.

bb. Front tibiæ and tarsi in both sexes slender, not widened. — MELANOSTOMA Schiner.

The genus *Melanostoma* may be taken as the type of this group. The only ultimate difference between this genus, so far as I can discover or define, and *Chilosia* is in the absence of entire abdominal cross-bands. On the other hand, the distinction from *Syrphus* is purely specific. The relationships of *Platychirus* and *Pyrophæna* are obvious; indeed in the

female there is scarcely any appreciable difference, at least in the former genus. *Pyrophana* is an excellent example of a faulty taxonomic classification; while the flattening of the forelegs is made a generic character in *Platychirus*, much greater structural differences in the legs of *Pyrophæna* only receive a specific valuation. Undoubtedly, should the number of species warrant it, a generic line will be drawn between *P. oeymi* and *P. rosarum*, but on the basis of natural classification it should not matter whether a genus contained one or one thousand species.

It may be objected that this group is not entitled to the rank I give it; but if it be united with the *Syrphini*, the *Chilosini* must be also. Shall we place *Chrysogaster* and *Syrphus* in one group? As well place the whole family in one group.

### SYRPHINI.

*Black or greenish-black species, usually with yellow abdominal bands, the face wholly or in part yellow. Marginal cell of the wings wide open, third vein rarely (Didea) curved into the first posterior cell, anterior cross-vein near the base of the discal cell. Antennæ short, face tuberculate, abdomen usually oval, legs slender, hind femora rarely thickened (Meso-grapta sp.).*

- a. Thickly pilose species; abdomen quite oval, broader beyond the middle. Basal portion of abdomen yellow, terminal portion black .....  
LEUCOZONA Schiner.
- aa. Rather bare species; abdomen not so marked.
- b. Thorax never with yellow lateral markings.
- c. Sixth abdominal segment of the male as long as the two preceding together, but narrower, somewhat tubular, unsymmetrical; on underside of the seventh segment with two long linear subparallel appendages, arcuate, bidentulate at the end, embedded in grooves when at rest. In the female the fifth segment half as long as the preceding. Scutellum much raised, exposing metanotum ..... EUPEODES O. S.
- cc. Hypopygium without slender appendages, sixth segment of male not peculiar; fifth segment of female one-third or one-fourth as long as preceding segment.
- d. Third longitudinal vein with a distinct curvature into the first posterior cell; third joint of the antennæ elongate-oval ..... DIDEA Macq.
- dd. Third longitudinal vein straight or gently curved; third joint of antennæ short oval.
- e. Eyes of male with an area of enlarged facets above; front very convex; hypopygium very small ..... CATABOMBA O. S.
- ee. Eyes of male without an area of enlarged facets above; front moderately convex; hypopygium not very small ..... SYRPHUS Fabr.
- bb. Thorax with yellow lateral stripes.
- f. Eyes of male with an area of enlarged facets above; fourth segment of abdomen in both sexes with two median yellow stripes and an oblique spot on each side ..... ALLOGRAPTA O. S.
- ff. Eyes of male wholly without an area of enlarged facets above; fourth segment of abdomen not so marked.

- g. Face receding; thorax without median dorsal cinereous line.  
XANTHOGRAMMA Schiner.
- gg. Face strongly projecting below.
  - h. Dorsum of thorax with a median cinereous line.....MESOGRAPTA Loew.
  - hh. Dorsum of thorax without such line.....SPHEROPHORIA St. F. & Serv.

The genus *Syrphus*, as now restricted, presents a remarkable uniformity in structural characters, and even in markings, as well as in the fixity of specific characters. A few divergent forms, it is true, as *S. geniculatus*, are seen, but on the whole the genus is a close one; this, however, has not prevented attempts at subdivision. There are, though, many osculating points among its correlated forms. From *Didea*, through *S. arenatus lapponicus*, nothing more than specific differences are found. From *Xanthogramma*, through *X. emarginatum*, differences of even less value appear. Its coalescence with *Melanostoma* (through *S. simplex*, for instance) has already been touched upon. Other allied genera are *Catabomba* and *Eupodes*, where the differences are almost wholly confined to the male sex. *Leucozona* is structurally allied, but the pilosity and markings remove it further. With *Allograpta*, *Sphærophoria*, and *Mesograpta*, the relationship is likewise very apparent. All these have a more or less elongate abdomen, as in some species of *Syrphus*, but besides the yellow markings of the thorax the structure of the head is similar in the last two, to which *Asarkina* may be added.

**PELECOCERINI.**

The genus *Pelecocera* shows the nearest relation with the *Syrphini*; but the structure of the head removes it so far from the other genera that I prefer to give it an independent place here for the present.

**SPHEGININI.**

*Small, slender, elongate, thinly pilose species, with more or less yellow markings on head and abdomen. Antennæ short, epistoma produced; marginal cell of the wings open, third longitudinal vein straight or gently curved, anterior cross-vein near the base of the discal cell and rectangular, abdomen contracted towards the base, the greatest width beyond the middle, in outline club-shaped or spatulate; hind femora thickened.*

- b. Epistoma produced anteriorly, in profile deeply concave from antennæ to tip; third joint of antennæ nearly orbicular.....SPHEGINA Meig.
- bb. Epistoma produced more downward, in profile slightly concave from antennæ to tip.....NEOASCIA Will.

This group in America offers well-defined limitations, characterized by the small size, abdomen, and face. It is one of the oldest geologically.

## BRACHYOPINI.

*Moderate sized, nearly bare species, chiefly or wholly reddish or luteous, or, if in large part black, without light yellow markings. Antennæ short; abdomen not club-shaped; anterior cross-vein before middle of the discal cell, marginal cell wide open.*

- a. Epistoma produced into a long slender porrected snout; femora slender; the third longitudinal vein joins the costa beyond the tip. . . . RHINGIA Scopoli.  
 aa. Face not so produced, hind femora more or less thickened.  
 b. Face produced, obtusely tuberculate, thorax with bristles, abdomen elongate, EUGENIAMYIA Will.  
 bb. Face carinate, abdomen oval, first posterior cell short petiolate.  
 c. Arista bare . . . . . BRACHYOPA Meig.  
 cc. Arista plumose . . . . . EXOCHILA Rond.

These genera present a considerable divergence, but are best associated together. Why they should hitherto have been classed among the *Volucellinae*, rather than the *Syrphinae*, I do not understand. *Rhingia* is well marked in its remarkably projecting epistoma. In neuration it finds its greatest resemblance in some species of *Chilosia*.

*Brachyopa*, *Exochila*, and *Eugeniamyia* are all closely allied, and might, perhaps, be best associated in the same genus. There is a tendency in all the genera to the presence of thoracic bristles.

## VOLUCELLINI.

*Mostly large species, uniform in color or variable. Third joint of the antennæ more or less elongate, the arista always plumose; eyes usually pilose; body nearly bare or thickly pilose; abdomen short, thick, strongly convex above; marginal cell of the wings usually closed and petiolate, third longitudinal vein nearly straight, the fourth vein joins the third a considerable distance before the tip, inflected; anterior cross-vein usually towards the base of discal cell; legs slender, hind femora never thickened.*

- a. Arista very densely plumose, appearing like a solid mass. . . . COPESTYLUM Macq.  
 aa. Arista feathery plumose . . . . . VOLUCELLA Geof.

The present and following groups contain, with few exceptions, more robust, thick-set, and usually pilose, species. The two genera from the United States, located here, are sharply separated from all others by the presence of a closed marginal cell and plumose arista. In certain species of *Volucella*, however, the marginal cell is closed very near the tip of the second longitudinal vein, and rarely, in some individuals, is narrowly open. Such species form the natural connection with *Phalacromyia*, differing only in this respect, a genus, so far, extralimital, and bearing the same relation to *Volucella* that *Helophilus* does to *Eristalis*. It is very desirable that *Volucella* should be divided; the species are numerous, and a considerable variation exists among them. No characters have, however, in my opinion, been found that will accomplish this result satisfactorily. *Temnocera* St. Farg. & Serville, and *Atemnocera* Bigot, are too artificial in their limitations. The former is based upon the excision of the third joint of the antennæ and the presence of bristles upon the scutellum. In a number of species the bristles are

present without the antennal character—for these *Atemnocræ* is proposed. But to be consistent yet another division should be created for the excised antennæ without the scutellar bristles, as in *Volucella megacephala*. Even such a dismemberment of the genus might be well, were it natural, but it is not; allied species are torn asunder and unrelated ones are thrown together. A natural classification, moreover, would require the same treatment of *Phalacromyia*.

#### SERICOMYINI.

*Large species; antennæ short, the third joint scarcely longer than broad; arista basal, plumose; anterior cross-vein of wings oblique, near the middle of discal cell; hind femora sometimes thickened.*

- a. Moderately pilose; abdomen with yellow interrupted cross-bands..... SERICOMYIA Meig.  
 aa. Thickly pilose, abdomen uniformly black..... ARCTOPHILA Schiner.

This group at present is limited without much difficulty. Still the forms are not very closely allied in some of their species. The connection between the two genera is found in *S. militaris*. In *Arctophila flagrans* the thickened hind femora and curved third longitudinal vein present a relationship with the next group.

#### ERISTALINI.

*Mostly large, pilose species, uniform in color, or more or less variegated; third joint of the antennæ short, oval or transverse; third longitudinal vein with a deep concavity into the first posterior cell; anterior cross-vein near or beyond the middle of the discal cell; hind femora thickened, except in species of Eristalis.*

- a. Marginal cell closed and petiolate.  
 b. Thorax never with yellow markings.  
 c. Frontal triangle of male strongly protuberant ..... DOLIOSYRPHUS Bigot.  
 cc. Front evenly arched..... ERISTALIS Latr.  
 bb. Thorax with yellow spots.  
 d. Hind femora without a conical projection below, near the end,  
 PTEROPTILA Loew.  
 dd. Hind femora with a projection below (*Milesia*).  
 aa. Marginal cell open.  
 e. Arista plumose (*Sericomyini*).  
 ee. Arista bare.  
 f. Face with a longitudinal ridge in the middle; hind femora strongly thickened,  
 and with an angular protuberance below ..... TROPIDIA Meigen.  
 ff. Face not distinctly carinate; tuberculate or rounded.  
 g. Thorax and scutellum not densely pollinose above.  
 h. Third joint of antennæ oval; dorsum of thorax usually with distinct stripes,  
 HELOPHILUS Meigen.  
 hh. Third joint of antennæ broad; throax not vittate.  
 i. Thickly pilose..... MALLOTA Meigen.  
 ii. Thinly pilose ..... TRIODONTA Will.  
 gg. Thorax and scutellum very densely pollinose above ..... PTERALLASTES Loew.

This group is a natural one, but it is not distinctly separated from the following. *Eristalis* shows a considerable diversity in coloration, but less in structure. In many of the species the hind femora are slender, in others sometimes much thickened (*Simoides* Lw.); this character will not, however, serve for generic separation. Nor can the absence of the moderate plumosity of the arista (*Eristalomyia* Rond.) serve to divide the genus. It throws together unrelated species. The pilosity of the eyes seems to be equally unsatisfactory. The relationship of *Plagiocera*, *Senaspis*, *Priomerus*, *Doliosyrphus*, *Megaspis*, etc., cannot always be sharply defined. Two of these appear in our fauna, and will readily be distinguished by the general habitus, structure of the head, etc. In North America, *Eristalis* is sharply distinguished from *Helophilus* by the closure of the marginal cell. In Europe and Africa, however, the two genera coalesce, some species of *Eristalis* having dichoptic males (*Eristalinus* Rond.); other species of *Helophilus* holoptic males and without any of the characteristic markings, and with the marginal cell only narrowly open. So, too, *Helophilus* is ultimately distinguished from *Mallota* only by a very slight difference in the third joint of the antennæ.\* The group of genera immediately surrounding *Mallota* is an unsatisfactory one, and very difficult to define. *Pterallastes* will be easily distinguished by its general habitus, and the presence of dense pollen on the upper surface of the thorax and scutellum, but *Teuchocnemis* and *Triodonta* are not so easily disposed of; both of them differ from *Mallota* in being thinly pilose, but there is no other tangible character. *Teuchocnemis* was based upon the presence of an internal hind tibial spur in the male, but the same feature occurs in the true *Mallota*. The two species placed in this genus are not homogeneous. *Triodonta* cannot be placed under *Merodon*, on account of the antennæ, termination of the fourth vein, etc.; its dichoptic male is common to European species of *Mallota*. It is very singular that the genus *Merodon*, so richly represented in Europe, does not occur in our fauna. The relationship of *Mallota* is evident with *Xylota*. (See Schiner, Nov. Exped., 360.)

XYLOTINI.

*Third longitudinal vein only gently curved, marginal cell open; anterior cross-vein near or beyond the middle of discal cell, usually oblique; antennæ short; thorax without yellow markings.*

*Xylotini*.—Abdomen more or less elongate; hind femora more or less thickened, with projections or spines below; face without tubercle; nearly bare species; eyes large.

- a. Face strongly carinate; hind femora thickened, with an angular protuberance below near the end ..... TROPIDIA Meig.
- aa. Face not carinate.
- b. Third segment of the abdomen in the male very much contracted, cylindrical, the hind femora much thickened, with a bifid spine below at the tip. Eyes very large, face small ..... SENOGASTER Macq.

\* Even this difference is not accepted by Schiner in *Helophilus antipodus* Sch.—Novara Exped., 359.—Auckland.

- bb.* Hind femora more or less thickened, with spines or bristles below, never with a bifid spine near the tip.
- c.* Hind femora very much thickened, anterior cross-vein rectangular, SYRITTA St. F. & Serv.
- cc.* Hind femora never remarkably thickened, hind coxæ often with spinous process; cross-vein always oblique.....XYLOTA Meig.
- Criorhinini.* Mostly large species, pilose
- a.* Scutellum, margin of thorax, and pleuræ with bristly hairs; face distinctly tuberculate; femora slender.....CHRYSOCHLAMYS Rond.
- aa.* Thorax wholly without bristly hairs.
- b.* Face short, not produced, concave, not tuberculate: hind femora more or less thickened.
- c.* Abdomen elongate
- d.* Abdomen shining or opaque black.....BRACHYPALPUS Macq.
- dd.* Abdomen with bright bronze cross-bands.....CALLIPROBOLA Rond.
- cc.* Abdomen very broad, thorax densely pilose, large species, POCOTA St. Farg. & Serv.
- bb.* Face produced, longer than the front.
- c.* Face produced forward, pointed, concave from the antennæ to the tip, not tuberculate, subcarinate; hind femora thickened.....CRIOPRORA O. S.
- cc.* Face not evenly concave, tuberculate.
- f.* Third joint of antennæ produced above into a conical process, terminating in the thickened arista; femora slender.....MERAPIOIDUS Bigot.
- ff.* Third joint of antennæ transversely oval, but little broader than long; femora rarely thickened.....CRIORHINA Macq.

*Tropidia, Senogaster, Syritta, and Xylota* form a natural, slightly divergent group, showing an unquestionable relationship on the one hand with *Mallota*, on the other with *Brachypalpus*.

The relationship of *Brachypalpus* with *Pocota* and *Calliprobola* is evident, and between these and *Criorhina, Crioprora* forms a natural connection. *Merapioidus* and *Chrysochlamys* are less intimately related.

#### MILESINI.

*Large species, thinly pilose or nearly bare, with yellow spots or stripes on the thorax above, the abdomen conspicuously yellow banded. Anterior cross-vein beyond the middle of the discal cell, oblique; third longitudinal vein gently curved (except in Milesia). Antennal arista bare; hind femora elongated and moderately thickened.*

- a.* Hind femora with a conical protuberance below, near the end.
- b.* Marginal cell of wing closed; antennæ short.....MILESIA Fabr.
- bb.* Marginal cell open, antennæ more or less elongate.....SPILOMYIA Meig.
- aa.* Hind femora without such protuberance; marginal cell open.
- c.* Antennæ inserted high up, on a conical projection: front short, face much produced downward.....SPHECOMYIA Latr.
- cc.* Antennæ situated low down, short; face not longer than the front..TEMNOSTOMA.

*Spilomyia* and *Temnostoma* are closely allied, as is also *Sphecomyia*. *Milesia*, in the structure of the face and wings, is more remote, but the legs and general habitus show an incontestable relationship.

The nearest relationship in the preceding group is evidently with certain species of *Criorhina*. A resemblance between *Milesia* and *Pteroptila* cannot be overlooked.

#### CERINÆ.

*Rather large, bare, elongate species; antennæ longer than the head, second and third joints swollen, terminating in a style; anterior cross-vein beyond the middle of the discal cell, nearly straight; third longitudinal vein with a stump projecting into the first posterior cell.* CERIA Fabr.

This genus has been divided on the presence or absence of the frontal process, but the character is insufficient.

#### CHARACTERS OF THE FAMILY SYRPHIDÆ.

*A false longitudinal vein between the third and fourth longitudinal veins;\* fourth longitudinal vein united at its extremity with the third; basal cells large; face without subantennal grooves.*

Head hemispherical, often elongated or produced in the lower part, as broad or a little broader than the thorax. Face moderately broad, bare, or clothed with dust or short pile, excavated in profile under the antennæ and projecting below, or with a distinct convexity near the middle part; never with longitudinal furrows or lateral ridges, usually convex transversely, sometimes with a median ridge. Oral opening large; proboscis rarely much elongated, usually but little projecting, and, when at rest, concealed within the mouth; palpi one-jointed; labrum-epipharynx, hypopharynx, maxillæ and labium present. Front never excavated, often swollen, sometimes with a more or less elongate process which bears the antennæ. Antennæ usually porrect, approximate at their base, three-jointed; the third joint more especially of varied shape, usually flattened and with a dorsal bristle, either bare or plumose; very rarely the third joint is not flattened, and is provided at the tip with a thickened style. Eyes large, bare or pilose, in the male usually contiguous between the base of the antennæ and ocelli. Ocelli always present. Thorax comparatively large and robust, moderately arched above; scutellum large, usually convex, often translucent, rarely with spines on its border. Tegulæ of moderate size. Abdomen composed of five or six visible segments, rarely with only four. Hypopygium usually not prominent. Shape of the abdomen variable; slender, linear, clubbed, short, oval, and all intermediate forms. Legs usually weak, sometimes strong; the hind femora not infrequently moderately or much thickened, the hind tibiæ not rarely arcuated and compressed, metatarsi rather long, coxæ short; the hind coxæ, femora, and tibiæ, more especially in the male, in not a few species, armed with spurs, protuberances, or spines; the front and middle tibiæ and tarsi rarely flattened, or with structural variation. Macrochætæ rarely present in any

\* Sometimes absent in *Chrysogaster*, *Folucella*, etc.



part of the body; the body generally thinly pilose or nearly bare but sometimes clothed with thick pile. Wings comparatively large, when at rest folded together over the abdomen, or half open; third longitudinal vein never forked, frequently with a more or less deep curvature on the outer part; marginal cell opened or closed, the fourth vein terminates in the third vein at or before the tip; neither of the intercalary veins present; anal cell always closed before the border of the wing; anterior cross-vein before or beyond the middle of the discal cell; *between the third and fourth longitudinal veins and nearly parallel with them there is a false or spurious vein, nearly always present, and characteristic of the family.*

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*Mesophila* Walker, List, etc., iv, 1157, 1849.

*Ubristes* Walker, Insecta Saunders., 217, 1856.

Rather large, nearly bare species, usually short, thick-set, with short wings. Head flattened, broad; the face rounded, pilose, not descending much below the eyes. Antennæ porrect, approximate at their base, elongate, divergent on outer part; first joint elongate, slender; second joint the shortest; third spindle-shaped, as long or longer than the first; arista short, basal, bare. Eyes usually bare, rarely pilose, broadly separated in the male, but less so than in the female. Thorax short, broad, convex. Scutellum large, flat or gently convex, often with a spine or tubercle on each posterior angle. Abdomen usually short and broad, turned downward, very convex, nearly bare. Legs short, rather stout, tibiae usually somewhat dilated; tarsi more or less dilated; the metatarsi elongated, especially the hind pair, which are sometimes extraordinarily dilated. Wings short, small; third vein nearly straight, first posterior cell long petiolate, with a stump of a vein projecting into it from the third vein, near its middle; last section of fourth vein, and the vein closing the discal cell, often with a stump of a vein on the inner side. Type of genus *M. mutabilis* Linné, Europe.

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♂ Length, 6 to 8<sup>mm</sup>. Head ferruginous red, clothed with yellowish white pile; in profile gently gibbose on the lower part of the face. Front broad, the distance from the ocelli to antennæ a little less than the least distance between the eyes; ocelli approximate. Antennæ red, elongate, the first joint considerably shorter than the two following together; second joint short; third joint a little longer than the first, obtuse at the tip, brownish on the distal part. Thorax red, the dorsum with three broad black stripes, the lateral ones abbreviated in front; clothed with short, light yellow pile. Scutellum large, plane, trapezoidal in shape, the length of the distal border not as great as the sides; very distinctly emarginate, the pile rather shorter than on the thorax. Abdomen short, broad, globose, brownish red, the pile short, light yellow. Legs red, the femora, except the tip, and sometimes a ring on the tibia, and the hind metatarsi, black; hind metatarsi longer than the remaining joints together, extraordinarily thickened and dilated. Wings tinged with blackish, especially in front and along the cross-veins; the sections of veins at outer part of first posterior and discal cells nearly straight and rectangular, somewhat deflected inward.

Three specimens, Virginia (T. Pergande), and Florida (Professor Riley).

The color probably varies more or less from red to brownish red throughout. I am not at all certain that this species is Macquart's *Ceratophya fuscipennis*, as there is a distinct emargination on the border of the scutellum, the absence of which very character is that upon which the genus *Ceratophya* was based.

**Microdon globosus.** (Plate I, fig. 2.)*Mulio globosus* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 185, 7.*Microdon globosus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 86, 11 (translation from Fabricius); Packard, Guide, etc., 398, fig. 17; Lintner, 2nd Rep., 116, fig. 24.*Aphritis globosus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 13, 5; tab. i, fig. 4.*Dimeraspis podagra* Newman, Ent. Mag., v, 373.*Habitat.*—Atlantic States!, Michigan (Lintner).

♂, ♀ Length, 8 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ red, somewhat blackish at the tip, the first joint a little shorter than the two following together; second joint not half as long as third; third joint pointed at the tip. Face thickly clothed with white pile; front in the male narrowed near its middle so that the distance from the ocelli to the antennæ is about twice the width; ocelli approximate; front in female as wide as the distance from ocelli to the antennæ. The color of the head is red; in profile the face is nearly parallel with the border of the eyes. Eyes

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\* Habitats followed by an ! are given from specimens examined.

bare. Thorax red, with three broad, indistinct, blackish stripes. Scutellum large, plane, trapezoidal in shape, the three sides nearly equal; wholly without spines or tubercles; pile short, reddish, not longer than on the dorsum of the thorax. Abdomen very short and broad, globose, brownish-red, the pile very short and whitish. Legs red, the femora more or less blackish; hind metatarsi longer than the three following joints together, very much dilated in the male. Wings brown along the front part and along the veins of the posterior part; veins at the outer part of the first posterior cell and discal cell nearly rectangular, not rounded on the posterior angles.

Numerous specimens.

*Microdon pulcher*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Saint Domingo!

♀ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes bare. Face nearly parallel in profile with the border of the eyes, shining black with a purple reflection, clothed with not very abundant white pile. Antennæ black, the first joint not quite so long as the two others together, second joint short, not a fourth as long as the third; arista shorter than the joint. Front deep shining purplish black, with short black pile. Thorax deep shining black, with a purple or violet reflection; pile short, black. Scutellum transverse, not half as long as broad, spines small and inconspicuous, remote from each other; pile longer than on the dorsum of the thorax, nearly white. The color of scutellum and the abdomen bright purple; third segment of the latter on the sides rather narrowly, fourth segment broadly, fifth segment wholly, orange yellow, and clothed with the same colored pile; elsewhere the abdomen is clothed only with short black pile. Legs black, the last joint of all the tarsi yellowish red; all the tarsi flattened transversely, the posterior metatarsi only a little thicker. Wings dark brown, the interior of outer cells subhyaline; the last section of the veins at outer part of the first posterior and discal cells angulated and with stumps of veins.

Two specimens, Saint Domingo (G. F. Frazar).

*Microdon baliopterus*. (Plate I, fig. 4.)

*Microdon baliopterus* Loew, Centur., x, 56.

*Habitat*.—Texas (Lw.)!

♂, ♀ Belongs among the species with slender body and short antennæ; fuscous bronze, moderately shining; front, thorax, and scutellum cupreous shining, abdomen greenish bronze in color, toward the sides becoming coppery; antennæ and legs testaceous, third joint of the former, and the basal half of the femora nearly wholly black fuscous; wings hyaline, veins usually broadly clouded with fuscous black. Length of body, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>; of wings, 6 to 7<sup>mm</sup>.

Related to *M. coaretatus*, and *lætus*; fuscous bronze, moderately shining. Front resplendent coppery, clothed with light yellow pile; face and occiput white pubescent. Eyes sub-nude. Antennæ short, saturate

reddish; third joint a little shorter than the first two together, except the base, black. Thorax coppery-shining, the purplish stripes of the dorsum sub-opaque, pile of the dorsum sub-aureous, of the pleuræ white. Scutellum coppery shining, and sub-aureous pubescent. Color of the abdomen bronze-greenish, near the lateral margin in the male more obsoletely, in the female more distinctly, coppery, margin of the last segment nearly luteous. Abdomen subaureous pubescent, on the sides near the base with white pile, near the tip with black pile. Legs saturate testaceous or fuscous red; basal half of the femora always for the great part fuscous black. Tarsi sometimes fuscous. Wings cinereous hyaline, transverse veins and the anastomoses broadly clouded with fuscous black.

Translation from original, compared with the types in the Museum of Comparative Zoology.

**Microdon coarctatus.**

*Microdon coarctatus* Loew, Centur., v, 47.

*Habitat.*—District of Columbia (Lw.)!

♂, ♀ Slender, steel green, moderately shining, eyes subnude, front and face narrow, ocelli remote from the vertex, antennæ short, black, margin of the second abdominal segment tumid. Length of body 7 to 8<sup>mm</sup>, of wings 6<sup>mm</sup>.

Slender, steel green, moderately shining, white pubescent. Front of equal width, in the female a little broader than in the male, ocelli remote from the vertex. Antennæ black, short, third joint a little longer than the first two together. Dorsum of thorax bronze green, very lightly punctulate and transversely aciculate, with four obscure coppery stripes. Scutellum greenish black, the apex emarginate and on each side provided with a black tooth. Abdomen in the male cylindrical, obtuse, in the female acute; second segment a little broader than the following, the disk depressed, with the lateral margins somewhat tumid. Wings cinereous hyaline, the transverse veins clouded with black, posterior angle of the first posterior and discal cells rounded, very shortly appendiculate.

Translation from the original, compared with the two type specimens in the Museum of Comparative Zoology.

**Microdon tristis.** (Plate I, figs. 3, 3a.)

*Microdon tristis* Loew, Centur., v, 45.

*Microdon cothurnatum* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1853, 320 (var.).

*Habitat.*—Virginia, New York, and northward as far as the Mackenzie River (O. S.), Connecticut, Oregon!

♀ Black, pallidly pilose, the antennæ long and fuscous black, front very broad, scutellum bidentate, abdomen oblong-ovate, the penultimate segment subequal to the two preceding. Length of body 9<sup>mm</sup>, of the wings 6<sup>mm</sup>.

Head bronze black, clothed with yellowish white pile, front very broad, of equal width. Antennæ elongate, black-fuscous, first joint

linear, subequal to the third, testaceous at base. Thorax bronze black, obsoletely cupreous lineate, clothed with yellowish pile. Scutellum greenish black, white pilose, rather plane, with the apex emarginate and armed on each side with a minute tooth of the same color. Abdomen oblong-ovate, punctulate, black, the penultimate segment subequal to the two preceding together, with the base and lateral margins yellow pilose, and with the pile on the disk so arranged that a broadly interrupted fascia on the posterior margin of the third segment, two large separated spots on the fourth segment, two smaller subcontiguous ones on the fifth segment, clothed with white pile, are apparent. Venter yellow pilose, black piceous, with the posterior margin of each segment dilutely yellowish. Legs black piceous, base of femora, knees and basal half of hind tibiæ dilutely testaceous; tarsi neither dilated nor incrassate. Wings cinereous, clouds of the transverse veins narrowly blackish, posterior angle of the first posterior and discal cells rounded, not appendiculate.—Translation.

There is a considerable variation among the specimens which I have examined, and while, from an examination of the types in the Loew collection, I do not believe them specifically different, I deem it best to here give their descriptions. ●

♂, ♀ Length, 7 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Head metallic, shining green; face nearly parallel in profile with the border of the eyes, clothed with yellowish-white pile. Front, in the male, with a distinct transverse groove, in width a little less than the distance from the ocelli to the base of the antennæ, clothed with light-yellow pile; in the female the front is of the same width as the face, and the transverse depression is less distinct. Antennæ black, the first joint reddish at the base, third joint obtuse at tip, not as long as the first joint. Dorsum of thorax in the male shining brassy green, with an indistinct median stripe; in the female, more greenish blue; clothed with moderately long and abundant whitish pile. Scutellum gently convex, with an acute spine on each posterior angle; pile of the same color as on the dorsum of the thorax, a little longer and more abundant. Tegulæ white, with white pile on the margin. Abdomen more than twice as long as wide, bluish green, moderately shining, clothed with yellowish-white pile, which forms an indistinct, interrupted, transverse cross-band on the posterior part of the third segment, and two oblique spots on the fourth segment. Legs black; the tibiæ clothed with white pile; posterior metatarsi not quite as long as the remaining joints together, but little or not at all dilated. Wings only lightly tinged with blackish; the outer posterior angles of the first posterior and discal cells strongly convex.

Var. *ruficus*, new.—A single male specimen from Connecticut seems to show a specific variation from the foregoing, but as one specimen is insufficient to decide it, I will here give the differences. The face is rather more projecting in profile below; across the front there is some

black pile; the tibiæ and tarsi are wholly reddish-yellow; and the hind tibiæ and metatarsi seem to be more dilated.

Var. *cothurnatus* Bigot.—Two females and one male from Mount Hood, Oregon, agree very closely with the first two specimens, but the third joint of the antennæ is acute, the spines of the scutellum are very small, nearly obsolete; and the tibiæ and tarsi are wholly reddish-yellow.

**Microdon limbus**, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Florida!

♀ Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. Black, moderately shining. Face and front broad, parallel. Face clothed on the sides with golden pile, in the middle chiefly black. Antennæ dark brownish red, first and third joints of nearly equal length, the second more than a fourth of the length of the third. Front with only a little golden pile, mostly black, short. Dorsum of thorax black, with slight coppery reflections, nearly bare. Scutellum large, with two large, somewhat approximated spines. Abdomen broadly ovate, black, but little shining, the second segment on the sides behind, and the third with a larger oblique spot on each side, white pubescent or pilose. Legs dark red, the immediate base of the femora black, very short pilose; tibiæ rather stout, and gently convex on the outer side, especially the hind pair; hind metatarsi elongate, flattened, not dilated. Wings cinereous-hyaline in the inner part of the cells; all the veins, except the base of the fourth longitudinal, with a narrow, very distinct, blackish cloud on each side, those of the last vein separated by a subhyaline interval; outer cross-vein sinuous.

One specimen, Florida (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection).

**Microdon**, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Mexico!

♀ Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. A single imperfect specimen from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, in the National Museum, shows such remarkable development of the hind tibiæ that I mention it here without giving it a name. It is yellowish red throughout, the dorsum of the thorax and the metanotum black. The hind tibiæ are extraordinarily dilated, crescentric in shape, considerably thickened, and with a dense fringe of black pile; the hind metatarsi are also dilated. The vertex projects strongly.

**Microdon pachystylum**, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Georgia!

♂ Length, 6<sup>mm</sup>. First antennal joint not more than one-half the length of the third, reddish yellow; third joint much elongate, cylindrical, obtuse, more slender in its middle portion, dark brown; arista basal, much thickened and very short. Front and face broad, of equal width, the margins parallel, clothed with short, light-yellow pile; face in profile most projecting below, brownish red, shining. Dorsum of thorax black, shining, broadly reddish on the sides; pile short, whitish. Scu-

tellum brownish red, small, oval, without spines or tubercles. Abdomen elongate oval, nearly bare, finely punctulate; second and third segments yellow; fourth elongate, black. Legs luteous yellow, the femora chiefly black; hind metatarsi elongate, somewhat thickened, scarcely dilated. Wings dark brown, less so behind. Cross-veins much inflected, sinuous, but without stumps.

One specimen, Georgia (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection). A female specimen from Texas differs in having the abdomen broadly oval, and nearly uniformly brown, the anterior segments luteous in the middle.

**Microdon falcatus**, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Mexico!

♀ Length, 5<sup>mm</sup>. Head flattened, vertex projecting, front descending. Front and face reddish yellow, shining, nearly bare. Antennæ elongate, black; first joint slender, second short, third longer than the first two together, thickened, curved falcate. Eyes bare. Thorax yellowish red, nearly bare; dorsum with three coalescent, black stripes, the outer ones abbreviated in front and behind, the middle one behind; scutellum very slightly emarginate behind. Abdomen red or brownish red, paler toward the base, very broadly oval, depressed, nearly bare. Legs black; hind tarsi scarcely dilated. Wings cinereous hyaline, strongly pubescent; the veins stout, nearly black; last section of the fourth vein inflected, posterior cross-vein sinuous.

Four specimens, Isthmus of Tehuantepec (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection.)

**Microdon aurifex**.

*Microdon aurifex* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 85; Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 11, 2, tab. ii, fig. 2.

? *Microdon trochilus* Walker, Dipt. Saunders., 216.

*Habitat*.—Mexico!, Brazil (Wied.).

♂ Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Bright metallic green with violaceous reflections; tip of the abdomen yellow; legs black. Antennæ blackish brown, first and third joints of nearly equal length. Face rather narrow, moderately swollen, white pilose. Front with black pile, considerably narrowed in the middle, where its breadth is less than half the distance between antennæ and ocelli. Eyes sparsely pilose. Dorsum of thorax with moderately abundant erect black pile; in front and on the sides, with sparse, light yellow pile. Scutellum large, trapezoidal, covered with light yellow pile; spines small and remote. Abdomen less violaceous than the thorax, nearly bare; first segment with yellow pile; second with an anterior opaque black cross-band; hypopygium wholly reddish yellow, not shining. Legs black, with a greenish reflection, especially on the hind pair; pile black, rather long, fringed on the outer side of the tibiæ, particularly of the hind pair; hind tarsi considerably dilated. Wings nearly uniformly cinereous; posterior cross-vein not much inflected, without stump.

One specimen, Isthmus of Tehuantepec (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection). This species must resemble *M. aurulentus*, but there are differences from Fabricius's brief description, as Wiedemann pointed out, and especially from Macquart's, who it may be supposed examined the type in Bosc's museum at Paris. It is also evidently related to *M. inequalis* Loew, but differs especially in the pile of the thorax.

**Microdon scitululus**, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Florida!

♂ Length, 6<sup>mm</sup>. Bright metallic green and steel blue. Head hemispherical. Front and face steel blue, narrow, the former lightly emarginate on the sides, with short black pile, the least width less than the distance from anterior ocellus to base of antennæ; face but little projecting in profile, thickly white pilose; antennæ black; third joint a little longer than the first, a little broader on its outer part; arista slender. Eyes bare. Dorsum of thorax with strong steel blue reflections, thinly pilose. Scutellum subtriangular, spines moderately stout, approximate. Abdomen brilliant green, uniform, with fainter blue reflections, finely punctulate, elongate oval, on the sides with oblique spots and on the end white pubescent. Femora, except the tip, metallic green, tibiæ yellow, tarsi more luteous. Wings nearly uniformly subinfuscated; outer cross-veins rectangular and straight.

One specimen, Florida (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection). This species might be identified as *M. rufipes* Macq. were it not for the discrepancies in the pile of the eyes, face, and front.

**Microdon marmoratus**.

*Microdon marmoratum* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1883, 320.

*Habitat*.—California (Bigot).

♂ Long., 9<sup>mm</sup>. *Obscurè fuscum, flavo pallido satis dense tomentosum. Antennis fulvis, apice plus minus infuscatis; fronte et facie fuscis, lateribus obscurè testaceis; abdomine utrinque, latè, plus minus fulvo tincto; pedibus fulvis, femoribus basi, annulo tibiæ, tarsorum posteriorum segmento basilari, nigris; alis cinereis, apice obscurioribus, venis fusco limbatis.* ♀ *Simillima. Fronte et facie rufis.*

♂ D'un brun foncé, assez densément couvert d'un duvet velouté fauve clair, plus abondant sur le thorax; antennes d'un fauve plus ou moins foncé, souvent brunâtres vers leur extrémité; face et front bruns; thorax rougeâtre sur les côtés, écusson plus ou moins roussâtre; cuillerons et balanciers d'un testacé pâle; abdomen souvent un peu roussâtre sur les côtés; pieds fauves, base des cuisses largement noire, un anneau au milieu des tibias, et, base des tarses postérieurs, de même couleur; ailes grises, légèrement enfumées au bord externe et à l'extrémité, nervures largement bordées de brunâtre. ♀ Semblable au

♂ Face et front rougeâtres. Californie.—4 ♂, 3 ♀.—Bigot, l. c.

♂ Dark brown, densely clothed with clear fawn-colored velvety pile, more abundant on the thorax; antennæ more or less dark fawn-



colored, often brownish near their extremity: face and front brown; thorax reddish on the sides; scutellum mere or less reddish; tegulæ and halteres pale testaceous; abdomen often somewhat reddish at the sides; legs fawn-colored, base of femora largely black. a ring in the middle of the tibiæ, and the base of the hind tarsi, of the same color; wings gray, distinctly clouded on the posterior part and at the tip, veins largely bordered with brown. ♀ Like the male, face and front reddish.—Translation.

**Microdon fulgens.**

*Microdon fulgens* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 82, 1.

*Aphritis fulgens* Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 1er Suppl., 122.

*Microdon euglossoides* Gray, in Griffith's Animal Kingdom, ii, tab. 125, fig. 2. (Walker, List, etc., iii, 538).

*Habitat.*—Georgia (Wied.), Florida, Guiana (Macq.).

Viridaureus, alis fuscans. 15<sup>mm</sup>, ♀ —Georgia.

Fühler schwarz. Untergesicht stahlblau, dünn gelblichweiss behaart. Mittelleib grüngolden, in gewisser Richtung erscheinen darauf fast kupferrothe Striemen. Vorflügeldreieck stahlblau. Stirn zwischen grün und stahlblau. Flügel fast rein braun, doch an den dünnen Rändern nur bräunlich; Schüppchen weiss, mit schwarz gewimpertem Rande. Beine grün oder blau.—Wiedemann.

Antennæ black. Face steel blue, thinly yellowish white pilose. Thorax green-golden, in certain reflections there appear copper-red stripes. Ante-alar callosity (Vorflügeldreieck) steel blue. Front between green and steel blue. Wings nearly pure brown, on the thin veins only brownish; tegulæ white, with a black ciliate border. Legs green or blue.—Translation.

**Microdon aurulentus.**

*Mulio aurulentus* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 185, 8.

*Microdon aurulentus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 86, 10.

*Aphritis aurulentus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 12, 4; pl. ii, fig. 1.

*Habitat.*—Carolina (Fabr.).

Viridi æneus, auro tomentosus. Twice as large as *M. globosus*. Antennæ black. The entire body bronze-green, clothed with thick golden pile. Legs black.—Translation from Fabricius.

♀ Long. 8<sup>mm</sup>. Face et front à poils jaunes. Antennes noires; premier article un peu plus long que dans les espèces européennes et au moins autant que les deux autres réunis. Thorax à poils jaunes; écusson et abdomen à poils d'un fauve doré plus ou moins absents; pieds noirs; jambes à duvet fauve. Balanciers fauves. Ailes brunâtres. De la Caroline. Bosc's Muséum.—Macquart.

Face and front with yellow pile. Antennæ black, first joint a little longer than in the European species, and a little shorter than the two others together. Thorax with yellow pile; scutellum and abdomen with pile of a golden luteous color more or less wanting; legs black; tibiæ

with luteous colored pile. Tegulae luteous colored. Wings brownish.—  
Translation.

Macquart's description was based upon the type specimens of Fabricius, at Bosc's museum, Paris.

**Microdon rufipes.**

*Aphritis rufipes* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 11, 1; pl. ii, fig. 3.

*Microdon rufipes* Osten Sacken, Catalogue, 119.

*Habitat*.—Philadelphia (Macq.).

Thorace nigro-viridi, purpuro-lineata. Abdomine nigro-cœruleo, albidotomentoso. Pedibus testaceis. Long, 6<sup>mm</sup>.

Face d'un vert noirâtre, à poils jaunâtres. Front d'un bleu noirâtre à poils jaunâtres; un sillon transversal. Antennes: premier article noirâtre; les deux autres testacés. Yeux peu velus. Thorax à quatre lignes pourpres sur un fond vert métallique noirâtre; écusson bleu; pointes couvertes de poils blanchâtres. Abdomen ovale, d'un bleu violet foncé; deuxième segment à bande transversale de duvet blanchâtre au bord postérieur, interrompue au milieu et s'élargissant vers les côtés; troisième à bande longitudinale de semblable duvet, également interrompue et se réunissant à l'extrémité. Pieds d'un fauve testacé; base des cuisses noire. Balanciers jaunâtres. Ailes à base et bord extérieurs jaunâtres; toutes les nervures bordées de brunâtre; première cellule postérieure terminée en angle et appendiculée.—Macquart.

Face of a blackish green, with yellowish pile. Front blackish blue, with yellow pile, with a transverse groove. Antennæ: first joint blackish; the two others testaceous. Eyes thinly pilose. Thorax with four purple lines on the metallic blackish green ground color; scutellum blue; points covered with whitish pile. Abdomen oval, of a dark violet blue; second segment with a band of whitish pile on the posterior border, interrupted in the middle and enlarged at the sides; third segment with a longitudinal stripe of similar pile equally interrupted and reunited at the extremity. Legs reddish colored, base of femora black. Halteres yellowish. Wings at base and exterior front border yellowish; all the veins bordered with brownish; first posterior cell terminating in an angle and appendiculate.—Translation.

The figure represents the last section of the fourth vein as straight and rectangular, the posterior angle a little acute and appendiculate.

ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

**Microdon inaequalis** Loew, Centur., vii, 70.—Cuba.

**Microdon laetus** Loew, Centur., v, 46.—Cuba.

**Microdon gracilis** Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. de France, 1883, 320.—Mexico.

[*Chymophila splendens* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 486, pl. xi, fig. 3; Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 10, 2, pl. i, fig. 2.—Phila.

..Mr. Bigot, in whose possession the typical specimen of Macquart's description now is, makes the following statement about it (Annales Soc. Ent. de France, 1858, p. 590): 'The head of this specimen is glued

on, and resembles that of *Conops*, while the body is that of an exotic *Microdon*. We may with safety, therefore, strike out the genus and species from among the number of existing forms." Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci., Nov., 1875.

"Since writing the above I have seen the specimen and can only confirm the statement. The body seems to belong to *Microdon aurifex* Wiedemann." Osten-Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 243.]

## CHRYSOTOXUM.

*Chrysotoxum* Meigen, in Illiger's Magazine, ii, 259, 1803.

Rather large, thinly pilose, or nearly bare species, black, with bright yellow markings on head, thorax, and abdomen. Head as broad or scarcely broader than the thorax. Antennæ elongate, longer than the head, porrect, situated upon an obtuse prominence; first two joints of nearly equal length, the third elongated, spindle-shaped, before the middle with a thin, small, bare arista. Face broad, descending somewhat below the eyes, below the antennæ gently excavated in profile, and with an obtuse tubercle on lower third. Eyes pilose (in some exotic species bare), contiguous in the male. Abdomen more than twice as long as the thorax, beyond the middle broader than the thorax, elliptical, strongly arched, with thin lateral borders; hypopygium usually concealed. Legs comparatively weak, hind femora elongate, hind metatarsi as long as the remaining joints together. Third longitudinal vein of the wings with a distinct curvature into the first posterior cell; first posterior cell closed near the border of the wing; small cross-vein a little before the middle of the discal cell, a little oblique.

In addition to these structural characters, the species show a remarkable resemblance of coloration, which I give here to save repetition.

Face and cheeks yellow, the former with a black stripe running from the base of the antennæ to the oral margin, the cheeks also with a black stripe from the eye to the mouth. Antennæ black; frontal triangle with a black spot above the base of the antennæ; front in female black, with a cross-band near the middle of whitish pollen. Thorax black, but little shining; on each side, with a yellow interrupted stripe; in the middle with a pair of slender, whitish pollinose stripes, obsolete behind. Scutellum yellow, across the disk more or less translucent dark colored. Pleuræ with one or more yellow spots. Abdomen black, but little shining; second segment with an arcuated, interrupted cross-band; each of the following with an arched, anterior cross-band, and the posterior border, yellow. Legs yellow, sometimes the femora more or less blackish at the base. Wings nearly hyaline, with an anterior brownish border.

This genus has always been more or less of a problem to dipterologists. The characters that seem to distinguish the species are hard to

describe. The lengths of the joints of the antennæ offer characters of some value, but I feel sure that they are not so reliable as some authors have supposed. In a rather large series of specimens, all apparently belonging to the same species, I find a very considerable variation in the length of the third joint, as will be seen in figure 5a, plate I.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

1.—The lateral margin of the third abdominal segment yellow	2
The lateral margin not yellow	3
2.—The black on the fifth abdominal segment is shaped like an inverted V.	<b>laterale</b>
The black has the two posterior branches arcuate, and widely separated at the tips	<b>epsilon</b>
3.—Arcuate bands of abdomen entire; the black spot on the fifth segment is elongated and narrow, with the branches nearly parallel	<b>integre</b>
Arcuate bands interrupted	4
4.—Eastern species	5
Western species	<b>derivatum</b>
5.—Black spot of the fifth abdominal segment inverted Y-shaped	<b>ventricosum</b>
Black spot, etc., inverted V-shaped	<b>pubescens</b>

**Chrysotoxum laterale.**

*Chrysotoxum laterale* Loew, Centur., v, 42.

*Habitat.*—New York!, Nebraska (Lw.).

♂ Length, 11<sup>mm</sup>. Second joint of antennæ a little longer than the first; third joint a little longer than the first two together; eyes pilose. Lateral stripes of the thorax sub-entire; the white vittulæ conspicuous. Scutellum yellow, the disk black fasciolate. Yellow fasciæ of the abdomen arcuate, very narrowly interrupted, connected with the yellow border of the lateral margins; posterior margin of each segment yellow; on the first' segment narrowly, on the third broadly, on the fourth strongly dilated, on the fifth produced into an oblong spot, so that between this spot and the fascia the black forms an inverted Y. Hypopygium yellow. Each of the middle segments of the venter with narrow abbreviated yellow fascia on the posterior margin. Legs wholly yellow. Wings cinereous hyaline, costa with a narrow fuscous cloud of equal width. From *C. derivatum* Walker, to which this is nearly related, it will be easily distinguished by the thoracic stripes being broader, by the margin of the abdomen being yellow, by the picture of the venter being different, and by the legs being wholly yellow.—Translation.

A single female from New York (August 25) I identify as this, but the first segment of the abdomen does not have a posterior yellow margin.

**Chrysotoxum epsilon, n. sp.**

*Habitat.*—New Mexico!.

♂ Length, 10 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Large. Third joint of the antennæ longer than the other two together. Scutellum on its disk dark and translucent. Arcuate bands of abdomen rather broad, connected with the yellow

low of the posterior margin behind. Margin of the abdomen from the second segment yellow; the black spot on the fifth segment is slender, forming three arms; the basal one is short, formed by the interruption of the arcuate band; the two posterior are curved outwardly, so that the distance between the tips is about the same as the length of each. Legs yellow. Wings with a narrow brown border in front.

Three specimens, New Mexico (G. F. Gaumer), from Mr. Eugene Keen.

***Chrysotoxum pubescens.***

*Chrysotoxum pubescens* Loew, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., iv. 84: Centur., v. 43.

*Habitat.*—Illinois (Lw.), New York!.

♂, ♀ Length, 12.5<sup>mm</sup>. Second joint of the antennæ longer than the first; the third joint in the female subequal to the two preceding together; in the male longer. Eyes pilose. Lateral stripes of the thorax interrupted; the median vittulæ conspicuously whitish pollinose. Scutellum yellow, the disk black. The yellow fasciæ of the abdomen of moderate width, arcuate, interrupted, on the posterior angles of the segments connected with the posterior bands; these hind margins on the posterior segments are broader than on the anterior segments, on the last segment dilated into a triangular spot between which and the fascia the black forms an inverted V. Venter black, posterior margin of the segments yellow; the two intermediate in the male, the last three segments in the female, each with two ovate yellow spots. Hypopygium yellow. Legs yellow. Wings cinereous; near the costa, lutescent.

Translation, compared with the types. Specimens agreeing with this I have seen from New York.

***Chrysotoxum ventricosum.***

*Chrysotoxum ventricosum* Loew, Centur., v. 44.

*Habitat.*—District of Columbia (Lw.), Canada!

♀ Eyes pubescent, scutellum wholly yellow, abdomen globose, with fasciæ of moderate width, moderately arcuated, narrowly separated or subseparated from the lateral margin; base of the front and middle femora, and the hind femora except the tip, black. Length of body, 10<sup>mm</sup>; of the wings, 10.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Third joint of the antennæ a little longer than the other two together. Eyes pilose. Lateral stripes of the thorax interrupted. Scutellum wholly yellow. Abdomen globose, fasciæ of moderate width, moderately arcuate, narrowly interrupted, usually separated from the lateral margins, and from the posterior margin, sometimes, by the luteous spot in the posterior angles, joined with them; posterior margin of the first segment with a narrow yellow band, or without it; posterior bands of the remaining segments of moderate width, the last dilated into a triangular spot, separated from the fascia by a black, inverted V-shaped spot. Last three segments of the venter each with a yellow fascia on the posterior margin. Legs yellow; base of the front and

middle femora, and the hind femora except the tip, black. Wings cinereous, along the costa fuscous.

*C. ventricosum* differs from *C. arcuati*, to which it is nearly allied, in the base of the abdomen being black pilose.—Translation.

I have seen a specimen from Canada which I believe belongs here.

**Chrysotoxum derivatum.** (Plate I, figs. 5, 5a, 5b, 5c.)

*Chrysotoxum derivatum* Walker, List, etc., iii, 542.

*Chrysotoxum villosulum* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1883, 323.

*Habitat.*—Hudson's Bay Territory, Alaska, Colorado Mountains (O. S.), California, Oregon!

♀ ♂ Length, 10 to 14<sup>mm</sup>. Second joint of the antennæ a half or a third as long as the third; eyes pilose. Pile of thorax black and yellow. Bands of the abdomen rather slender; first band separated by a considerable distance from the border, which is not yellow; the band is usually connected with the posterior angles of the segment by a small yellow spot; third segment with the arcuated cross-band of nearly equal width throughout, narrowly interrupted in the middle, touching, or narrowly separated at the posterior angles from the yellow hind margin; the hind cross-band usually reaches quite to the lateral margin, usually slender, more or less dilated in the middle; fourth segment similar, but the arcuate band broadly connected at the outer angles with the broad hind margin; the posterior band is considerably widened at the middle, so that between the two bands there is inclosed an arched, elongated black stripe; fifth segment with the yellow inclosing an inverted V-shaped spot.

In some specimens, both male and female, the pile on the sides of the base of the abdomen is in large part black; the arcuate band of the fourth segment is entirely separated from the yellow of the hind margin. Nine specimens.

**Chrysotoxum integrale**, n. sp.

*Habitat.*—Arizona!

♀ Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Third joint of the antennæ longer than the first two together. First arcuate band of abdomen narrowly interrupted, connected with the yellow of the posterior angles, hind margin of the segment narrowly yellow in the middle; arcuate band of the third segment entire, connected with the yellow of the hind margin; anterior angles yellow, posterior marginal band angularly dilated in the middle; fourth segment similar, the arcuate band more convex, the posterior band more dilated, nearly cutting the black in two; arcuate band of the fifth segment entire, shaped like an inverted U, the yellow of the posterior margin dilated, forming an elongate narrow stripe, between which and the arcuate band the slender black forms an elongate inverted U. Legs yellow. Wings narrowly brown along the front margin.

## ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

**Chrysotoxum nigrita** (Fabr.) Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 58, 2.—Jamaica.

*Syrphus nigrita* Fabricius, Ent. Syst., iv, 292, 49.

*Mulio nigrita* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 1-3, 1.

**Chrysotoxum flavifrons** Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 17, 2; tab. iii, fig. 2.—Newfoundland.

It will be *impossible* to determine this species from the description given by Macquart. For this reason I consider it merely as a catalogue name, that should be dropped.

## PARAGUS.

*Paragus* Latreille, Dictionn. d'Hist. Natur. Déterville, vol. xxiv; Hist. Nat. des Crust. et Ins., xiv, 359, 1804.

Small, nearly bare, rather short species, with the abdomen curved downward at the tip, of a black or greenish black color, with yellow on the face and usually more or less reddish on the abdomen. Head hemispherical, somewhat flattened, broader than the thorax. Antennæ about as long as the head, directed forward; first and second joints short, third longer than the first two together, rather slender, arista before the middle, bare. Face in profile somewhat projecting below, convex, with an obtuse tubercle. Eyes pilose, narrowly contiguous in the male. Abdomen as wide as the thorax and of nearly equal width throughout, gently convex above, twice or more as long as the thorax, with a shallow transverse depression on each segment, the distal end bent downward. Legs moderately slender, the hind metatarsi much thickened, as long as the remaining joints together. Marginal cell of wing open; third longitudinal vein straight, anterior cross-vein near the base of discal cell, the last section of fourth vein sinuate, terminating in the third vein in nearly a right angle, at a considerable distance before the tip.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

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| 1.—Scutellum with a yellow border; face of male without a black median stripe; front of female narrow above             | bicolor      |
| Scutellum without a yellow border; face in both sexes with a black median stripe; front in female of nearly equal width | 2            |
| 2.—Abdomen with more or less red on the dorsum  | 3            |
| Abdomen wholly greenish black   | angustifrons |
| 3.—Vertical triangle in male large  | tibialis ✓   |
| Vertical triangle not unusually large   | dimidiatus   |

**Paragus angustifrons.**

*Paragus angustifrons* Loew, Centur., iv, 64.

*Habitat.*—Atlantic States!

♀ Length, 5<sup>mm</sup>. Head shining, somewhat metallic black, front narrow, immaculate, face nearly perpendicular, but very little projecting,

yellow on the sides. Antennæ black, third joint reddish below. Pile of the face white, of the front blackish, of the vertex luteous. Dorsum of thorax clothed with very short, sublutescent pile, in front obsolete cinereous bilineate. Scutellum of the same color as the thorax, the extreme apex testaceous. Abdomen wholly greenish black, white pubescent. Legs yellow and ochraceous varied; femora, on the basal half of the front and middle pairs, and the hind tarsi, except the tip, black; tip of hind tibiæ and the hind metatarsi fuscous. Wings hyaline; stigma luteous.—Translated from original.

A single female specimen from Professor Riley agrees almost perfectly with this, except that the dorsal stripes of the thorax are very distinct, a character, however, that is very variable in species of this genus. I can see no structural differences between this and *P. bicolor*.

**Paragus bicolor.** (Plate I, figs. 7, 9.)

*Syrphus bicolor* Fabricius, Entom. Syst., iv, 297, 71, 1794.

*Mulio bicolor* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 186, 10.

*Paragus bicolor* Latreille, Gen. Crust., xiv, 359; Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 178, 2 (var.); Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 565, 2 (var.); Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 849, 1 (var.); Schiner, Verh. Zool. Bot. Ges., vii, 301; id. Fauna Austr., i, 259.

*Paragus testaceus* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 180, 6 (var.).

*Paragus arcuatus* Meigen, l. c., iii, 179, 3 (var.).

*Paragus punctulatus* Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 850, 2.

*Paragus tenuatus* Meigen, l. c., iii, 179, 4 (var.).

*Paragus ruficauda* Zetterstedt, l. c., 852, 5.

*Habitat.*—North America, Europe!

♂ ♀ Length, 4 to 6<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes with a distinct vertical glabrous stripe. Face of male wholly pure light sulphury yellow, the oral margin and cheeks shining black; in the female there is a shining black stripe reaching from the antennæ to the oral margin. Antennæ blackish; the under side of the third joint red. Front of the female narrowed above, so that at the vertex it is not more than half as wide as at the base of the antennæ; shining black, lightly dusted on the sides below; frontal triangle yellow, the eyes scarcely touch each other at a point midway between the ocelli and base of the antennæ; vertical triangle black, light pollinose in front. Thorax black, a little shining, with light yellowish pile, in front with two whitish pollinose stripes. Pleuræ silvery white pilose. Scutellum with a whitish yellow border, not extending to the anterior angles. Abdomen chiefly red, but variable in color; first segment, black; second segment, often wholly black, sometimes more or less red behind, sometimes only black on the sides. The black usually extends narrowly along the sides of the third segment, sometimes of the fourth and fifth also; rarely the third segment has a blackish band. Pile on the sides of the segments in front and on the lateral margins, and on the fifth segment, white, elsewhere obscure. Legs variable, frequently the basal portion of the front and middle femora, and the hind femora except the tip, are black; sometimes,



also, there is a black ring on the hind tibiæ, and the hind metatarsi also black; often the black is wholly wanting, the legs are then yellowish red with the tip of the femora and the base of the tibiæ light yellow. Wings, nearly hyaline; stigma, dilutely yellow.

Ten specimens from Montana (Professor Comstock); one from Garland, Colo. (Professor Riley); one from Como, Wyo.; two from Washington Territory; one from Southern California; and four from Connecticut. The species is very variable. In Europe there has been much confusion, as will be seen from the list of synonyms, which I have reproduced from Schiner. To this author our knowledge of the variations is chiefly due, and hence the following translation of his description and remarks will be valuable: "Abdomen black; in the middle in greater or less extent, yellowish red. When the black is confined to the base of the abdomen, the first segment, at least, is always black, or, in the middle behind, there may be a small red spot, and the black color does not here appear spotted. Ground color metallic black or dark bronze green. Dorsum of thorax with two median stripes reaching nearly to the middle, sometimes wholly wanting. Antennæ brown. Abdomen, except the base, wholly yellowish red (var. *testaceus*); or yellowish red with the base and tip black, and on the third and fourth and fifth segments with white pilose arcuated spots (var. *arcuatus* and *bicolor*); or with these pilose spots wanting (var. *taeniatus*); or the reddish color is confined to tip (var. *ruficauda*), in which case the scutellum is wholly black. The legs are yellow with the base of the femora black, sometimes with a black ring on the hind tibiæ, and with darkened metatarsi.

"A careful examination of my rich material has given me no better results than the above. It is difficult to believe that the long, slender varieties, four millimeters in length, and the robust specimens, six millimeters in length, should belong to one and the same species, and yet we find between these extremes, numerous connecting forms. The color has no value, plastic differences are wholly wanting; specimens occur in which differences of neuration exist in the two wings of the same individual.\*

"Specimens have been taken in copula of *P. bicolor* and *P. testaceus*, *P. testaceus* and *P. taeniatus*." †

**Paragus tibialis.** (Plate I, fig. 8.)

*Pipiza tibialis* Fallen, Dipt. Suec. Syrph., 60, 5.

*Paragus hæmorrhous* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 182, 10.

*Paragus æneus* Meigen, l. c., 183, 11; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 854, 8.

*Paragus obscurus* Meigen, l. c., 183, 12.

*Paragus tibialis* Meigen, l. c., 183, 13; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 852, 6.

*Paragus femoratus* Meigen, l. c., 184, 14.

*Paragus trianguliferus* Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 853, 7.

*Paragus sigillatus* Curtis, Brit. Ent., 593.

\* Fauna Austr. i, 259.

† Verh. Z. B. Ges., vii, 301.

*Paragus nigritis* Gimmerthal, Bull. d. Moscou, xv, 668.

*Paragus albipes* Gimmerthal, l. c.

*Paragus dispar* Schummel, Arb. u. Veränd. d. Schles. Ges., 1842, 163.

*Paragus coadunatus* Rondani, Nuovi Ann. d. Sc. Nat. di Bologna, 1847, 182, 10.

*Paragus tibialis* Schiner, Fauna Austr., i, 257.

*Paragus auricaudatus* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1854, 540.

*Habitat*.—Europe, North America!

♂ ♀ Length, 3 to 5<sup>mm</sup>. Very variable in size and color in the numerous varieties, between which there are frequent connecting forms. Wholly black or black green (var. *obscurus*, *femoratus*, and *tibialis*), or black with the tip of the abdomen reddish yellow (var. *hæmorrhous* and *æneus*), or black with reddish yellow triangular spot on the third segment (var. *triangulatus* and *sigillatus*), or black with the last three segments yellowish red, the antepenultimate one, however, wholly or partly black. Antennæ as long as the head, or somewhat shorter, at the base usually blackish brown, the third joint of the same color, often lighter below, and sometimes on the under side yellowish brown. Face on the sides yellow, in the middle broadly shining black, on the lower part somewhat projecting, and a small but distinct tubercle above the oral margin. Legs light yellow, black on the base of the femora; sometimes the black comprises the whole of the hind femora, except the tip; sometimes also the hind tibiæ have a black or brown ring, or their tip is brown. Scutellum wholly black. Wings hyaline, slightly grayish yellow tinged.—Translation from Schiner, Fauna Austriaca.

I have several specimens from New England and California, in which I can detect no difference from specimens from Europe.

*Paragus dimidiatus*.

*Paragus dimidiatus* Loew, Centur., iv, 63.

*Habitat*.—District of Columbia (Lw.)!

♂, ♀ Length, 3 to 4.25<sup>mm</sup>. Shining black-green; scutellum without yellow. Face yellow, moderately projecting, with a median stripe in both sexes. Legs yellow and ochraceous; basal half of femora black. Three segments of abdomen in the male ochraceous red. Wings hyaline; stigma very dilutely subfuscous. Very similar to *P. tibialis*, var. *hæmorrhous*, but the vertical triangle is less broad, the face less projecting, and the pile of the whole body somewhat shorter. Third antennal joint sordid reddish below. Abdomen of the female wholly black-green, of the male with the first two segments black-green, the following ones ochraceous red. As the picture of the abdomen in *P. tibialis* is very variable it is probable that the same variability may be found in this species.—Translation from original.

The structural differences given for this species may justify its separation from *P. tibialis*, but in the examination of a considerable material which I have compared with specimens of this latter from Europe I have not been able to satisfy myself of differences sufficient to justify specific separation.

## NAUSIGASTER.

*Nausigaster* Williston, Trans. Amer. Ent. Soc., xi, 33, 1885.

Moderate sized, nearly bare species, black in ground-color, but thickly pollinose, with shining, numerous small black punctulate spots. Head spheroidal, broader than the thorax. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male. Front narrowed above, evenly arched to the antennæ, which are situated a little above the middle of the head in profile. Face narrowed below, concave on upper part below the antennæ; the tubercle near the middle large, obtuse, below it much receding to the oral margin, resembling in structure the species of *Paragus*, but more concave above the tubercle and more receding below it, the tubercle being higher up. Cheeks narrow. First and second joints of the antennæ extremely short, so that the third joint appears sessile, the latter thickened, large, subquadrate, as broad as long, the angles rounded, and narrower on the basal portion; arista small, bare, very short, not as long as the third antennal joint, remote from the base, situated upon the anterior rounded angle near the end of joint. Scutellum small, convex, but thinned along its margin. Abdomen very convex above, beyond the middle being in cross-section two-thirds of a circle; first segment short; second segment moderately long; third segment much shorter than the second in the middle, on the sides about as long, the incisure in front forming a deep stricture, less evident behind; fourth segment very large, as long as the three preceding together, forming half of an ellipsoid, flattened on one side, the strongly convex end extending beyond the anal opening, and wholly concealing the following segments. The sides of the abdomen are directed downward and inward, inclosing toward the outer part of the venter a deep cavity, shallower on the second and third segments; at the posterior part of this cavity, and concealed by the posterior rim, is the anal opening looking obliquely forward; back of the anus on the rim on each side is a small obtuse membranous flap or process. Hypopygium small, wholly concealed. Legs as in *Paragus*—rather short and moderately strong, the hind metatarsi thickened. Wings more like those of *Syritta* than of *Paragus*. The first longitudinal vein joins the costa a little before the tip of second vein, and then by a curve at the tip, so that the vein runs parallel to the costa for some distance. The anterior cross-vein is near the basal third of discal cell, and the third vein beyond is gently bisinuate. The last section of the fourth vein is sinuate like it is in *Syritta*, but more deeply so, the vein terminating very near the costa, but forming nearly a right angle at its juncture.

Type of genus, *N. punctulata* Williston, N. America.

***Nausigaster punctulata*.** (Plate I, figs. 10, 10a.)

*Nausigaster punctulata* Williston, Trans. Amer. Ent. Soc., xi, 34; pl. ii, fig. 15.

*Habitat*.—New Mexico, California, Mexico!

♀ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Black, moderately shining, everywhere, except on legs and venter, covered with whitish pollen, which, when not rubbed,

leaves very numerous, nearly contiguous circular black spots, more abundant on the thorax: on the dorsum of thorax and abdomen the ground color of the moderately shining punctulate black surface may be in large part denuded. In the middle of the thoracic dorsum is a pair of indistinct, less pollinose stripes. Antennae wholly yellowish red; the cheeks and the lower part of the face obscurely yellowish, in the middle of the face below the antennæ there is an oval space which is evenly pollinose, free from the black dots. Wings hyaline, with two conspicuous blackish spots; the larger one beginning in the subcostal cell at tip of auxiliary vein, thence more broadly along the marginal cell, the base of the submarginal cell for a third of its length, and less distinctly opposite this on the cross-vein and base of first posterior cell; the smaller spot reaching from the tip of the first longitudinal vein nearly to the third; veins black, brown toward the base. Legs yellowish red; the front femora on basal half, and the other femora, except the tips, black; the front and hind tarsi brown.

♂ Five male specimens have the dorsal stripes more apparent, there being three with two others between them less apparent; the legs are darker, the tarsi blackish; the wings are hyaline, except a small blackish spot on the stigma reaching across to the third vein.

One female, New Mexico (Morrison), and five males, California (Coquillett).

Since writing the above I have received a number of specimens, both male and female, from Mr. Coquillett, of California, and I find them all agreeing with the males above described. They are all smaller than the type specimen, and differ in the wings having only the one spot, instead of two, as in the original female. A male specimen in the National Museum, from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, has the abdomen narrower, with coppery reflections where denuded. Both the legs and the spots on the wings are darker than in the type, and the latter are connected through nearly the whole length of the submarginal cell.

## PIPIZA.

*Pipiza* Fallen, Dipt. Suec. Syrph., 58, 1816.

*Heringia* Rondani, Dipt. Ital. Prodr., i, 53, 1856.

*Pipizella* Rondani, Dipt. Ital. Prodr., ii, 185, 1857.

*Cnemodon* Egger, Verh. Zool. Bot. ges., xv, 573, 1865.

*Penium* Phillipi, Verh. Zool. Bot. ges., xv, 741, 1865.

Dark metallic green, or black, small or moderate-sized species, thinly pilose and finely punctulate, without yellow or light markings, except on legs and sometimes a basal band on the abdomen. Head as broad or somewhat broader than the thorax. Antennæ not longer than the head, the third joint rounded, elliptical or a little elongate, the arista basal, bare. Face flattened, receding, transversely arched, without tubercle, not, or but slightly projecting below, rounded, clothed with pile, uni-

formly metallic green or black. Eyes contiguous in the male, pilose. Thorax short, broad. Scutellum with an acute margin, without tubercles or spines. Abdomen about three times as long as the thorax, in its middle as broad; the segments shallowly grooved transversely. Legs not very strong, the hind femora sometimes a little thickened; hind metatarsi often somewhat thickened, always shorter than the remaining joints together. Wings rather short and broad; marginal cell open, third vein nearly straight, or gently convex, anterior cross-vein before the middle of the discal cell, first posterior cell briefly or rather long petiolate, the vein at outer part of first posterior and discal cells often bent or angulated. Type of genus, *P. noctiluca*, Linné.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

1.—Abdomen with a basal interrupted yellow fascia	2
Abdomen uniformly black	3
2.—Wings with a brown spot in the middle	<i>festiva</i>
Wings without a brown spot in the middle	<i>femoralis</i>
3.—Third joint of antennæ at least twice as long as wide	4
Third joint scarcely twice as long as wide, or rounded	5
4.—Third joint of antennæ elongate; hind metatarsi much thickened; last section of fourth vein bent near its middle	<i>pulchella</i>
Third joint elliptical, hind metatarsi but slightly thickened; last section of fourth vein bent at its antepenultimate third	<i>pistica</i>
5.—Black pilose	<i>nigripilosa</i>
Chiefly light pilose	6
6.—Wings with a brownish cloud	7
Wings without such cloud	<i>pisticoides</i>
7.—Abdomen chiefly light pilose	<i>albipilosa</i>
Abdomen chiefly black pilose	<i>puella</i>

For additional species, north of Mexico, see descriptions. *P. pubescens*, *P. modesta*, *P. calcarata*, *P. salax*, *P. nigribarba*, *P. fraudulenta*.

***Pipiza pubescens*.**

*Triglyphus pubescens* Loew, Centur., iv, 61.

*Habitat*.—Wisconsin (Lw.)!

♂ Black-green, clothed with rather long dilutely lutescent pile. Hind tibiæ black pilose; the knees, base of front tibiæ, and the tarsi, except the tip and metatarsi of the front and hind pairs, yellowish. Length, 4<sup>mm</sup>.

Black-green, shining, wholly clothed with rather long pile. Pile of the face white; of the front near the antennæ very dilutely lutescent; on the angle of the front above, and on the vertex, black. Antennæ black, rather long, the third joint oblong, below obscurely reddish. Pile of the thorax and scutellum lutescent. Pile of the abdomen lighter than on the thorax, near the end whitish, on the posterior margins of the second and third segments black. Legs greenish-black, pallidly pilose, the hind tibiæ black pilose above. Knees and base of front and middle tibiæ dilutely lutescent; front tarsi black, with the first joint fuscous

except its base, second joint dark luteous, middle tarsi dilutely luteous, the third joint subfuscous, the last two joints black, hind tarsi black, the metatarsi moderately thickened, their tip and the two following joints dilutely luteous. Tegulæ white. Halteres light yellowish. Wings cinereous hyaline; stigma subfuscous, spurious vein nearly obsolete, except its node.

Translation, compared with the type specimen in the Cambridge Museum.

*Pipiza modesta.*

*Triglyphus modestus* Loew, Centur., iv, 62.

*Habitat.*—New York (Lw.!)!

♀ Blackish steel-colored, clothed with short white pile; hind tibiæ white pilose; knees, base of tibiæ, and the tarsi, except the tip and the front and hind metatarsi, light lutescent. Length, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Blackish steely, moderately shining, clothed with short white pile; with four obscure dorsal lines. Front rather broad, shining, with a triangular white pollinose spot on each side; pile rather long, on the lower half and on the vertex white, on the upper half black. Antennæ rather long, black, third joint oblong ovate, below obscurely reddish. Dorsum of thorax and scutellum briefly white pilose. Abdomen delicately punctulate, shining, short white pilose. Legs black, the short pile white, hind tibiæ white pilose above; knees, base of hind tibiæ, and the basal half of the front and middle pairs, dilutely lutescent; first joint of the front tarsi fuscous, tip lutescent, second joint dilutely luteous, remaining joints black; first two joints of the middle tarsi dilutely lutescent, third subfuscous, last two black; first joint of hind tarsi moderately thickened, black, tip luteous, second joint dilutely luteous, third more obscure, fourth and fifth black. Tegulæ white. Halteres dilutely yellowish. Wings hyaline; stigma subfuscous.

Translation, compared with the type specimen in the Loew collection.

*Pipiza calcarata.*

*Pipiza calcarata* Loew, Centur., vi, 42.

*Habitat.*—New York (Lw.)!

♂ Bronze-black, white pilose, frontal triangle and the face wholly black pilose; antennæ black, below reddish. Legs black, the knees, front tibiæ, except a blackish ring, basal half of the middle tibiæ, first three joints of the front and middle, and second and third of the hind tarsi, luteous, hind coxæ with a slender process. Wings cinerescent, except the basal third. Length of body 6.5<sup>mm</sup>; of wings 6<sup>mm</sup>

Bronze-black, moderately shining, white pilose. Pile of the eyes whitish, in some lights blackish or black. Pile of the frontal triangle and of the face wholly black; antennæ black, below reddish, third joint oblong; pile of abdomen very short, black, on the lateral margins and the usual metallic spots longer, white; legs black; front tibiæ, ex-

cept a blackish ring, basal half and extreme tip of the middle tibiæ, first three joints of front and middle tarsi, and the second and third joints, with the tip of the first of the hind tarsi, luteous; hind coxæ armed with a slender process, dilated and compressed toward the end; hind metatarsi a little incrassate. Wings, except the basal third, cinereous, stigma subfuscous, small cross-vein from the base of the discal cell, and the last section of the fourth vein from the margin of the wing, less remote than in *P. nigribarba*, *P. femoralis*, etc.—Translation of original.

Type specimen compared. The singular long, slender process on the hind coxæ will at once render the species distinguishable.

**Pipiza salax.**

*Pipiza salax* Loew, Centur., vi, 39.

*Habitat.*—Pennsylvania (Lw.)!

♂ Black-bronze, white pilose; frontal triangle, anterior half of the vertical triangle and posterior margin of the eyes black pilose; antennæ black, below red; legs black, the knees, base of front tibiæ, the middle tibiæ, except a fuscous preapical ring, and the basal joints of the front tarsi, luteous. Wings, except the basal third, luteous cinereous. Length 6.5<sup>mm</sup>; of wings 5.5 to 6<sup>mm</sup>.

Black-bronze, moderately shining, white pilose; eyes clothed with minute black pile, below with white pile; frontal triangle, and the vertical triangle, except the posterior part, black pilose; antennæ black, below obscurely reddish; third joint oblong ovate; occiput white pilose, posterior margin of the eyes black ciliate; abdomen briefly black pilose, the first segment, the lateral margins of the remaining segments, the usual metallic spots, and the posterior part of the fourth segment white pilose; hypopygium much longer than in other species; legs black, the knees, basal third, or half of the front tibiæ, middle tibiæ, except a very broad preapical ring, first joint of the front tarsi and first two joints of the middle tarsi, luteous, second joint of the front tarsi usually reddish; hind metatarsi a little thicker than the following joints. Wings cinereous, basal third more purely hyaline, stigma subfuscous.

Type specimen compared.

**Pipiza nigribarba.**

*Pipiza nigribarba* Loew, Centur., vi, 40.

*Habitat.*—New York (Lw.)!

♂ Black-bronze, white pilose; frontal triangle and face black pilose; antennæ black; legs black, the knees, base of front tibiæ, first three joints of middle tarsi and the intermediate joints of front and hind tarsi luteous, first joint of hind tarsi strongly incrassate; wings, except the basal third, cinereous, the last section of the fourth vein angulated. Length of body 7<sup>mm</sup>; of wings 6.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Black-bronze, moderately shining, white pilose. Eyes thickly clothed with blackish pile; frontal triangle and the anterior half of the vertical triangle black pilose. Antennæ black; third joint oblong, on the

inner side near the base obscurely red. Face black pilose, above (except the sides) white pilose. Occiput briefly white pilose, posterior margin of the eyes black ciliate; pile of abdomen black, very short; on first segment, and lateral margins of each segment, except the anterior angles and the usual metallic spots, with white and longer pile. Hypopygium short. Legs black; the extreme base of the hind tibiae, and the basal half of the front pair, luteous; front tarsi fuscous, tip of the first joint, and second joint, luteous, last two joints fuscous black; hind metatarsi strongly thickened, black, the extreme tip luteous, the two following joints luteous, last two with the tip of the preceding black; hind tibiae clothed with rather long white pile above. Wings, except the basal third, cinerous; stigma subfuscous, the last section of the fourth vein broken in an angle.—Translation, compared with the type specimen.

**Pipiza fraudulenta.**

*Pipiza fraudulenta*, Loew, Centur., vi, 41.

*Habitat*.—Illinois (Lw.)!

♂ Black-bronze, with white pile, frontal triangle and the face black pilose; antennae black. Legs black; the knees, base of front tibiae, first three joints of the middle tarsi and the intermediate joints of the other tarsi luteous, hind metatarsi strongly incrassate; wings, except the basal third, cinerous, last section of the fourth vein bent, not angulated. Length of body 6.5<sup>mm</sup>; of wings 6<sup>mm</sup>.

Very similar to *P. nigribarba*, but the antennae are wholly black, the hind tibiae with long black, not white, pile above, and the last section of the fourth vein is bent, not broken into an angle.

Type specimen compared. I doubt the validity of this species.

**Pipiza femoralis.**

*Pipiza femoralis* Loew Centur., vi, 38.

?*Pipiza radicum* Riley, 1st Rep., 121, fig. 66; Amer. Ent., i, 83.

*Habitat*.—Illinois (Lw.) Pennsylvania!

♂ Bronze-black, pallidly pilose, fascia of the second abdominal segment narrowly interrupted; tip of femora, the tibiae and tarsi, luteous, the tip of the latter more obscure; wings cinereous hyaline, stigma dark ochraceous. Length 8<sup>mm</sup>; of wings 7.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Bronze black, moderately shining, pallidly pilose. Eyes briefly white pilose; face white pilose. Antennae rather large, two basal joints reddish ochraceous, third black, near the base obscurely red; arista black, pallid near the base. The luteous fascia of the second abdominal segment broad and moderately arcuated, divided by a black line, and separated from the lateral margin by a black border. Pile of the abdomen short, pallid, near the base of the abdomen longer and white, between the yellow fascia and the posterior margin of the second segment, black. Femora, except the luteous tip, bronze-black; tibiae luteous, the hind pair near the tip obsoletely annulate with fuscous; tarsi lute-



ous, penultimate joint of the hind pairs black, of the front pair fuscous, terminal joints of the hind pair fuscous, of the front and middle pairs ochraceous or subfuscous. Wings cinereous hyaline, basal third more purely hyaline, stigma ochraceous subfuscous.

Two specimens from Pennsylvania (E. L. Keen).

**Pipiza festiva.** (Plate II, fig. 4.)

*Pipiza festiva* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 243, 2; Schiner, Fauna, etc., i, 262.

*Pipiza ornata* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 243, 3 (Schiner).

*Pipiza lunata* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 243, 4 (Schiner).

*Pipiza artemis* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 244, 5 (Schiner).

*Habitat.*—Europe!, Canada? (O. S.)

♂, ♀ Length, 6 to 10.5<sup>mm</sup>. Front and face long white pilose, below the ocelli and about the base of the antennæ in the female, blackish pilose. Antennæ brown, third joint trapezoidal. Thorax white pilose. Posterior part of the second and third abdominal segments black pilose; second segment with a variable yellow band, "sometimes sulphur yellow, at other times reddish yellow; anterior margin concave or straight; sometimes interrupted by a distinct black space, at other times only by a dark line." (Schiner). Legs yellow, with black femora; tibiæ more or less brown in the middle. Wings hyaline on the basal half, externally blackish or smoky brown, fading out toward the margin; stigma dark luteous.

I give the description of this species, although it is not known for certain that it occurs in this country, it being given in Osten Sacken's catalogue, with the remark, "or a species allied to it," as occurring in Canada. The European species, *P. noctiluca*, closely related, has the tarsi in large part black.

**Pipiza puella**, n. sp. (Plate II, fig. 3.)

*Habitat.*—New Hampshire!

♂ Length, 6<sup>mm</sup>. Dark bluish black, clothed with light yellowish-white pile. Frontal triangle white pilose on upper portion, black pilose below; face white pilose, except near the mouth, where it is black pilose. Antennæ black; third joint cordate. Eyes blackish pilose, in some lights showing luteous; posterior orbits wholly white ciliate, a little blackish pile at the vertex only. Abdomen with short black pile, except on the broad anterior angles and lateral margins of each segment. Legs black; the immediate tip of front and middle femora, the front tibiæ, except a broad brownish ring, the middle and hind tibiæ at base and tip, and all the tarsi, except the last two joints, yellow. Wings nearly hyaline before the cross-veins, with a distinct brownish cloud at the cross-veins, fading out beyond and behind; stigma luteous; cross-veins at outer part of first posterior and discal cells nearly parallel with the hind border of the wing, the outer posterior angle of first posterior cell with a stump of a vein.

One specimen, White Mountains, New Hampshire, August 1.

*Pipiza* (*Penium*) *albipilosa*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Pennsylvania!

♀ Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Antennae black, the third joint more brownish, and near the base, especially on the inner side, reddish; in shape obtusely pointed on the lower anterior part, subcordate, only a little longer than broad. Head and thorax shining black, with a greenish reflection, wholly clothed with nearly white, rather long pile, except just above the insertion of the antennae where there is a small quantity of black pile. Abdomen shining black, on the posterior part of the second and third segments with narrow, more dark appearing cross-bands of short black pile; pile elsewhere light colored, shorter and less abundant than on the thorax. Legs black, wholly with light colored pile; front and middle tibiae, except a brown ring in the middle, and the hind tibiae at base and end, and all the tarsi, except the last two or three joints (which are brown) luteous. Hind femora considerably thickened, the hind metatarsi only slightly so. Wings hyaline on the basal part, distinctly clouded with brownish across the middle, becoming less strong toward the end and posterior part; stigma yellow; outer anterior angle of the first posterior cell acute, briefly petiolate, the cross-veins at outer part of the first posterior and discal cells nearly parallel with the posterior border of the wing; posterior angle of first posterior cell obtuse, with a stump of a vein.

Two specimens from Mr. Eugene Keen, collected in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.

*Pipiza nigripilosa*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Pennsylvania!

♂ Length 5.5<sup>mm</sup>. Deep shining black, with black pile. Pile on the posterior part of the vertical triangle; the post-orbital cilia and the pile of the eyes more brownish black, in some views brownish. Antennae black, third joint brownish red, subcordate, scarcely twice as long as wide. Pile in front of dorsum of thorax in some views more brownish. Abdomen wholly with short erect black pile, except along the borders there may be a few light-colored hairs. Legs black, the tip of the femora, the front and middle tibiae, except a brownish ring, and the base and tip of hind tibiae, and all the tarsi, except the brownish two or three terminal joints, luteous; pile chiefly black, on the under side of the hind femora more brownish or obscurely yellowish; hind metatarsi only a little thickened. Wings hyaline, first posterior cell short petiolate, the angle acute; the cross-veins at outer part of the first posterior and discal cells nearly parallel with the hind border of the wing; stigma yellowish.

One specimen collected by Mr. Eugene Keen, in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.

**Pipiza pistica**, n. sp.*Habitat*.—Connecticut!

♀ Length, 7.5<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ black, the third joint yellow along the lower side; in shape oblong, more than twice as long as wide. Face wholly white pilose. Front black pilose below and above, across the middle white pilose. Eyes whitish pilose, but variable in different reflections, appearing blackish. Pile on the orbits behind white. Thorax, as the head and abdomen, shining metallic black, with a light greenish reflection, moderately long, white pilose. Abdomen white pilose, except on the posterior margins of the second and third segments, where it is very briefly black pilose. Legs black, white pilose, the tip of all the femora, the rather broad base of the four front tibiæ, and the immediate base of the hind tibiæ, the tip of four front tibiæ, and the basal joints of their tarsi, yellow, the last two joints of the four front tarsi blackish; hind metatarsi very distinctly thickened. Wings hyaline, the stigma light yellow.

Two specimens, June 10, New Haven.

**Pipiza pisticoides**, n. sp.*Habitat*—White Mountains!

♀ Length, 6<sup>mm</sup>. A single specimen taken near the base of Mount Washington, August 1, resembles *P. pistica* very much, but seems evidently different. The third joint of the antennæ is orbicular, as broad as long; the pile throughout is shorter, on the abdomen scarcely discernible; the size is also distinctly smaller.

**Pipiza (Pipizella) pulchella**, n. sp. (Plate II, figs. 1, 1*a*, 1*b*.)*Habitat*.—Connecticut, Massachusetts!

♀ Length, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>. Shining, greenish black, clothed with not very abundant nor long, nearly white pile. Front and face wholly white pilose, the former with a small triangular spot near each orbit, the latter with a narrow orbital margin, white pollinose. Post orbital cilia white; the short pile of the eyes dark. Face gently convex near the middle. Antennæ elongate, but shorter than the face; the third joint three or four times as long as wide, black, the third joint yellowish on the lower basal part. Scutellum with a slender deep groove before its margin. Abdomen very short pilose, on the posterior part of the second and third segments black, elsewhere nearly white. Legs black, white pilose; tip of all the femora, base and immediate tip of anterior tibiæ, base of hind tibiæ, first two joints of anterior, and the middle two of hind tarsi, yellow; hind metatarsi considerably thickened. Wings grayish hyaline; last section of fourth vein angulated in the middle, posterior cross-vein rectangular; stigma luteous.

Two specimens, Connecticut, Massachusetts. The convexity of the face is not so strong in one specimen as is figured.

## ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

**Pipiza divisa** Walker, Trans. Ent. Soc., N. Ser., iv, 156.—Vera Cruz.

## PSILOTA.

*Psilota* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 256, 1822.

Small, black, rather thickly pilose species. Eyes pilose, contiguous in the male. Antennæ: First two joints short, third more or less elongated, arista dorsal, basal, bare. Face pilose, the epistoma produced forwards. Abdomen short, broad. Hind femora a little thickened. Wings as in *Myiolepta*; marginal cell open; anterior cross-vein near base of discal cell; third vein nearly straight; false vein obsolete. Type of genus *P. anthracina* Meigen, Europe.

In the type of this genus the face is concave from the antennæ. In our single American species the face is convex above and concave below; the third joint of the antennæ is also more elongate. These differences are, however, not important enough to exclude our species.

***Psilota buccata*.**

*Pipiza buccata* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 107; pl. xviii, fig. 2.

*Psilota flavidipennis* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 5<sup>e</sup> Suppl., 97; pl. v, fig. 5.

*Habitat*.—United States!, Carolina (Macq.).

♂, ♀ - Length, 7 to 8<sup>mm</sup>. Shining, metallic greenish black. Head shining black, front and face clothed with white pile. Antennæ blackish brown, the second joint deep red or nearly black; not as long as the face. Dorsum of thorax and scutellum in the male clothed with rather abundant, erect, somewhat yellowish pile; in the female shorter, less abundant, and more whitish pile; pleuræ with whitish pile. Abdomen shining bronze black, in the male with yellowish, in the female more whitish, erect pile. Femora, except the tip, black; tibiæ and tarsi yellow, except that the middle portion of the middle and hind tibiæ is brownish or blackish, and the terminal joints of all the tarsi are blackish. Wings nearly hyaline; on the outer part, especially in front, with a brownish cast.

Two specimens in the Loew type collection at Cambridge, labeled *Psilota flavidipennis*. I have no doubt that this species is *Pipiza buccata*; that it is Macquart's *Psilota flavidipennis* is doubtful. The description of the latter is as follows:

***Psilota flavidipennis*.**

*Psilota flavidipennis* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 5<sup>e</sup> Suppl., 97; pl. v, fig. 5.

“*Nigra, flavido tomentosa, metatarso testaceo. Alis flavidis.*”

“Long. 3l. (6<sup>mm</sup>), ♂ Face à léger duvet gris, saillante dans le bas, un peu convexe dans le haut; épistome saillant. Front proéminent. Antennes noires; premier article un peu allongé, troisième oblong. Yeux velus de jaunâtre. Thorax d'un noir luisant, à poils jaunâtres. Abdomen un peu plus étroit que dans le *P. anthracina*, d'un noir mat et

à poils jaunâtres; quatrième segment luisant. Pieds noirs; base des jambes et métatarse testacés. Ailes d'un jaune roussâtre assez pâle."

"Philadelphie. Cette espèce est intermédiaire entre les Psilotes et les Pipizes."

## LEPROMYIA, NOM. NOV

*Lepidomyia* Loew (non Bigot), Centur., v, 38, 1864.

Small, black, nearly bare species, the thorax and borders of the abdomen with sparse squamulæ. Head like that of *Chrysogaster*, but without facial or frontal wrinkles; antennæ elongate. Abdomen short, broad. Anterior cross-vein of the wings near base of discal cell, third vein nearly straight, last section of fourth vein sinuate, marginal cell open. All the femora moderately thickened and with rows of short spines below. Type of genus *L. calopus* Loew, West Indies.

### *Lepromyia calopus*.

*Lepidomyia calopus* Loew, Centur., v, 38.

*Habitat*.—Cuba (Lw.)!

♀ Length, 5<sup>mm</sup>. Black, thinly clothed with whitish tomentum. Base of the tibiæ and the first two joints of the tarsi white; wings spotted with black.

Black, rather bare, somewhat shining. Front plane, a little broader below, with a median, subobsolete impressed line, and, on each side, with two whitish pollinose spots. Antennæ narrow, about equal in length to the face; first two joints reddish, the second one a little longer than the first, and fuscous on its upper part; third joint elongate, black, the base below reddish; arista basal, bare, fuscous. Thorax with the scutellum and pleuræ thinly but evenly clothed with minute whitish squamulæ. Abdomen plane, the sides and tip with white squamulæ, wanting on the disk. Legs black, shining, somewhat bluish; base of the tibiæ and the first two joints of the tarsi white; all the femora thickened, armed below with a double series of small spines; tibiæ subclavate, the hind pair moderately arcuate. Wings hyaline, spotted with black.

Translation from the original, compared with the type specimen at Cambridge. See, also, appendix.

## CHRYSOGASTER.

*Chrysogaster* Meigen, Illiger's Magazine, ii, 274, 1803.

*Orthoneura* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 563, 1834.

*Camptoneura* Rondani, Dipt. Ital. Prodr., ii, 1857.

*Cryptineura* Bigot, Rev. et Magaz. de Zool., 1859.

Small, metallic green or blue, or black species, wholly without yellow markings, except on the legs, distinctly characterized from all other genera by the front in the female having transverse lateral wrinkles.

Head hemispherical, rather large, broader than the thorax. Antennæ not longer than the head, varying, sometimes the first two joints very short and the third nearly round, frequently with the third joint elongated, as also the second; arista basal, bare. Face in the sexes usually different in profile, in the male generally less concave, the epistoma less projecting, and sometimes with a distinct, more or less prominent convexity near the middle; in the female usually deeply concave and the epistoma salient. Eyes in the male contiguous (in some exotic species broadly separated). Frontal triangle sometimes swollen and with a distinct pit-like depression in the middle. Front in the female with lateral, transverse, irregular wrinkles, in the middle usually a slender longitudinal space, smooth, bounded on each side by a linear groove; over the antennæ usually with a transverse arcuate groove, below which the space is smooth. Scutellum gently thinned above near its border, sharp, sometimes wrinkled on its disk. Abdomen short, oval, flattened, the borders, however, rounded, not thinned. Legs moderately strong, simple, the hind femora scarcely longer or thicker than the others. Marginal cell of wings open, third vein straight, anterior cross-vein considerably before the middle of the discal cell, rectangular, the last section of the fourth vein frequently more or less bent, always joining the third vein considerably before its tip, often bent in so that the tip is less remote from the anterior cross-vein than is the posterior angle of the cell which it closes; the cross-vein at outer end of discal cell also joins the fourth vein considerably before its angle, the false vein frequently entirely wanting, never very distinct.

My reasons for uniting *Orthoneura* with this genus are explicitly enough given by Loew (Stett. Ent. Zeit., 1843). It is true this author and Schiner did afterwards make use of *Orthoneura*, but that the former did not have a very clear idea of the genus is sufficiently shown by his *C. nigripes*, described in the male as *Chrysogaster* and in the female as *Orthoneura ustulata*. The character these authors used was the manner of termination of the fourth vein.

#### TABLE OF SPECIES.

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| 1.—Base and tip of tibiæ, or at least first two joints of tarsi, yellow or yellowish red; last section of fourth longitudinal vein rectangular; antennæ elongate   | 2                  |
| Legs wholly black; last section of fourth vein curved or bent  | 5                  |
| 2.—The last section of the fourth vein joins the third beyond the tip of second vein, rectangular, with a stump of a vein in the middle; second joint of antennæ nearly as long as the third; eyes with linear markings. | <b>nitida</b>      |
| The last section of fourth vein joins the third opposite or before the tip of the second; disk of abdomen opaque   | 3                  |
| 3.—Eyes with linear markings   | <b>bellula</b>     |
| Eyes unicolorous   | 4                  |
| 4.—Abdomen broadly oval; wings with brownish clouds  | <b>pictipennis</b> |
| Cross veins of wings not clouded   | <b>pulchella</b>   |

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| 5.—Third joint of antennæ nearly rounded   | 7            |
| Third joint elongate or at least twice as long as wide; tip of fourth vein less remote from anterior cross vein than is the posterior angle of the cell included | 6            |
| 6.—Third joint of antennæ elongate   | stigmata     |
| Third joint of antennæ short   | nigrovittata |
| 7.—Front of female lightly rugose  | lata         |
| Front of female strongly rugose  | nigripes     |

**Chrysogaster nigripes.** (Plate II, figs. 10, 10a.)

*Chrysogaster nigripes* Loew, Centur., iv, 60 (male).

*Orthoncurea ustulata* Loew, Centur., ix, 80 (female).

? *Chrysogaster Antitheus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 572.

*Habitat.*—Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina!

♀, ♂ Length, 7 to 8<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes unicolorous. Legs wholly greenish black. Wings a little blackish, more nearly hyaline near the base and posterior part, more or less clouded on the outer part, especially in the end of the marginal, sub-marginal, and first posterior cells; stigma dilutely brownish; the last section of the fourth vein very oblique, a little convex outward near the angle, and then more broadly concave, the tip joining the third vein in a right angle. First two joints of antennæ very short, reddish yellow; the third round or a little oval, reddish yellow, the upper border darker. Head wholly shining, except a broad white dusted cross-band on the upper part of the face just below the antennæ.

♂ Head metallic bluish green, shining; antennæ very small. Frontal triangle very large, swollen, with a longitudinal depression. Face in profile gently concave, distinctly tuberculate below the middle, the epistoma not at all prominent. Dorsum of thorax opaque black, with numerous small, greenish, more shining spots, which on the sides become confluent, forming stripes. Disk of abdomen deep opaque black, the margins shining brassy green, except at the incisures of the second and third segments, where the black may extend narrowly to the margin.

♀ Deep bluish green, the head and thorax sometimes a deep cobalt blue. Face very concave and prominent below, in profile very dissimilar to that of the male. Third joint of the antennæ much larger than in the male. Front broad and long; on the sides strongly rugose, a narrow longitudinal space in the middle smooth. Abdomen shining, but less so on the disk, the first segment, the hind margin of the second and third segments, and a rather broad, less distinct stripe, reaching nearly to the tip of the fourth segment, opaque black.

Four males and five females. In four of my specimens, both male and female, like specimens Loew described, the second and third segments of the abdomen are in large part sordid yellowish, and the wings may almost wholly lack the blackish clouds. All but one of my specimens were taken together from the same bush of *Prunus virginianus* on June 25. That they belong together I do not have the slightest doubt. Very

similar differences between the sexes occur in *C. viduatur* of Europe. The neurulation is precisely alike in both sexes: that Loew described them under two genera is sufficient evidence of the valuelessness of the characters upon which *Orthoneura* is based.

It seems very probable that Walker's *Antitheus* is this species, yet it is not at all certain, and it would be imprudent to substitute the name; nor should it be, indeed, were the type to prove this supposition correct.

***Chrysogaster nigrovittata*.** (Plate II, figs. 11, 12.)

*Orthoneura nigrovittata* Loew, Zeitschr. für Naturw., 1876, 378.

*Chrysogaster nigrovittatus* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 304.

*Habitat*.—Washington Territory, California, Colorado!

♂, ♀ Length, 5<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ yellowish red, the first joint and upper part of third dark or blackish; the first two joints short, the third oval. Face bluish greenish black, considerably projecting below; on the upper part with delicate transverse striæ; a narrow silvery white cross band of dust extends between the eyes immediately below the antennæ, in the middle less distinct. Frontal triangle pitted in the middle, somewhat swollen, with black pile. Eyes unicolorous, contiguous in the male for a considerable distance. Front in female rugose on the sides, narrowed above, in the middle with a slender smooth longitudinal space. Dorsum of thorax finely punctulate, deep green, with four blackish stripes, in some reflections a little coppery. Abdomen deep greenish sub-opaque, the margins shining metallic. Legs wholly black, with a greenish cast. Wings with a slightly blackish tint; stigma dark brownish; cross vein at outer part of discal cell nearly straight, the last section of the fourth vein bent inward near the middle, the anterior end joining the third before the tip of the second vein.

Six specimens from California, two from Washington Territory, and four from Colorado (H. K. Morrison).

***Chrysogaster stigmata*.** (Plate II, fig. 8.)

*Chrysogaster stigmatus* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 303.

*Orthoneura sinuosa* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. France, 1884, 556.

*Habitat*.—California!

♂, ♀ Length, 6 to 7<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ black, about as long as to the tip of epistoma, the second joint about one-third as long as the third. Face deep shining green, with delicate striæ on the upper part, smooth below, with sparse white pile, and a silvery triangle above near the orbit; gently convex, the lower part abruptly and moderately produced downwards and forwards. Frontal triangle like the face, only slightly swollen, with a distinct pit in the middle above the antennæ; vertical triangle greenish black, obtuse in front. Front in female broad, with very distinct lateral transverse furrows. Dorsum of thorax deep shining green, with short whitish pubescence. Scutellum distinctly grooved before its tip. Abdomen flat, broadly oval, with delicate white pubescence; the dorsum black with a greenish cast, the sides broadly, and



the hypopygium, brassy, much shining: in the single female specimen the brassy color is confined to the sides of the first two segments and the anterior angles of the third. Legs shining greenish black. Wings with a distinct blackish tinge, stigma brown, outer posterior angle of first posterior cell rounded or obtusely angulated, usually with a stump of a vein, the tip of fourth vein strongly bent inward.

Four specimens.

*Chrysogaster pulchella*, n. sp. (Plate II, fig. 9.)

*Habitat*.—New Hampshire, Connecticut, Canada!

♂. ♀ Length,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $5^{\text{mm}}$  Antennæ yellowish or brownish red, the third joint black, except at the base; second joint less than half the length of the third, the whole antenna about as long as the face. Head deep metallic greenish black; face with delicate striæ on the upper half, and a small triangular, silvery spot near the eye on each side above, epistoma considerably protuberant; in the male the face is more nearly straight in profile with a short, rather deep concavity on the lower part. Frontal triangle not rugose, a little swollen and pitted; front in female narrowed above, strongly rugose on the sides, in the middle with a slender, longitudinal space, and the lower part, smooth. Eyes unicolorous. Dorsum of thorax strongly metallic, but little shining, greenish brassy, delicately roughened, with four coppery, in some reflections purplish, stripes. Pleuræ brilliant. Abdomen not very broadly oval, opaque black on the disk, brilliant metallic on the margin and venter. Legs metallic black; extreme tip of femora, base and tip of tibiæ, and first two joints of the tarsi, reddish yellow. Wings nearly hyaline, faintly clouded on outer part, stigma brown, last section of fourth vein nearly straight, a little oblique, so that the anterior angle of the cell is slightly obtuse.

Sixteen specimens from the White Mountains, N. H. (July 25–30), two additional ones from the same regions from Dr. George Dimmock (1561–2), and two others from Connecticut, June 20. The third joint of the antennæ may be in large part yellowish red, the black confined to the upper border and distal part. The last section of the fourth vein is usually quite straight, but sometimes slightly sinuate, and in one specimen with a stump of a vein near the middle on the inner side.

*Chrysogaster nitida*. (Plate II, figs. 7, 7a.)

*Chrysogaster nitidus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zwei. Ins., ii, 116, 1.

*Cryptineura hieroglyphica* Bigot, Rev. et Magaz. de Zool., 1859.

*Paragus aeneus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 545.

*Orthonoura hieroglyphica* Loew, Centur., iv, 58, note.

*Orthonoura nitida* Schiner, Novara Exped. Dipt., 368, 99; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 121.

*Habitat*.—New England, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Kansas!. South America (Schiner).

♂ ♀. Length, 4 to  $5^{\text{mm}}$ . Head brassy metallic black. Antennæ longer than the face, first and second joints yellowish red or brownish, the

third black, only a little longer than the second. Face rugose; concave on the lower part, the epistoma but slightly produced; a small silvery spot on each side near the eye above. Front in female narrow above, strongly transversely rugose, with a median furrowed longitudinal line. Frontal triangle rugose. Eyes with a median straight horizontal line and two vertical labyrinthine brown lines. Dorsum of thorax metallic green, finely roughened, with four longitudinal stripes of a coppery or metallic purple color, in some reflections brown, the outer ones more or less divided into two nearly contiguous ones. Scutellum more distinctly roughened, or lightly rugose, grooved before the apex. Abdomen deep metallic green, roughened, and only a little shining on the disk, but distinctly so on the margin and tip. Second and third segments with more or less distinct cross bands of a more opaque color in front and behind. Legs metallic black; knees and base of tibiæ and their tip, and first two joints of tarsi, reddish yellow. Wings nearly hyaline, with slender blackish spots on the outer cells; stigma dilutely brownish; a narrow brown cloud from tip of second vein reaching across the submarginal cell; cross veins narrowly clouded with brown; veins at outer part of discal and first posterior cells rectangular, nearly straight, slightly angulated in the middle, and with a stump of a vein on the inner sides; the fourth vein terminates distinctly beyond the tip of the second.

Numerous specimens.

*Chrysogaster bellula*. (Plate II, figs. 6, 6a.)

*Chrysogaster bellulus* Williston, Trans. Amer. Phil. Soc., xx, 304.

*Habitat*.—California, Washington Territory, Colorado!

♂ ♀ Length, 4.5 to 6<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ reddish or reddish brown, about as long as the face, second joint shorter than the third. Face deep green, lightly rugose, white pilose, a small triangular white silvery spot near each orbit just below the antennæ; epistoma moderately produced downwards. Frontal triangle not swollen, rugose; front (♀) with well marked lateral rugosities; eyes with irregular narrow brown markings. Thorax and scutellum bright green, scabrous, with four coppery stripes. Abdomen oval, a little darker green, sometimes with a bluish cast, opaque, shining on the borders, lightly punctulate, on the posterior part of each segment sometimes coppery. Legs blackish green, base and tip of the tibiæ usually narrowly, and the basal joints of the tarsi, yellowish red. Wings nearly hyaline, lightly clouded in the outer cells, stigma brownish, the cross-veins scarcely clouded; last section of the fourth vein usually straight, rectangular, joining the third nearly opposite the tip of the second vein, clouded with brown, the cloud either extending across to the tip of the second vein or more or less interrupted in front of the third.

Twelve specimens, Colorado (Professor Comstock), California, Washington Territory.

Differs from *C. nitida*, which it closely resembles, in the second joint of the antennæ being shorter, the concavity of the face less, and in the termination of the fourth longitudinal vein.

***Chrysogaster pictipennis*.**

*Orthonera pictipennis* Loew, Centur., iv, 58.

*Habitat*.—Connecticut, New York, New Jersey!.

♂, ♀ Length, 5.5 to 6<sup>mm</sup>. Head metallic bronze-green. Antennæ elongate, black, the first two joints and the base of the third reddish; considerably longer than the face, the third joint not three times as long as the second. Face finely wrinkled in both sexes; the epistoma considerably and abruptly projecting; on each side of the base of the antennæ near the eye a triangular silvery white spot. Front in female broad, markedly rugose, with a slender median furrow. Eyes unicolorous. Dorsum of the thorax moderately shining, finely punctulate, with four bronze-purple stripes, the lateral ones abbreviated in front, the intermediate ones behind. Scutellum flattened. Disk of the abdomen moderately shining, the margins bronze-green or coppery shining. Legs green-black, the base and tip of the tibiæ and the first two joints of the tarsi reddish yellow. Tegulæ white. Halteres dilutely yellowish. Wings cinereous; the discal and first posterior cells with brownish spots, stigma and clouds on the transverse veins fuscous; the fourth vein terminates in the third before the tip of the second, the terminal segment, and the vein at outer end of discal cell, straight, with a stump of a vein on the inner side.

Six specimens.

***Chrysogaster lata*.**

*Chrysogaster latus* Loew, Centur., iv, 59.

*Habitat*.—British North America (Loew), Oregon!.

♀ Bronze-black, shining, legs wholly of the same color, antennæ of moderate size, black, third joint rotund, piceous; sides of the front below transversely rugose; wings sublutescent, stigma and veins luteous. Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>.

Bronze-black, shining, with sparse, very short whitish pile. Front broad, on the sides below transversely rugose. Antennæ of moderate size; third joint subrotund, fuscous, arista of the same color. Facial tubercle wanting, epistoma strongly produced. Abdomen broad, shining, the posterior margin of the last segment entire. Legs wholly bronze-black. Halteres and tegulæ lutescent. Wings toward the costa dilutely sublutescent, veins and stigma luteous. (English River, Kennicott).—Translation.

A single female specimen from Mount Hood, Oreg., agrees very well with this description. The front is only lightly rugose on the sides.

P. S.—An examination of the type at Cambridge assures me that the Oregon specimen belongs here.

## CHILOSIA. |

*Cheilosia* Meigen, System. Besch., iii, 296, 1822.

*Cartosyrphus* Bigot, Annal. Soc. Ent. de France, 1883, 230.

Moderately large to rather small species, metallic black, or black-green, rather thickly pilose, sometimes almost quite bare. Head hemispherical, scarcely broader than the thorax. Antennæ short, small, third joint rounded or a little oval, never elongate, with a basal, bare, pubescent, or plumose arista. Face black or metallic green, rarely somewhat reddish below, thinly pilose or pollinose, or quite bare; a little below the middle with a tubercle, usually thence more sharply concave to the slightly projecting oral margin; near the eye, with a more or less distinct, parallel, slender groove; in profile the lower part sometimes produced downwards and forwards, at other times nearly perpendicular. Eyes pilose or bare, contiguous in the male. Front in female never wrinkled, usually with one or more linear depressions; in the male the frontal triangle more or less swollen, with an impressed longitudinal line or pit. Scutellum rarely reddish on the border, sometimes along its margin with a row of bristly hairs. Abdomen longer than the thorax, elongate oval, never slender; of five or six segments. Legs simple, rather weak. Marginal cell of wing open, third vein gently convex anteriorly, anterior cross-vein towards the base of discal cell; outer anterior angle of first posterior cell always acute.

In Europe this genus comprises nearly a hundred species, and it is not probable that more than one-third of our species are known. The flies are inconspicuous and not very active. The sexes differ much, in not a few cases, in the color and length of the pile, in the color and size of the third antennal joint, and in the markings of the abdomen, which in the male is sometimes velvety opaque on the disk; moreover, in the female the face below, the humeri, and border of the scutellum, are sometimes reddish or yellowish.

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4.—The face extends considerably below the eyes; the distance from antennæ to tip of tubercle much greater than thence to lowest part; above the tubercle in profile gently concave	<b>lasiophthalma</b>
Face not much produced downward; in profile considerably concave below the antennæ	5

- 5.—Antennæ brown: third joint small, subquadrate; arista bare; facial tubercle not projecting beyond antennal process; long pilose **Baroni**  
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- 6.—Scutellum with bristles on its margin **7**  
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- 7.—Second and third segments of abdomen chiefly opaque black; arista pubescent (*? leucoparea* ♂) **pallipes** ♂  
**tristis** ♂  
Abdomen, or at least third segment, wholly shining **8**
- 8.—Arista pubescent; humeri, scutellum, and lower part of the face with more or less reddish or yellowish; abdomen wholly shining **9**  
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**tristis** ♀
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- 13.—Fourth segment of abdomen opaque, except the anterior angles; veins of wings black **nigripennis**  
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- 16.—Veins of wings luteous (*? capillata* ♀) **comosa**  
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(See, also, Appendix.)

*Chilosia petulca*, n. sp. (Plate II, fig. 15.)

*Habitat*.—Washington Territory!

♀ Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. Shining greenish black, the head shining black. Face with a band of white pollen below the antennæ, extending downwards narrowly along the eyes; rather deeply concave below the antennæ, the tubercle much more prominent than the antennal process, shortly and deeply concave between it and the oral margin, not much produced downwards; the lower border of the cheeks gently concave. Antennæ light reddish yellow, the third joint large, oval; the arista black, finely but distinctly pubescent. Front with whitish dust near the middle on the sides, pile short. Eyes pilose. Dorsum of thorax with short whitish pile; on the post-alar callosities, and border of scutel-

luna, with fine black bristles. Abdomen shining dark metallic green, pile light colored, very short and thin. Legs brownish black; tip of femora, base and tip of four front tibiae, yellow; base and tip of hind femora, and the four front tarsi, yellowish brown. Wings lightly infuscate: stigma light yellow, veins near the base yellowish.

One specimen. This species differs from *C. Baroni*, to which it is most nearly allied, in the antennæ being larger and lighter colored, the arista pubescent, the facial tubercle smaller and much less projecting. The pile of the front, thorax and abdomen is, moreover, much shorter.

*Chilosia Baroni*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—California, Washington Territory!

♂, ♀ Length, 7 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Deep shining black, with moderately abundant whitish pile. Eyes pilose. Face on the sides somewhat whitish pollinose, but without pile, except laterally between the lateral groove and the eye; near the middle a very large and convex tubercle; not extending downward much below the eyes; cheeks not broad. Antennæ small, reddish brown, third joint nearly square; arista bare. Frontal triangle somewhat swollen, with an impressed longitudinal line; pile fuscous. Front shining, clothed with abundant whitish pile. Thorax, on the post-alar callosities and the border of the scutellum, with black bristly hairs; the pile rather abundant and long. Abdomen everywhere shining, more metallic on the sides; the pile rather long and abundant on the sides toward the base. Legs black; tip of femora, and tibiae, except a black ring, yellowish red, the hind tibiae sometimes with only the base and the tip reddish; basal joints of the middle tarsi, and sometimes of the hind tarsi, yellowish red, the terminal joints blackish. Wings nearly hyaline, in the region of the cross-veins yellowish, faintly blackish toward the outer part; veins at the base, except the costa, yellowish.

One male and three female specimens, Washington Territory and California (O. T. Baron). The specimen from Washington Territory is larger, and the third joint of the antennæ is reddish yellow.

*Chilosia lasiophthalma*. (Plate III, fig. 2.)

*Cheilosia lasiophthalmus* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 306, 1882.

*Habitat*.—Colorado!

♂ Length, 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Frontal triangle moderately swollen, with an impressed longitudinal line, and light yellowish pile. Antennæ brownish red, third joint not large, nearly square; arista bare, black. Face deep shining black, with yellowish pubescence, nearly vertical below the antennal prominence, tuberculate below; considerably produced below the eyes; a well-marked groove begins at the base of the antennæ, runs obliquely outward, to the eye, then curves downward near the eye into the cheek. Posterior orbits below broadly dusted with yellow. Eyes thickly reddish yellow pilose. Thorax deep metallic green, shining, thickly covered with yellow or reddish yellow pile, on the

pleuræ bushy. Abdomen rather broadly oval, shining black, with abundant pile like that of the thorax. Tegulæ light yellow. Legs black, with yellow pile; femora at the tip, base and tip of tibiæ, and basal joints of middle tarsi, yellow or luteous: front and hind tarsi brownish with more or less yellowish. Wings subhyaline with an indistinct brownish spot near the middle; veins of the basal part yellowish.

Thirteen specimens, Colorado.

**Chilosia occidentalis.** (Plate III, figs. 1, 1a.)

*Chilosia occidentalis* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 305.

*Habitat.*—California!

♂ Length, 11<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes thickly pilose; frontal triangle black, with black pile, somewhat swollen and with a central depression. Antennæ black, third joint somewhat brownish, nearly orbicular, small; arista with scarcely perceptible pubescence. Face shining black; on the sides with rather long, sparse, light-colored pile; slightly concave from base of antennæ to tip of tubercle, shortly and deeply concave below the latter; a well-marked groove on the side parallel to the eye, running obliquely to the base of the antennæ. Thorax deep green-black, with blackish pile mixed with shorter lutescent. Scutellum on its border with a row of longer hairs. Abdomen oval, not at all slender, shining metallic green on the sides and fourth segment; the first three segments mostly opaque black; pile reddish yellow, rather long and abundant on the sides of the segments, nearly bare in the middle. Legs black, with yellowish and black pile; tibiæ reddish at base and tip. Wings with a slight blackish tint, the veins black.

One specimen, California.

**Chilosia pallipes.** (Plate III, fig. 5.)

*Chilosia pallipes* Loew, Centur., iv, 70.

? *Chilosia tristis* Loew, ibid., 71.

*Habitat.*—White Mountains, Washington Territory, Oregon!, California, District of Columbia (O. S.).

♀ Length, 7 to 8<sup>mm</sup>. Shining metallic obscurely green. Front moderately broad, shining, lightly pollinose on the sides below, with a slight concavity in the middle above the base of the antennæ; pile yellow. Antennæ ferruginous red, third joint rather small, rounded-ovate; arista black, rather thickly and long pubescent. Face whitish pollinose across below base of the antennæ; shining black, except on each side below, there is a yellowish spot, sometimes smaller, at other times large and extending from the eye to the oral margin. In profile the face is deeply concave below the antennæ, and the tubercle large and obtuse. Eyes bare. Humeri light yellow; pile of thoracic dorsum very short, yellow. Scutellum at the tip, or most usually nearly wholly, brownish yellow, the base black; pile yellow, and with six black bristles on its border. Abdomen wholly shining, not very oval; pile very short, on the disk ob-

scure, on the sides longer, whitish. Legs yellow; hind femora, except basal third and tip, a ring on the outer part of hind tibiæ, and the hind tarsi, brown or blackish; sometimes the black is of greater extent on the hind legs, and there may be brownish rings on the outer part of middle femora and tibiæ. Wings hyaline.

♂ Face wholly shining black, except the thin whitish pollen below the antennæ and on the sides below the tubercle. Frontal triangle small, slightly swollen, lightly fossulate, pile black. Thorax and scutellum wholly shining black, with only a slight bronze or coppery reflection; pile black, rather long, especially in front; behind, intermixed with reddish yellow. Scutellum wholly shining black, pile long, black, with reddish yellow, the latter more conspicuous as a fringe on the under side of the margin. Abdomen opaque black; the first segment, large spots on the anterior angles of the third, the fourth segment wholly, and likewise the hypopygium, shining, metallic greenish black; pile on the disk black; on the sides toward the front, longer, yellow. Legs black, tip of all the femora, base and tip of the tibiæ, and the extreme base and tip of all the tarsal joints, yellowish red. Wings distinctly yellowish or brownish in front toward the base.

Five males and forty females taken together (Jackson, N. H., July 25-30,) assure me that they must belong together. The females agree precisely with the description of *pallipes*, except that they are all larger, while the males agree equally well with *tristis*, the female of which Loew describes; and the only differences which it shows from the above are that the legs are black, except the knees and base of the tibiæ, and the light-colored humeri are not mentioned. In some of my female specimens, however, the front and middle legs are in large part blackish, and in one they are almost wholly black. Two male specimens from Washington Territory and Oregon I refer to this, although the pile of the dorsum of the thorax is wholly black, and the legs are less black, the front and middle tibiæ having only a black ring, and the first two joints of the tarsi yellowish. They are also distinctly larger.

***Chilosia cyanescens.*** (Plate III, figs. 3, 4.)

*Chilosia cyanescens* Loew, Centur., iv, 67 (male).

? *Chilosia plumata* Loew, *ibid.*, 68 (female).

*Habitat.*—Connecticut, New Hampshire!, Illinois (Loew).

♂ Length, 5 to 6<sup>mm</sup>; of wings, 6 to 7<sup>mm</sup>. Blackish blue, shining; pile of the front and thorax black, of the abdomen light colored. Antennæ small, yellowish red, third joint ovate; arista black, plumose. Face wholly black; except on the moderately projecting tubercle, lightly pollinose. Eyes bare. Frontal triangle small. Margin of the scutellum with black bristles; on the under side with whitish pile. Abdomen wholly shining. Femora black, at the tip reddish yellow; anterior and middle tibiæ reddish yellow, with a black ring; hind tibiæ black, the base somewhat broadly, the tip narrowly, reddish yellow; the first two pairs of tarsi yellow, their last joint black, hind tarsi black, the third



and fourth joints yellowish. Tegulæ white; halteres yellowish, their heads above black. Wings rather long, dilutely yellowish or subfuscous, more yellowish toward the base, veins at the base yellowish, on the outer part darker; stigma but little darker.

This description is that of Loew for *C. cyanescens*, which applies closely throughout to specimens from Connecticut and New Hampshire, with the important difference that there is, in mine at least, a moderately broad, opaque, black cross-band on the second abdominal segment. I can hardly think that Loew would have overlooked this character, but yet, until specimens are obtained without this band, and differing otherwise specifically, I prefer to consider my specimens as belonging to this species. With my White Mountain specimens I obtained several females, which evidently belong to the same species. Their description is as follows:

♀ Blackish blue, shining; pile everywhere short, on the thorax and scutellum black, on the abdomen white. Front narrow, plane, gently fossulate above the base of the antennæ. Antennæ reddish yellow, third joint large, oval; arista black, plumose. Face black, lightly pollinose, the moderately projecting tubercle, together with the oral margin in front, luteous. Sides of the thoracic dorsum and the margin of the scutellum, with black bristles. Abdomen wholly shining. Front and middle legs luteous, last joint of all the tarsi black, the middle femora and tibiæ subfuscous near the middle; hind legs black, the base and tip of both femora and tibiæ luteous, the third and fourth joints of the hind tarsi fuscous-luteous. Tegulæ white; halteres wholly light yellow. Wings yellowish, the veins fuscous toward the outer part, stigma dilutely lutescent.

This description, it will be seen, is almost precisely like that of *C. plumata*, as given by Loew, except that he describes the antennæ as moderate in size, whereas in my specimens they are unusually large for a *Chilosia*.

#### **Chilosia capillata.**

*Chilosia capillata* Loew, Centur., iv, 65.

*Cartosyrphus lamprurus* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 552.

*Habitat.*—District of Columbia (Lw.), Virginia!

♂ Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Shining metallic green. Eyes bare. Antennæ yellowish red, first joint and outer end of third black; arista bare (pubescent only under a strong lens), black. Face shining black, in profile with a long concavity, the tubercle nose-like, projecting considerably forwards; on the sides above pollinose, extending across as a band below the antennæ. Frontal triangle a little swollen, gently pitted, with long yellowish pile. Dorsum of thorax, pleuræ, and scutellum clothed with rather long yellowish pile. Scutellum without bristles on its border, transversely grooved before the margin above. Abdomen shining metallic green, the second and third segments, except the broad anterior angles, opaque, or subopaque, black; pile light yellowish, or

whitish in front. Legs yellowish red; all the femora, except the tip, and the last two joints of all the tarsi, black; hind metatarsi, and the hind tibiæ in the middle, fuscous. Tegulæ yellowish white; halteres reddish yellow. Wings cinereous hyaline; veins reddish yellow, on the outer part and behind black; stigma yellow.

Six specimens, Virginia (Mr. Theo. Pergande).

*Chilosia comosa*.

*Chilosia comosa* Loew, Centur., iv, 66.

*Habitat*.—Colorado!, English River, Winnepeg (Lw.).

♂ Length, 6<sup>mm</sup>. Shining metallic green, with rather long yellowish pile. Frontal triangle large, with blackish pile. Face shining black, lightly pollinose on the sides and above. Antennæ rather small, first joint black, second and third joints obscurely red; arista black, bare. Eyes bare. Scutellum without black bristles. Abdomen wholly shining, but less so on the anterior segments. Legs black; tip of femora, base and tip of tibiæ, yellowish red. Wings cinereous hyaline, stigma and veins yellowish, the latter on the outer part and the costa darker.

♀ The pile shorter, the third antennal joint larger and lighter-colored, the tibiæ in larger part, and the tarsi in part, yellowish red.

Two males and one female from Colorado.

*Chilosia nigripennis*. (Plate II, fig. 14.)

*Chilosia nigripennis* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc. xx, 307.

*Cartosyrphus infumatus* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. France, 1884, 553.

*Habitat*.—Mount Hood, Oregon!

♂ Length, 6 to 7<sup>mm</sup>. Deep black. Eyes bare. Frontal triangle and face shining black, the former a little fossulate, the latter very slightly excavated below the antennæ, below the tubercle shortly and deeply concave; sparsely blackish pilose. Antennæ small, basal joints black, third joint reddish brown or brown, rounded; arista bare. Thorax black, nearly opaque, with short black pile above, longer on the scutellum and pleuræ; scutellum shining, without bristles. Abdomen short, broadly oval, depressed; opaque velvety black, with a bluish cast; pile on the sides of the anterior segments reddish yellow; anterior angles of the third and fourth segments shining metallic; hypopygium shining. Tegulæ with a blackish border, and a fringe of black pile. Legs wholly black. Wings blackish in front, clearer behind; veins black.

Three specimens from Mount Hood, Oregon.

*Chilosia versipellis*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Washington Territory!

♂ Length, 5½<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ small, first two joints black, third subquadrate, reddish yellow; arista bare. Frontal triangle much swollen, fossulate, pile black. Face shining black, with short, sparse pile, gently concave below the antennæ, in the middle forming a very obtuse angular tubercle, thence gently concave. Eyes bare. Thorax black, nearly opaque, with black pile of moderate length. Tegulæ light yellow, with a fringe of light yellow pile; halteres yellow. Abdomen deep velvety

black; the small anterior angles of the third segment, and the fourth segment, except a median stripe dilated in front and not reaching the hind border, shining black. Legs wholly black. Wings with a yellowish tinge; veins yellowish, blackish on the outer part.

One specimen.

*Chilosia parva* (Plate II, fig. 13.)

*Chilosia parva* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 307, 1882.

*Melanogaster ochripes* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 555.

*Habitat*.—Oregon!

♀ Length, 5<sup>mm</sup>. Shining metallic green, with a brassy reflection. Eyes bare. Front with short blackish pile. Face slightly excavated below the antennæ, the tubercle large, obtuse, the epistoma much less protuberant. Thorax with short, sparse, lutescent pile. Abdomen broadly oval; wholly shining, nearly bare, whitish pubescent toward the end. Legs reddish yellow; the tibiæ with a small brownish ring, and the terminal joints of the tarsi brown; sometimes the anterior femora at the base, the hind femora in large part, and larger rings of the tibiæ, brown or blackish. Wings brownish; stigma luteous; veins black, yellowish at base.

Four specimens.

*Chilosia lugubris*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—California!

♂ Length, 8 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Deep black, moderately shining. Antennæ small, black, the third joint reddish brown, nearly rectangular above, rounded below; arista black, plumose. Face shining, lightly pollinose, gently concave on upper part. Frontal triangle large, black pilose. Thorax with considerable black pile; on the margin of the scutellum with fine bristly hairs. Abdomen wholly shining, with light-colored pile. Legs black, the knees very narrowly yellowish. Wings with a blackish tint; before the humeral cross-vein quite dark, veins black, stigma yellowish.

Two specimens. The posterior part of the second and third abdominal segments are less metallic or sub-opaque. The eyes are bare. The pile of the thorax, when seen from behind, seems mostly black, from in front, luteous.

*Chilosia leucoparea*.

*Chilosia leucoparea* Loew, Centur., iv, 69.

*Habitat*.—Carolina (Lw.).

♀ Length, 6.5<sup>mm</sup>. Black; eyes bare, antennæ red, arista very briefly pubescent; face below on each side light colored; humeri light colored; margin of the scutellum testaceous, provided with bristles; legs luteous, femora, except the tip, black. Black, moderately shining; pile short and not abundant, on the disk of the abdomen and at the tip blackish, elsewhere whitish; pile of the vertex a little longer, black. Front narrow, plane. Antennæ wholly red, third joint rounded oval; arista black. Face black, shining, above strongly excavated, below

pallid on each side; tubercle rather large, obtuse. Dorsum of thorax and scutellum roughened; abdomen very lightly punctulate, shining. Legs lutescent; femora, except the tip, black; hind tibiæ and metatarsi subfuscous, lutescent at base and tip. Halteres whitish; tegulæ white. Wings subhyaline, lightly cinereous sublutescent, base clearer, stigma more saturate lutescent.—Translation.

ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

*Chilosia frontosa* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1884, 553 (*Cartosyrphus*).—Mexico.

MELANOSTOMA.

*Melanostoma* Schiner, Wien. Entom. Monatschr., iv, 213, 1860.

Medium size, exceptionally large, species, thinly pilose or nearly bare, metallic black or black green; the abdomen with lighter-colored spots or bands, usually slender. Head hemispherical. Antennæ short; third joint oval or a little elongate; arista basal, bare. Face distinctly tuberculate, nearly bare, always black or black-green, never in ground color yellow, though frequently with whitish dust. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male. Thorax shining, never with yellow or reddish markings. Abdomen elongate, slender, rarely much oval, considerably flattened. Legs simple, the hind metatarsi sometimes a little thickened. Wings rather large, extending beyond the abdomen; marginal cell open; third vein nearly straight; outer anterior angle of first posterior cell acute.

TABLE OF SPECIES.

- 1.—Legs red, not very slender, the hind metatarsi a little thickened; third abdominal segment scarcely at all narrowed behind; second, third, and fourth segments with metallic cross-bands, the last not interrupted; wings only a little longer than the abdomen **rufipes.**  
 Legs more or less black; or, if without black, slender, and the hind metatarsi not at all thickened **2**
- 2.—Legs quite slender, the metatarsi of the male not thickened, abdomen in the male with three pairs of reddish-yellow spots **3**  
 Hind metatarsi of the male always somewhat thickened; bands of abdomen metallic or greenish, not reddish-yellow **4**
- 3.—Face with a prominent tubercle; abdomen of male narrow, elongate, broadest at tip of fourth segment, spots elongate **angustatum.**  
 Tubercle of face not at all prominent, indistinct; abdomen not elongate, not broadest at tip of fourth segment, spots quadrate; in female oval with four pairs of triangular spots **mellinum.**
- 4.—The pollen of the face leaves small circular confluent spots, ripple-like, of the ground color: second abdominal segment distinctly broader behind, **tigrinum.**  
 The pollen of the face is uniform, or if somewhat ripple-like, not composed of circular spots **5**
- 5.—Pollen of face somewhat striate on the sides; pile of thorax dusky **obscurum.**  
 Pollen of face uniform; pile of thorax whitish **6**
- 6.—Abdomen slender **cœrulescens.**  
 Abdomen oval (*Syrphus simplex*).

For additional species, see descriptions.

**Melanostoma (?) rufipes.**

*Chilosia rufipes* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 306. 1882.

*Habitat.*—Washington Territory!

♀ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Face shining black, except the prominent tubercle and the cheeks, partially concealed beneath even, whitish pollen. Front a little narrowed above; below the middle a shallow, transverse depression, on each side of which there is a triangular whitish pollinose spot near the eye, continuous along the eye narrowly to the face. Antennæ blackish, third joint a little elongate, reddish on the under side. Thorax metallic green-black, finely punctulate, nearly bare, the pubescence whitish. Abdomen elongate oval, the third segment of nearly equal width throughout, not narrowed behind; first segment shining; second segment on the sides with a large triangular spot, extending the whole length of the segment on the sides, light green, moderately shining, elsewhere sub-opaque black, with a slight greenish reflection; third segment similar, but the spots more narrowly separated; on the fourth segment the spots are confluent, forming an entire cross-band, concave behind, the remainder of the segment shining black; remaining segments wholly shining greenish. Legs dark red, rather stout; the hind femora, or all the femora, more or less brown or blackish at the base; hind metatarsi a little thickened. Wings short, projecting but little beyond tip of abdomen, nearly hyaline; stigma dilutely yellowish.

Four specimens, Washington Territory.

Until the male of this species is known, its position is somewhat doubtful. Its relationship to *Chilosia* is very strong, but the distinctly-banded abdomen would seem to remove it from that genus; possibly it is a *Platychirus*. With these four specimens is a fifth, agreeing throughout in every respect with the others, except that the femora are a little darker, and the abdomen, except the first segment, is of a uniform deep red. The color seems not to be due to immaturity.

**Melanostoma tigrinum.** (Plate III, fig. 8.)

*Melanostoma tigrina* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 323.

*Habitat.*—Washington Territory, California, Colorado, Arizona!

♂ Length, 6 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Face and front dark metallic green, the former with white pollen, forming transverse, irregular dotted ripples, the intervals of which show the ground color; the cheeks and a stripe running over the facial tubercle are bare of pollen; facial tubercle obtusely projecting. Antennæ black, third joint and arista brown, or reddish. Front faintly and evenly grayish pollinose and with erect black pile; vertical triangle metallic green, with black pile. Thorax metallic bluish green, clothed with dull grayish pile, more whitish on the pleuræ. Halteres brownish. Abdomen elongate-elliptical, broadest at the hind margin of the second segment; first segment greenish black; the second velvet-black opaque, the lateral edges metallic olive green with a small

subtriangular expansion; third segment anteriorly with an interrupted metallic greenish cross-band, nearly half as broad as the segment, but expanded on the sides along the whole lateral margin; the posterior half of the segment is of a velvet-black, which does not quite reach the lateral margin; the fourth segment is like the third except that the olive green cross-band is not interrupted, or only sub-interrupted, and connected by a longitudinal stripe of the same color, cutting through the velvet-black portion, with the narrow hind margin of the segment; thus the velvet-black on this segment forms a broad, interrupted cross-band, narrowly reaching the lateral margin; fifth segment and hypopygium metallic green. Femora metallic green; knees yellowish brown; tibiæ yellowish brown or brownish yellow at the base, darker toward the tip, especially of the last pair; tarsi black, first joint of the middle tarsi brown; first joint of the hind tarsi incrassate. Wings subhyaline; stigma brownish yellow.

Six specimens from the Pacific regions, four from Colorado, and three from Arizona, I have examined, and it is a little singular that only males are yet known.

**Melanostoma obscurum.**

*Syrphus obscurus* Say, Amer. Ent., i, pl. xi; Compl. Wr. i, 23; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins. ii, 131 (translation from Say).

*Melanostoma obscura* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 121.

*Habitat.*—Atlantic States!

♂, ♀ Length, 6 to 8<sup>mm</sup>. Head metallic greenish black, shining; face, except the tubercles and cheeks, thinly covered with grayish pollen, on the sides forming indistinct ripples, through which the ground color shows more plainly; tubercle not prominent, not jutting so far forwards as the epistoma. Antennæ black, third joint brown, more or less reddish below, or even wholly reddish. Frontal and vertical triangles more shining, with black pile. Thorax shining greenish black, pile blackish on dorsum, on the scutellum intermixed with yellowish, on the pleuræ wholly yellowish. Abdomen velvety black, narrowly oval, the second segment a little broader behind; first segment metallic, shining; second segment on the sides with a semi-oval bronze spot, extending on the lateral margins the whole length of the segment; third and fourth segments each with a large metallic, somewhat coppery, triangular spot on each side of the base; third segment with a small triangular spot in the middle behind, sometimes extending slenderly forward; fourth segment with a median stripe dilated on the hind margin; remaining segments shining. Hind legs blackish, the tibiæ and tip of femora yellowish or brownish; front and middle legs yellowish red, femora at base, and tip of tarsi, black; hind metatarsi in the male slightly thickened. Wings nearly hyaline.

Six specimens: Mount Washington (William Patton, G. Dimmock), Connecticut, and Pennsylvania (Keen).

**Melanostoma cœrulescens**, n. sp.*Habitat*.—Colorado!

♂ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Face deep shining greenish blue: except the tubercle and cheeks, evenly covered with grayish pollen. Face in profile considerably projecting, the tubercle large; frontal triangle with long blackish pile, vertical triangle with light-colored pile; cheeks concave from before backwards below. Antennæ black, third joint brown, more or less yellowish below. Thorax bright shining metallic greenish blue, pile grayish white. Abdomen rather slender and elongate, the first and second segments of nearly equal width throughout, thence gradually narrowed to the end of the fourth segment; first segment greenish black; second segment subopaque black, on the sides in front broadly shining greenish blue, which color extends back very narrowly to the hind margin of the segment; near the middle of the segment on each side there is a small yellowish or whitish spot; third segment in the middle and behind opaque black, on the sides, on the anterior half or two-thirds, a large yellowish or whitish spot, separated from the front border by a shining space; fourth segment similar, its hind border, the fifth segment, and hypopygium, metallic shining green. Legs brownish or blackish, outer half of front and middle femora and the base of all the tibiæ reddish yellow; hind femora with a row of black bristly hairs behind; hind metatarsi thickened. Wings subhyaline; stigma brownish yellow.

**Melanostoma mellinum**. (Plate III, fig. 9.)

*Musca mellina* Linné, Fauna Suec., 1821; Scopoli, Entom. Car., 934; Schrank, Ins. Austr., 910.

*Scaeva mellina* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 251, 12; Fallen, Syrph., 46, 20; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 759, and viii, 3153, 62.

*Syrphus mellinus* Fabricius, Spec. Ins., ii, 433, 61; Entom. Syst. iv, 308, 110; (?) Meigen Syst. Besch., iii, 331, 85; Schiner, Dipt. Austr. Verh. Z. B. Ges., vii, 355.

*Scaeva scalaris* Fabricius, Antl., 252, 14; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 760, and viii, 3154, 63.

*Syrphus scalaris* Panzer, Fauna, xlv, 20; Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 330, 83; Fabricius, Ent. Syst., iv, 308, 112.

*Syrphus Iris* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 320, 67.

*Syrphus mellarius* Meigen, Syst. Besch., 328, 81.

*Syrphus melliturgus* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 329, 82.

*Melanostoma mellina* Schiner, Fauna Austr., i, 291.

*Melanostoma scalaris* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 121.

? *Melanostoma pruinosa* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1884, 79.

*Habitat*.—Europe, North America!

♂, ♀ Length, 6 to 7<sup>mm</sup>. Shining metallic or black green. Face perpendicular, lightly dusted on the sides with whitish; tubercle small. Frontal triangle a little prominent, gently pitted in the middle; front of the female but little narrowed behind, below the middle with a broad shallow transverse depression, on either side of which, near the eyes, whitish dusted, below narrowly connected with the dust of the face; elsewhere the front is shining. Antennæ blackish brown, the third

joint below often yellowish, sometimes the yellow prevails on the second joint, or rarely the whole antenna may be yellowish; arista yellow at base. Abdomen of the male with three pairs of large yellow spots, the first pair usually smallest and near the middle of the segment; second pair usually the largest, quadrangular; third pair similar, but smaller; these reddish yellow spots leave only the opaque black as a narrow median stripe and posterior cross-band; hind border of fourth, and the fifth segment, shining. Abdomen in the female more oval, wholly shining, with four pairs of red or yellowish spots; the first pair small, on each side of the middle, and not touching the lateral margins, second and third pairs touching the anterior margin, in shape like a right-angle triangle, the point directed back and broadly rounded; on the fifth segment smaller, nearly contiguous. Legs variable, reddish yellow (var. *scalare*) with brownish rings on the hind, or on all the tibiæ; or sometimes the legs, except the front pair, almost wholly brownish (var. *mellinum*), the base of the tibiæ lighter. Hind metatarsi in male not thickened. Wings tinged with brownish yellow, sometimes faintly, at other times deeply.

About 100 specimens from Europe, New England, Kansas, and the Pacific States. A very variable species in the color of the antennæ, legs, wings and abdominal spots, which explains the number of its synonyms.

As in Europe the species is very common; of them Schiner says (l. c.): "Die Lieblings aufenthalt dieser kleinen, schmalleibigen munteren Thiere sind Rohrbestände, doch finden sie auch an Bächen, in feuchten Wiesen und überhaupt überall, wo es üppigen Graswuchs und Blumen gibt. Ich habe tausende von allen möglichen Standorten eingetragen, sie fehlen auf keiner Excursion und langweilen endlich den armen Dipterologen, da sie scheinbar immer neu, bei genauerer Untersuchung doch weiter nichts als Varietäten derselben verändlichen Art scheinen."

The only difference that Bigot's description of *M. pruinosa* (♀) shows is "abdomen d'un noir opaque, base et extrémité un peu luisantes."

"*M. gracilis* Meigen and *M. maculosa* Meigen, both European, are stated to occur in North America by Mr. Walker, List, etc., iii, 588, 559. Mr. Verrall informs me that 'those two species are synonyms of *scalaris* Fab. [*M. mellinum*]. But Mr. Walker's *Syrphus maculosus* has two representatives in the British Museum, both *Platychiri*, one resembling *P. immarginatus* Zett., the other resembling *P. scambus* Staeger.'" Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 122.

*Melanostoma angustatum*, n. sp. (Plate III, fig. 7.)

*Habitat*.—Washington Territory!

♂. Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Allied to *M. mellinum*, but the face is more projecting, and the abdomen is longer and more slender. Face shining metallic greenish black, lightly dusted with white, nearly perpendicular, in the middle with a rather prominent, small tubercle; cheeks convex below. Frontal triangle gently swollen, with a small pit in the middle,



and with black pile. Antennæ reddish yellow, the third joint at the outer end blackish. Thorax and scutellum bright metallic green. Abdomen narrow, elongate, attaining its greatest width at the end of the fourth segment; first segment, and the front part and sides of the second, bronze green, not much shining; second segment in the middle with two small oval yellow spots, behind subopaque black; third, with two elongate yellow spots, reaching from the front margin to beyond the middle of the segment, and touching the lateral margins in front; fourth segment similar, but the spots a little less elongate, and the posterior part and lateral margins of the segment shining green; the nearly-concealed fifth segment and the hypopygium shining green black. Legs sometimes wholly yellow, except a brownish ring on the front tibiæ; usually the front and middle femora and tibiæ with broad brown rings, and the hind femora and tibiæ with broad black rings; the front tarsi lightly, the hind tarsi except the tip of the first joint, darker, brownish; hind metatarsi scarcely at all thickened. Wings tinged with brownish, the stigma yellow.

Five specimens, Washington Territory (H. K. Morrison).

**Melanostoma trichopus.**

*Syrphus trichopus* Thomson, *Eugenies resa*, etc., 502.

*Habitat.*—California (Thomson). Niger, facie, abdominis maculis lateralibus scutelloque plumbeis, tibiis tarsisque anterioribus dilute fuscis.

♂ Long. 8–9 mill. Patria, California.

*S. fenestrato* MACQ. simillimus, thorace haud viridi, costa in apice ipso exenrente distinctus. Caput hemisphæricum, inferne breviter rostrato-productum, infra antennas vix impressum, tuberculo supra clypeum parvo; occipite opaco æneo-nigro; oculis fronte late cohærentibus, inferne ad os haud descendentes, margine postico vix sinuato, albido-pruinoso; fronte supra antennas dense nigro-pilosa; epistomate nitido, æneo, lateribus parcius albido-pubescenti, apertura oris oblonga, antice constricta; genis linea obliqua impressa ab epistomate discretis; gula plumbea, pallido-pilosa. Antennæ basi paullo distantes, divaricatae, subdeflexæ, nigrae, articulo 3:o elliptico brunneo, seta basi nigricante. Thorax plumbeo-niger, subopacus, fusco-pilosus; scutellum plumbeo-virescens, longius nigro-pilosum. Alæ abdomine longiores, griseo-hyalinae, cellula post-costali obscure flava; costa in ipso apice alæ desinente, cellula discoidali nervum transversum ordinarium in quarta sua anteriore parte excipiente, nervo exteriori haud flexuoso et terminali apice extus appendiculo parvo instructis, hoc nervo exteriori basi inferno flexuoso; nervo spurio ante apicem cellulae discoidalis abrupto, brachii abscissa 4:o ta nervo transverso breviori. Halteres nigri. Abdomen thorace dimidio longius, apicem versus angustatum, sat dense et longe praesertim basi fusco-pilosum, atro-holosericeum, segmentis 5:o brevissimo et 6:o totis, 2–4 maculis lateralibus prope basin plumbeo-sehistaceis, his fascias sensim minus late interruptas formantibus. Pedes nigri, femoribus omnibus tibiisque posterioribus saepe longe pilosis,

genibus, tibiis tarsisque anterioribus brunneo-fuscis. Pectus nitidum, plumbeum, parcius pilosum, plumula subalis et peritremate spiraculorum albidis.—Thomson.

I cannot identify this species with any of the foregoing, though it comes nearest to *M. tigrinum*. It is more than probable that it will be found among those described by Bigot.

The following species, described by Mr. Bigot, probably belong to this genus; yet *Platycheirus* should not be lost sight of in endeavoring to identify them. It is very probable that some of them are synonyms of species already described, but my material and patience are not sufficient to determine them. *M. pruinosum* I have given as a probable synonym of *M. mellinum*.

**Melanostoma ? pruinosum.**

*Melanostoma ? pruinosa* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884. 79.

*Habitat.*—California (Big.).

♀ Long. 8<sup>mm</sup>. *Antennis fulvis, apice fuscis; fronte et facie nigris, utridis, utrinque flavo pruinosis; thorace nigro, obscure evanescente; calyptris albis, halteribus fulvis, clarâ fuscâ; abdomine nigro opaco, sequente 2°, utrinque, maculâ obliquâ, oblongâ, 3° et 4°, maculis utrinque latis, fere trigonis, 5°, lunulis lateralibus flavis; pedibus flavidis, femoribus tibiisque fusco annulatis, sæpè evanescentibus, tarsis posticis fuscis, incisuris latè flavidis; alis hyalinis.*

Antennes fauves, bords supérieurs, extrémité et chète, bruns; front et face d'un noir luisant, couverts de chaque côté par une pruinosité jaunâtre qui s'étend notablement au-dessus des antennes; thorax, écusson d'un noir luisant à reflets bronzés; flancs à duvet blanchâtre; enlèverons blancs, balanciers fauves, massue brunâtre; abdomen d'un noir opaque, base et extrémité un peu luisantes, 2<sup>e</sup> segment avec deux macules obliques, ovoïdes, divergentes du côté antérieur, 3<sup>e</sup> et 4<sup>e</sup>, avec deux larges macules basilaires, triangulaires, joignant les côtés, d'un jaune fauve; pieds testacés, cuisses et tibias avec des anneaux brunâtres parfois peu distincts, tarsi avec l'extrémité brunâtre, les postérieurs plus foncés avec les articulations largement jaunâtres; ailes hyalines. Antennes, 3<sup>e</sup> segment ovale; abdomen étroit; ailes dépassant à peine son extrémité. Californie—2 specim.

**Melanostoma ? pictipes.**

*Melanostoma ? pictipes* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 78.

*Habitat.*—California (Big.).

♂. Long, 9<sup>mm</sup>. *Nigra, parum nitida. Antennis castaneis; frontè nitidâ; facie, utrinque cinereo pruinosâ; calyptris et halteribus fulvis; abdomine nigro opaco, basi albido pilosula, apice et utrinque nitido; maculis basalibus, utrinque, fere trigonis, cinereis parum metallescentibus; pedibus fulvis, femoribus tibiisque latè fusco nigro annulatis tarsis apice infuscatis, posticis fuscis; alis fere hyalinis, maculâ stigmaticali testaceâ.*

Antennes noires, 3<sup>e</sup> segment et chète d'un fauve obscur; front noir, luisant à poils noirs; face noire, callosité luisante, côtés à reflets grisâ-

tres; thorax, écusson, d'un noir un peu bronzé, couverts d'un duvet clairsemé roussâtre, flancs à duvet gris, une petite touffe de poils blancs sous les cuillerons, ces derniers, ainsi que les balanciers, testacés; abdomen d'un noir opaque, muni de duvet blanchâtre, principalement à sa base, 1<sup>er</sup> segment, bords latéraux, marges des 4<sup>e</sup> et 5<sup>e</sup>, luisants, 3<sup>e</sup> et 4<sup>e</sup>, de chaque côté, avec une macule basilaire trigonale joignant les côtés et d'un gris d'acier; pieds fauves, cuisses et tibias avec un large anneau noirâtre, tarses noirs à l'extrémité, postérieurs châtaîns; ailes presque hyalines, macule stigmatique étroite, allongée, roussâtre. Antennes, 3<sup>e</sup> segment ovalaire, oblong; abdomen étroit; ailes ne dépassant pas son extrémité. Californie—4 specim.

**Melanostoma ? bicruciatum.**

*Melanostoma ? bicruciatum* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 79.

*Habitat.*—California (Big.).

♂ Long. 7<sup>mm</sup>. *Antennis fulvis, apice fuscis; facie et fronte nigris, nitidis, utrinque cinereo pruinosis; thorace scutelloque nigris, obscure ænescentibus; calyptris et halteribus testaceis; abdomine nigro opaco, basi et apice anguste nitido, utrinque maculis tribus latis, quadratis, fulvis; pedibus fulvis, femoribus tibiisque latè fusco pallido annulatis, tarsis apice parum infuscatis; alis hyalinis.*

Antennes fauves, brunes en dessus et à l'extrémité du 3<sup>e</sup> segment, chète brun; front d'un noir luisant; face de même avec reflets d'un gris prumineux sur les côtés; thorax, écusson, noirs à reflets bronzés; cuillerons et balanciers testacés; abdomen d'un noir opaque, 1<sup>er</sup> segment, bords postérieurs des 4<sup>e</sup> et 5<sup>e</sup> luisants, six larges macules carées, atteignant les côtés, fauves; pieds fauves, cuisses et tibias largement annelés d'un brun lavé, extrémité des tarses brune; ailes hyalines, stigmate fort pâle. Antennes, 3<sup>e</sup> segment ovalaire; abdomen étroit, oblong, ailes ne dépassant pas son extrémité. Californie.—1 specim.

**Melanostoma ? rostratum.**

*Melanostoma ? rostratum* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 80.

*Habitat.*—California (Big.).

♀ Long. 7<sup>mm</sup>. *Facie prominente, obtusâ. Antennis fulvis, basi et supernè infuscatis; frontè et facie nigro-nitido, utrinque cinereo pruinosis; thorace scutelloque nigris, obscure æncis halteribus pallidè testaceis; abdomine nigro opaco, apice angustè nitido, lineâ tenui, dorsali, cinerascente, utrinque maculis tribus latis, ferè quadratis, cinerascantibus et obscure testaceo pictis; pedibus fulvis, femoribus posticorum intermediorumque, tarsis basi, apice, nigris, tibiis, late pallide fusco annulatis pedibus posticis nigris, geniculis fulvis; alis hyalinis maculâ stigmaticali elongatâ, testaceâ.*

Resemble à la *M. ? pictipes*, mais en diffère surtout par la face, qui se prolonge sensiblement en avant sous la forme d'un obtus. Antennes fauves, noirâtres à la base et en-dessus, chète brun; front d'un noir luisant ainsi que la face, celle-ci à reflets gris sur les côtés; thorax, écusson, noirs à reflets bronzés, flancs à duvet blanchâtre; cuillerons

blancs, balanciers testacés; abdomen d'un noir mat, premier et dernier, segments un peu luisants, une ligne médiane, étroite, grisâtre, et, latéralement, trois larges macules carrées, atteignant les bords, d'un gris à reflets fauves; pieds antérieurs et intermédiaires fauves avec, la base des cuisses, l'extrémité des tarses, noires, un large anneau brunâtre aux tibias, pieds postérieurs noirâtres avec les genoux fauves; ailes hyalines; macule stigmatique d'un jaunâtre pâle; 3<sup>e</sup> segment des antennes allongé, ovaloïde; abdomen étroit, déprimé, plus court que les ailes. Californie.—1 specim.

**Melanostoma ? pachytarsis.**

*Melanostoma ? pachytarsis* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 80.

*Habitat.*—California (Big.).

♀ Long. 7<sup>mm</sup>. *Antennis fulvis, apice nigris; facie et fronte nigro nitido; thorace scutelloque nigris, obscurè æneis; calyptris albis, halteribus pallidè flavis; abdomine nigro, 2<sup>o</sup> segmento maculis duo rotundatis, 3<sup>o</sup> et 4<sup>o</sup> basi, utrinque, maculis ferè trigonis, 5<sup>o</sup> basi, lunulis duo fulvis; pedibus fulvis, metatarso postico parum incrassato, femoribus tibiisque posticis latè nigro annulatis, tarsis omnibus nigris, incisuris fulvis; alis hyalinis, maculâ longâ stigmaticali pallidè testaceâ.*

Antennes fauves, extrémité du 3<sup>e</sup> segment et chète noirs; front et faee d'un noir luisant; thorax, écusson, noirs avec reflets bronzés; euillerons blanchâtres, balanciers d'un jaune pâle; abdomen noir, premier et dernier segments luisants, 2<sup>e</sup> avec deux points ronds, 3<sup>e</sup> et 4<sup>e</sup> avec, de chaque côté, une large macule triangulaire basilaire, n'atteignant pas les bords latéraux, le sommet dirigé en arrière, 5<sup>e</sup> avec deux lunules basilaires fauves; pieds fauves, cuisses et tibias postérieurs largement annelés de noirâtre, tibias antérieurs et intermédiaires avec les pâles vestiges de semblables anneaux, tous les tarses noirâtres avec leurs articulations fauves; ailes presque hyalines, stigmaté étroit, allongé, d'un jaunâtre pâle. Antennes, 3<sup>e</sup> segment court, ovaloïde; abdomen étroit, déprimé; ailes le dépassant notablement; métatarses postérieurs légèrement épaissis. Californie.—1 specim.

ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

**Melanostoma ? anthracoides** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 82.—Panama.

**Melanostoma ? annuliferum** Bigot, *ibid.*, 84.—Mexico.

**Melanostoma ? cruciatum** Bigot, *ibid.*, 81.—Mexico.

**Melanostoma ? quadrinotatum** Bigot, *ibid.*, 77.—Mexico.

PYROPHÆNA.

*Pyrophæna* Schiner, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., iv, 213, 1860.

Medium sized, black, nearly bare species, with ferruginous or orange yellow bands on the abdomen. In structure closely allied to *Melanostoma* and *Platychirus*, but distinguished by the much larger, more promi-

ment vertical triangle, the ocelli being situated further forward, by the flattened abdomen, which is long oval in shape and more narrowed towards its base, so that its greatest width is attained at the end of the third segment; the wings also are shorter and broader, scarcely projecting beyond the end of the abdomen. The tarsi of the male may be either flattened or simple. Type of genus *P. ocymi* (Fabr.) Schiner.

Our two species are also European, and the only known ones in the genus. The genus, taxonomically, is equivalent to *Melanostoma* and *Platychirus* combined. The flies are apparently rare; I have but two specimens collected in this country.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

Abdomen largely reddish yellow; front and middle tarsi of the male flattened... **ocymi**.  
Abdomen black, with two reddish yellow spots on the third segment; front metatarsi of male not flattened..... **rosarum**.

**Pyrophæna rosarum.**

*Syrphus rosarum* Fabricius, Mantissa Ins., ii, 341, 71; Entom. Syst. iv, 307, 109; Meigen, Syst. Besch. iii, 338, 94; Panzer, Fauna, cviii, 14; Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt. i, 545, 39; Walker, Ins. Brit. i, 295, 30; Schiner, Verh. Z. B. Ges. vii, 357.

*Syrphus noctilucus* Panzer, Fauna, lxxii, 24 (male).

*Scava rosarum* Fabricius, Antl., 351, 11; Fallen, Syrph. 47, 22; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand. ii, 755. and viii, 3152, 58.

*Pyrophæna rosarum* Schiner, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., iv, 213; Fauna Austr. i, 298; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 122.

*Habitat*.—Europe, North America (O. S.).

♂, ♀ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ black, the third joint below somewhat lighter colored. Face metallic blue, straight, the tubercle little prominent. Thorax with two approximate whitish stripes. Abdomen velvet black, with the exception of two reddish yellow spots on the third segment, and the last segment, shining. Legs black, yellow at base of tibiæ. Wings tinged with grayish, in the middle with a darker spot. Thorax shining dark green; scutellum with a blue reflection. In the female the legs chiefly steel-blue; four front tibiæ yellow or yellowish-brown, their tarsi almost wholly yellow.—Translation.

I do not know this species.

**Pyrophæna ocymi.** (Plate III, figs. 13, 13a, 13b, 13c.)

*Syrphus ocymi* Fabricius, Syst. Ent., iv, 309, 114; Panzer, Fauna, lxxxii, 18; Meigen, Syst. Besch. iii, 337, 93 (female); Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 546, 40; Schiner, Verh. Z. B. Ges., vii, 362.

*Syrphus lobatus* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 336, 92 (male).

*Scava ocymi* Fabricius, Antl., 252, 18; Fallen, Syrph., 48, 23; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 754, and viii, 3152, 57.

*Syrphus granditarsus* Walker, Ins. Brit., i, 295, 29.

*Platychirus ocymi* Stæger, Kröj. Tidsskr., iv, 320.

*Pyrophæna ocymi* Schiner, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., iv, 213; Fauna Austr., i, 297.

*Habitat*.—Europe, North America!

♂ ♀. Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Metallic black. Antennæ brownish black, third joint convex below, nearly rectangular at the end above. Face

bluish black, in the female more metallic blue, with thin, whitish dust, nearly perpendicular in profile with a prominent, well defined tubercle, and a smaller one below it. Frontal and vertical triangles with black pile; front in the female with black pile, except at the vertex. Dorsum of thorax with three opaque stripes in the male, wholly bright shining metallic green in the female. Scutellum shining bluish metallic green. First segment of the abdomen shining black; second segment with an anterior black cross-band, convex or dilated in the middle behind; in the male the remainder of the second segment, the third, and the anterior part of the fourth, are orange yellow; in the female on the posterior angles of the second with smaller, of the third with larger, black spots, the fourth and fifth segments with an interrupted, anterior, not broad, cross-band. Legs in the male black, with the base of all the tibiæ yellow; the front metatarsi extraordinarily dilated, and with a process directed inward, the remaining joints as usual; the middle metatarsi also considerably dilated, the remaining joints successively less so; posterior metatarsi a little thickened, somewhat elongate. In the female the legs are reddish yellow, the front tarsi, the last four joints of the middle tarsi, a ring on the hind tibiæ, and the hind tarsi, black, sometimes also a less distinct ring on the hind femora; in structure the legs show no peculiarities. Wings tinged with reddish brown, darker in the middle.

Two specimens from Holland (v. d. Wulp), a single female specimen from Washington Territory (Morrison); and a female from Labrador (Henshaw).

## PLATYCHIRUS.

*Platycheirus* St. Fargeau and Serville, Encycl. Meth., x, 513, 1825.

Medium sized to rather small species, elongate, nearly bare, black or metallic green, with yellow, reddish, or whitish yellow spots on the abdomen. Wholly like *Melanostoma*, except in the structure of the legs. In the male the tibiæ are more or less dilated in the front pair, the front metatarsi always, and the remaining joints more or less, so; in the female the front tibiæ and metatarsi, though not dilated as in the male, are comparatively broader than those in *Melanostoma*.

### TABLE OF SPECIES.

- 1.—Front tibiæ in the male gradually dilated from the base, the tarsi gradually decreasing in width from the base to the tip; profile of the face only gently concave above the tubercle, the latter small; cheeks convex below **2**  
 Front tibiæ of the male slender, suddenly dilated at the tip, metatarsi much dilated, the remaining joints but slightly so; the front femora in the male with a thick row of hairy pile on the posterior side; face in both sexes with a conspicuous tubercle; cheeks concave below **peltatus**

- 2.—Front tibiæ of the male, on the inner side toward the end, somewhat concave, the outer angle produced into a lappet-like process; yellow spots on the abdomen in both sexes very large, leaving only a median stripe and cross-bands; hind femora and tibiæ yellow **quadratus**

Front tibiæ of the male gently and evenly convex on the inner side, the tip on the outer side less produced, more angular; spots of abdomen smaller, hind legs chiefly black **3**

- 3.—Front femora in the male with a row of five to seven long bristly hairs; second abdominal segment with large, the fifth with small yellow spots

**chætopus**

Front femora without such bristles; second segment of the abdomen in both sexes with a small rounded spot on each side, fifth segment in the male without yellow **hyperboreus**

For other species, see description.

**Platychirus quadratus.** (Plate III, figs. 10, 10 a.)

*Scæva quadrata* Say, J. Acad. Phil., iii, 90, 4, Compl. Wr., ii, 79.

*Syrphus quadratus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 135, 32.

*Syrphus fuscipennis* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 5<sup>e</sup> Suppl., 95, 58.

*Platychirus quadratus* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 122.

*Habitat.*—Eastern, Middle and Pacific States!

♂, ♀ Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Face deep shining green, thickly covered with yellowish pollen; in profile a little receding, tubercle very little prominent. Antennæ brownish black. Frontal triangle yellowish pollinose and with black pile; front in female shining, with a somewhat coppery reflection, pollinose on the sides below, and dilated inwardly near the middle. Thorax deep shining metallic green; pleuræ with whitish or grayish pollen. Scutellum like the thoracic dorsum. Abdomen with three large pairs of quadrate, orange-yellow spots, leaving a longitudinal stripe and three cross-bands shining black, which in some specimens are slender, brown, or even obsolete; in the female the black cross-bands are often dilated in the middle, and narrowed on the sides; the fifth segment with a median black stripe, dilated behind, or wholly orange colored; sixth segment in female small, reddish yellow; hypopygium shining greenish black. Legs reddish yellow; the first and last two joints of the hind tarsi black; the hind tibiæ sometimes with one or two blackish rings. In the male the front tibiæ are gradually dilated, convex on the outer border below, gently concave on the inner side, the outer angle below produced downward; tarsi dilated, gradually narrowed from base to tip; the hind metatarsi in the male also thickened. Wings with a brownish tinge across the middle.

Numerous specimens from New England, Kansas, California, &c.

**Platychirus hyperboreus.** (Plate III, fig. 12.)

*Syrphus hyperboreus* Staeger, Groenl. Antl., 362, 30.

*Scæva hyperborea* Holmgren, Ins. Nordgrœnl., 100.

*Platycheirus hyperboreus* Staeger, Kröj. Tijds., N. Rakke, i, 346.

*Habitat.*—Greenland (Stäger), New York (O. S.), Colorado, Pennsylvania, White Mountains!

♂ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup> Deep shining metallic green. Face rather thickly covered with yellowish gray pollen, leaving only the tubercle and the

checks in front more shining. Face somewhat receding in profile, the tubercle inconspicuous; cheeks convex below. Antennæ brownish black. Frontal triangle pollinose, with black pile. Abdomen opaque black; the first and fifth segments and the hypopygium shining greenish black; second segment with a small rounded spot on each side; third segment with a large quadrate spot in front reaching to a little beyond the middle; fourth segment similar, the spots scarcely reaching beyond the middle; fifth segment shining, wholly without yellow. Front legs yellow, the tibiæ gradually and nearly evenly dilated from the base to the tip, the external angle below not produced, metatarsi moderately dilated, thence gradually narrowed to the tip; middle legs yellow, blackish toward the base; hind legs black, the tip of femora, the base and tip of tibiæ, tip of metatarsi and the second and thirds joints, yellow. Wings nearly hyaline; stigma dilutely yellow.

♀ Like the male but the abdominal spots smaller, sometimes wanting on the second segment, the fifth segment also with a pair of spots; the legs with less black, and the fore legs not dilated. The front and middle legs are wholly yellow, and the black on the hind legs confined to a ring on the femora and tibiæ and with the metatarsi blackened.

Six males and one female from Colorado, four females and one male from the White Mountains, New Hampshire, July 25-30, and one female from Pennsylvania (Keen).

This species is closely allied to *P. chaetopodus*, but differs in the male in the front femora not having the row of conspicuous bristly black hairs on the outer side and in the spots on the fifth abdominal segment being wanting; in both sexes by the spot on the second segment being small, rounded, or subtriangular.

**Platycheirus peltatus.** (Plate III, figs. 11, 11a.)

*Syrphus peltatus* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 334.

*Scara albimana* Fallen, Syrph., 46, 19.

*Scara peltata* Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 747; viii, 4145, 50.

*Platycheirus peltatus* Stäger, Kröj. Tijdschr., iv, 320; Schiner, Dipt. Austr., i, 295.

*Habitat.*—Northern Europe, White Mountains, Pennsylvania, New York!, Sitka (Lw.).

♂, ♀ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Metallic shining green. Antennæ blackish brown, the third joint somewhat lighter or yellowish below. Face thickly covered with yellowish dust, leaving the tubercle and cheeks in front more shining; in profile, concave below the antennæ, with a prominent tubercle and a smaller one below it, near the oral margin. Frontal triangle bronze colored, but little shining, the pile black; front with a slight coppery or bronze reflection; dusted on the sides below, dilated in the middle so that there is only a narrow shining space between the two. Thorax bright, shining, metallic green. Abdomen in the male opaque black, shining metallic green on the first, tip of fourth, the fifth, and the sixth segments; in the female wholly moderately shining. Second segment with a moderately large yellow spot on each side,



third and fourth with larger quadrate spots, situated on the front part; in the female these spots, except the first pair, are smaller, and in addition, on the fifth segment, there is a small, oval spot on each side in front, which is scarcely apparent in the male. In the male the front femora are yellowish, with more or less black toward the base, and on their posterior part for nearly their whole length there is a row of rather long, thickly set, black pile; the tibiæ yellowish, slender, suddenly and moderately dilated at the tip; the metatarsi elongated and extraordinarily dilated, produced into an acute angle on the inner distal corner: second joint a little dilated, the remaining joints not at all; the first two joints whitish, the remainder reddish yellow. Middle femora of the male black at the base, otherwise yellow; below, near the middle, somewhat excavated, and for a short distance with a row of short bristles; the tibiæ yellow, on the inner side, just before the middle, suddenly narrowed, and again, a little less suddenly, widened before the tip; hind legs blackish brown with yellow knees, their metatarsi thickened, especially toward the base. In the female the legs are simple, only the middle tibiæ slightly narrowed on the inner side and the hind metatarsi a little thickened; the first two pairs of legs nearly wholly yellow, the hind pair, except the base and knee, blackish brown; the spots on the abdominal segments are also some what smaller. Wings hyaline, stigma light yellowish.

Two specimens from Holland, and one male and twenty-five females from the White Mountains, New Hampshire (July 25–30).

Also, several males and females from Pennsylvania (Mr. E. Keen).

*Platychirus chætopodus*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Washington Territory!

♂ Length, 8<sup>mm</sup>. Deep shining metallic green. Face thickly covered with yellowish dust, a small spot on the tubercle bare and shining. Antennæ brownish black. Frontal triangle more greenish, less thickly pollinose, with black pile. Thorax and scutellum bright shining metallic green. Abdomen opaque black, with four pairs of yellow spots; first segment shining greenish metallic; second segment with two large triangular spots, leaving the black nearly the whole width of the segment in front and narrowed behind, on the posterior border a rather narrow black cross-band; third and fourth segments similar, except that the spots are more nearly quadrilateral, the black only a little widened in front, and the posterior bands a little broader, so that in the fourth segment it occupies about one-third of the width of the segment; fifth segment with two yellow spots, leaving only a posterior shining greenish black triangle, extending narrowly to the front margin; hypopygium shining metallic green. Legs yellow; the middle femora with a small blackish spot toward the base, hind femora and tibiæ with a broad black ring, hind metatarsi, except their tip and last two joints of hind tarsi, black; front femora on their hind border with a row of four

or five long bristly black hairs, front tibiæ gradually dilated, the inner border more sinuate than in *P. hyperboreus*, the outer angle at the tip moderately acute, their metatarsi moderately dilated, thence gradually narrowed to the tip of tarsi; hind metatarsi thickened. Wings faintly brownish tinged.

Two specimens, Washington Territory. This species will be distinguished from *P. hyperboreus*, to which it is most nearly allied, by the large spot on the second abdominal segment, by the presence in the male of spots on the fifth segment, by the bristles on the front femora of the male, by the external angle of the front tibiæ not being produced lappet-like. From *P. peltatus*, the front legs in the male and the facial profile will at once distinguish it.

**Platycheirus ciliatus.**

*Platycheirus ciliatus* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 74.

*Habitat.*—California (Bigot), Colorado!

♂ Length, 8<sup>mm</sup>. Face nearly uniformly gray pollinose. Third joint of antennæ twice as long as wide, partly reddish. Dorsum of thorax and scutellum shining brassy black. Abdomen contracted in the middle, opaque black; the first segment, the sides of the second, the fifth segment, and the hypopygium, shining metallic. Second segment on the sides with a small spot, third and fourth in front with a larger, oblique lateral spot, yellow. Legs yellow; the front and middle femora in part, the hind pair chiefly, black; front femora on the outer side with a rather dense and long row of black pile; front tibiæ with a tuft of black pile without beyond the middle, considerably dilated on last fourth, squarely truncate at the tip; front metatarsi much dilated, squarely truncate, second joint very short and transversely dilated to the full width of the metatarsus, the next two joints successively less dilated; middle tibiæ arcuate on outer half; hind metatarsi thickened and elongate. Wings hyaline.

♀ Antennæ black. Abdomen with a pair of quadrate spots on the third and fourth segments, the spots on the second small or obsolete. Femora black, except the tip; intermediate, and especially the hind tibiæ, brown in the middle; hind metatarsi elongate.

Three specimens, Colorado (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection). The color of the legs probably varies somewhat. This species is very probably the one described as *P. ciliatus* by Bigot, but as the author omits the most distinctive characters (the structure of the fore legs), and as his types were from California, it will be well to reproduce his description.

*P. ciliatus.* ♂ Long. 8<sup>mm</sup>. *Niger. Antennis. segmento 3° subtus fulvo obscurè notato; facie cinereo pruinoso; thorace scutelloque nitidis, fusco villosis; calyptris et halteribus cinereis, clarâ nigrâ; abdomine nigro opaco, albido longè villosulo, maculis utrinque tribus trigonis, cinereis, segmento 5° nitido; femoribus anticis, subtus, longè nigro villosis, pedibus anticis intermediisque testaceis, femoribus et tibiis intermediis latè nigro*

*annulatis, anticis, latis, testaceis, utrinque nigro marginatis, tarsis anticis, latis, testaceis, basi nigro pariter marginatis, pedibus posticis nigris; alis pallidè cineris, maculâ stigmatali pallidè fuscâ.*

Noir. Antennes, 3<sup>e</sup> segment avec une macule fauve en dessous; face assez luisante, à reflets gris; bords des orbites postérieurs à duvet blanc; thorax, écusson, luisants, d'un bronzé obscur avec de longs poils clairsemés brunnâtres, flancs à duvet blanchâtre; cuillerons et balanciers grisâtres, massue noire; abdomen d'un noir opaque avec de longs poils clairsemés blanchâtres vers la base, 1<sup>er</sup> et dernier segments luisants, 2<sup>e</sup>, 3<sup>e</sup> et 4<sup>e</sup> avec, de chaque côté, une macule triangulaire grise; cuisses antérieures testacées avec un large anneau noir, et, en dessous, de longs cils noirs, tibias testacés, élargis, bordés de noir, tarses et métatarses antérieurs, fort élargis, testacés, les derniers bordés de noir, pieds intermédiaires avec les cuisses presque totalement noires, des poils clairsemés blanchâtres aux tibias, un large anneau, tarses à l'extrémité, noirs, pieds postérieurs entièrement noirs, avec les cuisses munies de poils blancs clairsemés; ailes un peu grisâtres, stigmate d'un jaunâtre obscur. Abdomen étroit. Californie.—1 specim.

The legs of Bigot's specimen are more black, and the abdominal spots perhaps lighter colored; otherwise it seems to be similar.

**Platychirus Naso** Walker, List, etc., iii, 587 (*Syrphus*).—Huds. B. Terr.

**Platychirus Pacilus** Walker, Dipt. Saunders, 240 (*Syrphus*).

"These are both *Platychiri*; whether they differ from *P. peltatus* and *quadratus*, I am unable to tell, as I had no specimens for comparison when I saw the types in the British museum."—Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., p. 244, note 201. These species can hardly be determined from Walker's descriptions, and it does not seem worth while to reproduce them.

## LEUCOZONA.

*Leucozona* Schiner, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., vi, 214, 1860.

Rather large, thickly pilose species; black, with a broad yellow band at the base of the abdomen. Head hemispherical, somewhat broader than the thorax. Antennæ porrect, short, third joint oval; arista basal, bare. Face in both sexes broad, yellow, with black cheeks and median stripe; grayish pollinose, pilose; in profile perpendicular, somewhat protuberant below, produced considerably downwards below the eyes, tuberculate. Eyes pilose, contiguous in the male. Thorax scarcely longer than broad. Scutellum reddish yellow, translucent. Abdomen elliptical, depressed, broadest beyond the middle, not more than twice as long as the thorax. Wings with open marginal cell, third longitudinal vein very gently curved, small cross-vein near base of discal cell, first posterior cell closed some distance before the costa. Type of genus, *L. lucorum* (Linné).

**Leucozona lucorum.** (Plate III, figs. 6, 6a.)

*Musca lucorum* Linné, Fauna Suec., 1803, 1761.

*Conops praeinctus* Scopoli, Entom. Carn., 908.

*Syrphus lucorum* Fabricius, Spec. Ins., ii, 426, 25; Entom. Syst., iv, 291, 46; Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 313, 58; pl. xxx, fig. 27; Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt. i, 537, 8.

*Eristalis lucorum* Fabricius, Antl. 241, 37; Fallen, Syrph., 50, 1; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 778, and viii, 3166, 1.

*Cheilisia lucorum* Walker, Ins. Brit., i, 2-1, 1; Curtis, Brit. Ent., 753.

*Leucozona lucorum* Schiner, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., vi, 214; Fauna Austr., i, 299.

**Habitat.**—Washington Territory! Canada (O. S.), Northern and Central Europe.

♂, ♀ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ black, third joint oval; arista black. Face gently concave below the antennæ, the tubercle large, obtuse, nearly as low down as the lower border of the eyes; color concealed on the sides beneath very dense white pollen, and yellowish white pile, the middle part and the cheeks bright shining blue black, frontal triangle less dusted. "Front in female yellowish anteriorly, gradually becoming darker behind." Thorax opaque black, thickly covered with reddish yellow pile, beneath which the dark greenish brown pollen leaves three slender black stripes. Pile on the pleuræ white, on the scutellum bushy yellow or orange. Abdomen black, shining, the second segment either wholly light yellow or wholly sub-opaque bluish gray, or light yellow in the middle part and bluish gray on the sides, with a slender black stripe on the middle not reaching the posterior margin; pile long, abundant, yellow and black. Legs black; tip of femora and base of tibiæ whitish yellow, sometimes almost wholly yellow. Wings hyaline with a blackish brown spot, reaching from the base of third posterior cell to the stigma; stigma darker.

Two ♂ specimens, Washington Territory, Colorado.

## CATABOMBA.

*Lasiophticus* Rondani, Prodrôme, ii, 137, 1857 (ex parte).

*Catabomba* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 325, 1877.

Rather large species, closely resembling in appearance and structure the genus *Syrphus*, except that in the male the eyes have an area of enlarged facets above, the front in both sexes remarkably convex, and the hypopygium of the male is very small, concealed entirely beneath the fifth segment of the abdomen. Type of genus, *C. pyrastris* Linné.

In response to a request in regard to the claims of *Lasiophticus* Rondani for priority over *Catabomba*, as put forward by Bigot, Baron Osten Sacken has kindly given me his views on the retention of *Catabomba*, which I take the liberty of reproducing here nearly entire.

"The genus *Lasiophticus* was characterized by Rondani (Prod. ii, 137), thus: 'It shares the characters of *Syrphus* and *Platychirus*, but differs from the former in not having dilated front tibiæ and tarsi, from both by more or less pubescent eyes.' Eleven species were enumerated

by Rondani as belonging to *Lasiophticus*, including the so called *topiarius* M. (my *S. torrus*), *glaucius* F., *pyrastris* Lin., etc. In other words, all the European *Syrphus* (in the restricted sense of Schiner) that have pubescent eyes are *Lasiophticus* Rond. (see Schiner, i, 301).

“Now I have shown in my paper on *Syrphus* (Proc. Bost. Soc., N. H.), and, before me, Mr. Malm has done the same, that the pubescence or non-pubescence of the eyes in *Syrphus* is a character of altogether subordinate value; I mean to say that if we introduce a subdivision on the basis of this character, most evidently allied species, perhaps merely seasonal varieties, like *S. ribesii* and *S. torrus*, are torn asunder, and dissimilar forms like *pyrastris* and *glaucius* thrown together. In my opinion, therefore, the genus *Lasiophticus* must be given up.

“The question whether *Catabomba* is to be maintained or not has nothing to do with that of the validity of *Lasiophticus*. *Catabomba* was introduced by me on the ground of the peculiar structure of the facets of the eyes in the male, of front in both sexes, and of the male genitals. *S. pyrastris*, *S. seleniticus*, and probably also *S. gemellarii* Rond. [*S. melanostoma* (Macq.) v. d. Wulp, also] partake of these characters. The eyes of these species are all pubescent, so far as I know; but then a *Catabomba* with glabrous eyes may be discovered and will be nevertheless a *Catabomba*; it could not be a *Lasiophticus* Rond.

“I believe, therefore, it would be expedient at present to retain the genus *Syrphus* in the sense of Schiner, and to drop *Lasiophticus*. It seems to me that we render *Syrphus* in this restricted sense more homogeneous if we separate *Catabomba* from it, just as Schiner separated *Leucozona* and other small genera. General habit and coloring of *Catabomba*, as well as its remarkable geographical distribution, confirm me in the belief that the species are subject to some peculiar law, and that it is only right to isolate them in our systematic arrangement.”

It is true that Rondani used *S. pyrastris* as one of the typical species of his genus, and also pointed out one of its special characters—the tumid front in the male, in his tabular arrangement of the species (Prod. ii, 138); but for all that his genus can not and never would be accepted, except by the use of characters pointed out by Osten Sacken in his definition of *Catabomba*. It perhaps might have been better had Baron Osten Sacken used the name *Lasiophticus* instead of *Catabomba*; the name, however, in itself might become strongly objectionable. Certainly the pilosity of the eyes is not a generic character.

***Catabomba pyrastris*.** (Plate IV, figs. 1, 1a.)

*Musca pyrastris* Linné, Fauna Suec., 1817: Scopoli, Entom. Carn., 931; Schrank, Enum. Ins. Austr., 447, 907.

*Musca rosa* Degeer, Ins. vi, 6; pl. vi, figs. 14–21.

*Syrphus pyrastris* Fabricius, Spec. Ins. ii, 432, 58; Entom. Syst., iv, 305, 102; Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 303, 44; Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 536, 3; Schiner, Verh. Z. B. Ges. vii, 33; Fauna Austr., i, 301.

*Syrphus unicolor* Curtis, Brit. Ent., 509, var.

*Syrphus transfugus* Fabricius, Entom. Syst., iv, 306, 104.

*Scæva pyrastræ* Fabricius, Antl., 249, 3; Fallen, Syrph., 39, 5; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 703, and viii, 3132.

*Scæva transfuga* Fabricius, Antl., 250, 5.

*Scæva affinis* Say, J. Acad. Phil., iii, 99, 9; Compl., ii, 81.

*Syrphus affinis* Wiedemann, Anss. Zw. Ins., ii, 117, 2.

*Lasiophiticus pyrastræ* Rondani, Ann. d. Acad. d. Aspir. Nat., iii.

*Catabomba pyrastræ* Osten Sacken, Western Dipt., 325.

*Habitat.*—Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Washington Territory, Oregon, Utah, Arizona!, Scandinavia (Zett.), England (Walk.), Germany (Schiner), France, Algiers, Chili (Macq.), Italy (Rond.), Canary Islands (Webb and Berthelot).

♂, ♀. Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face light yellow, somewhat bluish opalescent, often in dried specimens with a reddish tinge, a brown spot on the tubercle extending more broadly to the oral margin; pile abundant, whitish. Cheeks greenish black. Antennæ brownish black, often red on the under side of the first, second, and the third joint near the base; arista red. Front yellow, with a slender line reaching from the antennæ to the vertex or commissure, on each side of which the front is broadly subtranslucent olivaceous, the vertex black; pile black, in the male longer and more abundant. Eyes of male contiguous for about half as long a distance as the length of the frontal triangle; posterior orbits whitish pollinose, and with a fringe of white pile, longer below. Thorax shining greenish black, the humeri and post-alar callosities sometimes reddish; pile white, rather long and abundant. Scutellum yellow, very translucent bluish opalescent, the pile in large part blackish. Abdomen black, subopaque, with three pairs of arcuated whitish yellow spots, rather narrowly separated from each other, and more so from the lateral margins; the spots on the third and fourth segments are oblique, deeply concave in front, gently convex behind, inner ends rounded, approaching the front borders of the segments, the outer ends broader, truncate; fourth and fifth segments narrowly yellow behind; the first segment, the hind margins of the second, third, and fourth, dilated in the middle, and the remainder of the abdomen, more shining, somewhat metallic. Legs reddish yellow; basal half of front and middle femora and the hind femora, except the tip, black; all the tarsi brown, sometimes blackish, the metatarsi often reddish. Wings pure hyaline, the subcostal cell light yellowish, third vein with a long, moderately deep curvature.

Thirty specimens.

The facial stripe sometimes extends to above the middle of the face; the front of the female has sometimes a distinct brownish cast, and just above the antennæ not unfrequently brown.

## EUPEODES.

*Eupeodes* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 328, 1877.

Very like species of *Syrphus*, but differs in the terminal abdominal segments. Head hemispherical; eyes bare, extending the whole vertical diameter, a little convergent below, without area of enlarged facets

in the male, contiguous in this sex. Front a little convex: frontal triangle large. Antennæ short, third joint large oval. Face slightly concave below the antennæ, obtusely tuberculate. Scutellum much raised, exposing the metanotum. Abdomen elliptical in the female, the fifth segment about half as long as the preceding; \* in the male the sixth abdominal segment as long as the two preceding segments taken together, but narrower, convex, almost tubular when seen from above, unsymmetrical, the end pointing slightly to the right; the seventh segment bears the anal opening on the under side of the sixth; beyond the anus there are two long slender subparallel appendages, arcuate, bidentulate at the end, nearly as long as the sixth segment, bent under the body when at rest, and embedded in a horny groove on the under side of the sixth segment, which encroaches on the fifth. Legs simple. Marginal cell of the wing open; small cross-vein near the base of discal cell, rectangular; third longitudinal vein gently curved. Type of genus, *E. volucris* O. S.

**Eupeodes volucris.** (Plate, III figs. 14, 14a.)

*Eupeodes volucris* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 329.

*Syrphus perpallidus* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 90.

*Habitat.*—Washington Territory, California, Nevada, Utah, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona!

♂, ♀ Length, 7 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes bare. Face whitish yellow, with black cheeks and a brown or black stripe over the facial tubercle. Frontal triangle whitish yellow with some black pile; front in female black, across the middle a faint subinterrupted arcuate band of whitish pollen leaving a triangular shining space below, lower part of the front yellow, except a dark brown crescent-shaped spot above the root of the antennæ. Antennæ brown or black. Thorax dark metallic green, sometimes slightly bluish, with very pale yellowish pile. Scutellum in male yellowish, more or less translucent metallescent, with pale yellow pile; scutellum in female distinctly yellow along the edge. Abdomen black, subopaque; the first segment, the lateral and posterior margins of all the segments, shining, the fifth wholly shining; on the second segment two yellow oblong spots, well separated from the lateral margin; on each of the two following segments a pair of longer, oblong yellow spots; those on segments three and four very slightly lunate; the posterior margins of the fourth and fifth segments narrowly yellow; sixth segment shining black, sparsely beset with whitish pile. Legs reddish; base of femora black, a little less extensive in the female; hind femora black, except the tip; hind tarsi more or less brown on the upper side. Wings hyaline; stigma yellowish brown.

Fifty specimens. The most common Syrphid on the plains in summer.

\* The female of *Syrphus diversipes* has the fifth abdominal segment longer than in the other species of the genus.

## SYRPHUS.

*Syrphus* Fabricius, Syst. Entom., 1775.

*Scava* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 1805.

*Lasiophiticus* Rondani, Dipt. Ital., Prodr., i, 51, 1856.

*Ancyclosyrphus* Bigot, Soc. Ent. Fr., 1882, Bull. bimens., No. 6, 78.

*Ischyrosyrphus* Bigot, Soc. Ent. Fr., 1882, Bull. bimens., No. 6, 78.

Medium to large-sized species, thinly pilose, black, or metallic green or blue, the abdomen with yellow bands or spots. Head hemispherical, as broad or a little broader than the thorax. Antennæ shorter than the head, the third joint oval, as long or scarcely longer than the first two together; arista basal, bare. Face perpendicular, produced but little below the eyes, broad, either wholly yellow or with a black median stripe, often with black cheeks, never\* wholly black; tubercle obtuse, scarcely at all concave above it in profile, but below always receding. Eyes bare or pubescent, contiguous in the male. Thorax large, moderately convex above, never with distinct yellow lateral stripes. Scutellum more or less translucent, yellow, or yellowish and bluish or greenish. Abdomen oval, broader than the thorax, sometimes with nearly parallel sides and scarcely wider than the thorax, more than twice as long. Legs slender. Third longitudinal vein of the wing nearly straight or gently curved; anterior cross-vein near the base of discal cell; anterior outer angle of the first posterior cell always acute; marginal cell broadly open.

The present genus is one of the most difficult in the family to study. Many of the species are so closely allied that only a large amount of material will determine their limits. Thanks to the careful study which they have received in this country from Baron Osten Sacken, the labor has been much lessened. Still, much remains to be done by local students who shall make large collections and study them thoroughly while they are in a fresh or at least uninjured condition. All but two or three of the species of our fauna now known have been examined by me. Still, I have thought best to reproduce the larger part of Baron Osten Sacken's descriptions, with my own notes or additions appended.

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1.—Three principal yellow bands of abdomen interrupted	2
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Abdominal spots straight and transverse	7
4.—The abdominal spots do not come in contact with the lateral margin	5
The abdominal spots reach quite to the margin, or, if not, the spots are but little oblique; emarginate in front, often broken up into smaller spots	6

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\* *Syrphus simplex* from the West Indies is an exception.





- 24.—Face yellow; the second and third cross-bands distinctly reach the lateral margin  
abbreviatus  
 Face with a brown stripe; the second and third bands do not reach the lateral  
americanus  
 margin

For other species, see descriptions. See, also, Appendix.

**Syrphus arcuatus.**

- Scæva arcuata* Fallen, Dipt. Suec., 42, 11 (1816); Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 719, and viii, 3138, 22.  
*Syrphus arcuatus* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 302, 43; Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 536, 6; Walker, Ins. Brit., i, 289, 8; Schiner, Verh. Z. B. Ges., vii, 344; id., Fauna Austr., i, 305.  
*Scæva lapponica* Zetterstedt, Ins. Lapp., 598, 2 (1838).  
*Syrphus lapponicus* Schiner, Ver. Z. B. Ges., vii, 344; Osten Sacken, Proc. Bost. Soc. N. H., xviii, 149; id., West. Dipt., 326; id., Cat. Dipt., 123.  
*Syrphus agnon* Walker, List, etc., iii, 579.  
*Syrphus arcucinctus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 580.  
*Syrphus Alcicide* Walker, List., etc., iii, p. 579; Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 312 (*Didea*).  
*Syrphus arcuatus*, var. *bipunctatus* Girschner, Wien. Ent. Zeit., iii, 197, pl. iii, fig. 1.

*Habitat*.—New England, Wyoming, California, Oregon, Washington Territory, Europe!, Nova Scotia, Hudson's Bay Territory (Walk.).

♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face yellow or bluish-yellow; a median stripe not reaching the antennæ, shining black; cheeks more shining green. Antennæ dark brown, along the under side more or less reddish. Frontal triangle nearly like the face, but with yellowish dust; pile black; a slender black arch above the base of antennæ (sometimes dissolved into two spots), bent downward in its middle portion, and immediately below the color is brighter yellow; front in female black, with black pile, shining, except along the sides, where it is thickly yellowish pollinose, to above the middle, in which place the pollen is narrowly separated. Eyes bare. Thorax deep shining greenish or bluish black, with rather abundant light-colored pile. Scutellum yellowish translucent, with a bluish opalescent reflection, the pile chiefly black. Abdomen black, mostly shining, with three pairs of bright yellow spots, all narrowly separated from the lateral margins; the first pair a little more broadly separated than the others, straight, transverse, elongate oval; second and third pairs a little oblique, concave in front, convex behind, the inner ends rounded, the outer ends acute, directed forwards; fourth segment with a narrow yellow hind margin; fifth with the anterior angles, and the hind border also, yellow. Legs yellowish red; base of front and middle femora, and the hind femora except the tip, black; a ring, or the larger part, of the hind tibiæ, and terminal joints (or, except the base) of all the tarsi brownish. Wings nearly hyaline, subcostal cell brownish, stigma darker.

Variety *arcuatus*. Third longitudinal vein nearly straight, or only

gently curved. Four specimens, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Wyoming.

Variety *lapponicus*. Third longitudinal vein deeply curved, the submarginal cell hence much broader in the middle part than beyond. Fifteen specimens, Connecticut, New Hampshire, California, Oregon, Colorado, Virginia.

Variety *lapponicus*, subvar. *bipunctatus* Girschner. This form occurs in America (= *Syrphus Alcidice* Walker). May it not be due to the effects of drying?

The differences, other than in the third vein, are inconstant, and seem to occur equally among specimens from all parts of the country. That this difference alone is a sufficient specific character is to me doubtful; hence I have here considered it a secondary or varietal character, and have for that reason chosen the older name for the species. Schiner considered *S. lapponicus* a synonym of *S. arcuatus*. Of the identity of our species with the European there can be no doubt; specimens sent by Baron Osten Sacken were compared by Dr. Loew.

From the female of *Eupeodes volucris*, which may be easily confounded with *lapponicus*, the difference in the length of the fifth abdominal segment will at once distinguish it.

"*Syrphus arcuinctus* Walker, List, etc. (Hudson's Bay Territory), is represented in the British Museum by two specimens, one of which is my *S. amalopsis*; the other belongs to the group of *S. lapponicus*. The description is drawn from the latter specimen, the abdominal spots of *S. amalopsis* being much more than 'slightly curved.'"—O. S., Cat. Dipt., 245.

### **Syrphus amalopsis.**

*Syrphus amalopsis* Osten Sacken, Proc. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., xviii, 148, 1875.

*Habitat*.—White Mountains, New Hampshire (O. S.), Connecticut, New Mexico!

"♂, ♀ 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. "Male. Eyes pubescent; face of a dingy brownish yellow, with a broad brown stripe in the middle (its breadth is equal to half of its length or more); cheeks black, with a greenish reflection; a black, broad, oral border; antennæ black, front and vertex likewise; facial tubercle salient. Thorax dark metallic green, clothed with black pile, mixed with fulvous on the sides and near the scutellum; the latter dull yellowish brown, with metallic reflections, beset with black pile, and with a blackish border and corners. Abdomen black, very little shining; on the second segment two oblong yellow spots; on the third and fourth segments a pair of lunate spots, club-shaped on the inner end, truncate on the outer, and considerably excised in the middle; the fourth and fifth segments with a narrow, yellow, posterior margin; all the yellow parts are straw colored. Legs black, tip of femora and base of tibiæ yellowish brown, the extent of this brown being much less on the hind pair. Wings distinctly infuscated.

Female. Front and vertex metallic greenish black; spots on second segment coarctate in the middle, those on segments three and four dissolved in two, so that these two segments show each a transverse row of yellow spots, nearly of the same size and equidistant; the fifth segment has two spots at the base; the wings are hyaline. In all other respects like the male.

Two males and one female.

I have not the slightest doubt that these males and females belong together; the difference in the coloring of the wings has no importance; as to that in the coloring of the abdomen, I should not wonder if this species proved to be very variable in this respect, and if intermediate stages occurred between that where the lunate spots are entire and where they are dissolved in two. The abdomen in this species is more convex broader and somewhat shorter than that of *S. lapponicus*.

In the specimens described above, the yellow abdominal markings do not come in contact with the lateral margin. But I have a pair of specimens (♂, ♀) from the same locality in which this contact occurs. In the female the spots are also cut in two as they are in the typical specimens."—Osten Sacken, l. c.

I have three female specimens from Connecticut (June 11), on blossoms of *Prunus virginianus*, that seem to be intermediate between this species and the next, *S. intrudens*, but agreeing rather better with the description of *S. intrudens*. The facial stripe is black, narrower than the yellow portion on the sides. The antennæ are wholly reddish yellow; in one specimen only, the third joint is brown; the front has a white pollinose interrupted cross-band; the pile of the scutellum is partly or wholly yellowish. The abdomen is very shining, all the spots attain the lateral margin, those of the third and fourth segments are, in one specimen, only deeply excised, in the other two specimens dissolved into two spots; the spots on the second segment are broadly oval and not at all excised in front. The legs are light yellow; the front and middle femora at the base, and the hind femora on the basal half, are black; the hind tibiæ with a brownish ring, and the hind tarsi in one specimen brownish. A single female from New Mexico (G. F. Gaumer) seems to agree perfectly with the description. The spots on the first segment are excised in front, and those on the third and fourth segments are not cut in two and reach the lateral margin distinctly. The species, as Osten Sacken says, is evidently a variable one, and I am inclined to doubt the validity of *S. intrudens*.

#### **Syrphus intrudens.**

*Syrphus intrudens* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 326, 1877.

*Habitat*,—California (O. S.).

"Length about 10<sup>mm</sup>. Male. Eyes pubescent; face brownish yellow, with a broad black stripe in the middle, abbreviated before the antennæ, and narrower than the yellow portion of the face on each side of it; the black is prolonged along the oral border to the black cheeks, which

have a slight greenish reflection; antennæ black, third joint sometimes slightly reddish at the base; front and vertex black, with a greenish reflection and black pile; occiput beset with a fringe of fulvous pile. Thorax dark metallic green, clothed with fulvous pile, especially conspicuous on the pleuræ; scutellum with a shade of dull yellowish under the strong greenish metallic luster; its pile is black; a few fulvous hairs on the sides only. Abdomen black, very little shining; on the second segment two oblong yellow spots, not reaching the lateral margin; on the third and fourth segments a pair of deeply lunate spots, club shaped at both ends, touching the anterior margin on one side, broadly contiguous to the lateral margin on the other; the deep excision on them has a triangular shape; fourth and fifth segments with a narrow yellow posterior margin. Halteres with a lemon yellow knob. Legs reddish; anterior femora black on their proximal half; hind femora black, except the tip; hind tibiæ with a brown ring in the middle, the other tibiæ also slightly marked with brown; tarsi brownish above. Wings distinctly tinged with brownish; stigma brownish.

Three males, April 15–20.

Very like *Syrphus amalopsis* O. S., from the White Mountains, New Hampshire, but the pile on the occiput is bright fulvous, not pale yellowish white; there is more fulvous pile on the thorax; the abdominal spots are a little larger, their inner club-shaped end more clumsy, the emargination deeper; the legs are less dark colored; the facial tubercle less prominent. Nevertheless, the resemblance is very striking. *S. amalopsis* seems to be a very variable species. The same variations may occur in *S. intrudens*."—Osten Sacken, l. c.

#### *Syrphus contumax*.

*Syrphus contumax* Osten Sacken, Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., xviii, 148, 1875.

*Syrphus adolescens* Walker, List, etc., iii, 584.

*Habitat*.—White Mountains, New Hampshire!

“♂, ♀ Length about 9.5<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes distinctly pubescent. Face with a bluish reflection, sometimes almost concealing the dull brownish yellow ground color. Cheeks and oral border broadly black; front very broad in the female, black, clothed with grayish pollen; in the male with a bluish reflection. Vertex greenish black, metallic. Antennæ black, inserted on brownish yellow ground. Thorax greenish bronze color, with indistinct longitudinal stripes of an opaque brownish; dorsum beset with brownish; pleuræ with brownish fulvous erect pile; scutellum dull yellowish, with a bluish reflection. Abdomen black, very hairy, with three pairs of oblong, transverse, straight, brownish yellow spots, which as a rule do not reach the margin, but sometimes emit an indistinct prolongation anteriorly which touches it; the last two segments are bordered with yellow; the pile on the abdomen, yellow and black, is, especially in the male, long, erect, and rather conspicuous. Femora (of the male) black on their proximal half, often beyond, hind

femora up to four-fifths of their length; tibiæ brownish yellow; tarsi black. In the female the femora are black at their bases only; wings hyaline, sometimes tinged with brownish; stigma brownish, third longitudinal vein nearly straight.

Three males and two females from Mount Washington.

The facial tubercle in this species is very salient, the whole lower part of the face somewhat projecting, the front of the female comparatively broad, the first joint of the hind tarsi of the male distinctly swollen. The general appearance of this species is different from an ordinary *Syrphus*.—Osten Sacken.

“*Syrphus adolescens* is represented in the British Museum by three specimens; one belongs to the group of *S. lapponicus*, the other (from Nova Scotia) is *S. americanus*, the third is my *S. contumax*. The description was probably drawn from the latter, though it is very unmeaning.”—O. S., Cat. Dipt., 245.

***Syrphus mentalis*, n. sp.**

*Habitat*.—Washington Territory!

♀ Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes pubescent. Front shining black, extending down on the sides as far as the insertion of the antennæ, but the latter inserted on yellow ground; across the middle of the front with a rather narrow, interrupted, yellowish pollinose band; pile black. Antennæ brownish black. Face yellow, the cheeks in front, and thence to the middle, along the oral margin, and a moderately broad facial stripe, reaching acutely to the base of the antennæ, black. Cheeks behind, and across behind the mouth, yellow. Thorax shining greenish black, on the pleuræ with whitish pile. Scutellum dark, subtranslucent, only a little yellowish, with black pile. Abdomen broader than the thorax, shining, with three pairs of slender spots; first pair more broadly separated, their outer end attenuated, curving forward to meet the lateral margin; second and third pairs scarcely a fourth the width of the segments, interrupted by about their own width, reaching nearly or quite to the lateral margin; fifth and sixth segments wholly black. Legs dark yellowish red; base of all the femora (on the hind pair including the larger part), and the hind tarsi, black; the hind tibiæ except the base, and the front and middle tarsi, brown. Wings lightly tinged with brown; the stigma brown.

One specimen; an additional one in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Cambridge.

The front in this species is rather broad above, and the abdominal spots are unusually narrow.

***Syrphus disjectus*.**

*Syrphus disjunctus* Williston (non Macquart), Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 314 (1882).

*Habitat*.—Washington Territory!

♂ Length, 9 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes bare. Frontal triangle shining metallic greenish black, narrowly yellow along the eyes, the pile, and that of the

vertex also, black. Antennæ brownish black, the first two joints and the base of the third below, reddish. Face yellow, with a bluish reflection, on the sides thinly whitish pilose, no dark spot nor stripe on the tubercle; cheeks below the eyes, in front, black, behind and across the posterior oral margin, yellow. Thorax brownish greenish black, shining, the pile, especially on the sides and on the pleuræ, orange colored. Scutellum only a little yellowish, more bluish opalescent, black at the base and corners; pile in large part black. Abdomen black, but little shining, except on the first segment, the narrow margin of the second and third segments, and the fourth and fifth wholly; with three pairs of bright yellow spots, all very distinctly separated from the lateral margins; the first pair small, oval, broadly separated from each other, near the middle of the segment; second pair large, nearly square, with rounded angles, more than half as wide as the segment, not reaching the front margin, separated by scarcely half their width; the third pair a little smaller, somewhat oblique, and sometimes touching the front margin; fifth segment yellow, with a large triangular black spot. Legs reddish yellow; coxæ, except the trochanters, front and middle femora, hind femora, except narrowly at the base and the outer third or fourth, hind tibiæ, except the base and tip, and the hind tarsi, brown or black. Wings tinged with brownish, the stigma brown.

Four specimens.

The large spots on the third and fourth segments, which are very distinctly separated from each other and the lateral margins, together with the bare eyes, will distinguish this species from any described from North America. A single female from the Boston Society of Natural History (S. Henshaw) is closely allied to this, possibly it is the same. It differs, however, in the spots of the second segment being larger, narrowly separated, those of the third and fourth segments longer transversely and not so wide, and more narrowly separated; the abdomen, except the second segment, is more shining, the dorsum of the thorax more shining greenish, and on the sides thickly yellowish pollinose; the sides of the front are yellow on the lower part. It is probably another species, but more specimens are needed to settle the question.

**Syrphus velutinus.**

*Syrphus velutinus* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 314, 1882.

*Ischyrosyrphus tricolor* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. de France, 1884, 73.

*Habitat.*—Mount Hood, Oregon!, California (Bigot).

♂. ♀ Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes very distinctly pilose in both sexes. Front shining green-black with black pile. Antennæ black or brownish black. The yellow of the face is obscured somewhat by a metallic bluish reflection, a rather broad black shining stripe in the middle, extending along the oral border to the cheeks, which, with the lower part of the posterior orbits, are greenish black. Dorsum of thorax black, slightly greenish, only a little shining, pile abundant, rather long, light

orange colored, or light yellowish, except across the disk, where it is blackish. Scutellum obscure yellowish, translucent, the sides and base broadly bluish black. Abdomen elongate, scarcely broader than the thorax, the sides nearly parallel to the end of the third segment; opaque black; first segment, the hind border of the fourth segment, dilated in the middle, and the fifth segment wholly, shining greenish metallic; second segment with large spots; in the male rounded on the inner ends, and only touching the front border on the outer part, somewhat attenuated before reaching the lateral margin; in the female longer, nearly square, attaining the front border for nearly their whole length; third and fourth segments before their middle with a straight, narrow cross-band, interrupted in the middle for about their own width. Legs black, terminal half of front and middle femora, front and middle tibiae, except brownish rings beyond the middle, yellow. Wings hyaline, stigma brown.

*Syrphus pauxillus*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—New Mexico!

♀ Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes pilose. Face yellow, a broad median stripe, not reaching the antennæ, and cheeks, shining black; in profile the face is projecting, the distance from antennæ to tip of tubercle distinctly greater than from the antennæ to ocelli. Antennæ black; the third joint brown, on the under side near the base reddish. Dorsum of thorax shining bluish-black, with light yellowish pile. Scutellum only faintly yellowish. Abdomen broadly oval, shining black, with three pairs of yellow spots, which are narrow and rather narrowly separated, all of them narrowly, but distinctly separated from the lateral margin; first pair straight, transverse; the second and third pairs oblique, arcuate, their anterior end nearly touching the front margin the posterior end near the middle of the segment; the spots are concave in front and convex behind, of nearly equal width; fourth segment with a narrow hind margin; fifth segment with a small spot on the front angles, and a narrow margin behind, yellow. Legs yellow, femora black at the base (the hind legs wanting). Wings hyaline, stigma brownish.

One specimen (G. F. Gaumer).

*Syrphus sodalis*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Colorado!

♀ Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes pilose. Face yellow, lightly pollinose on the sides, a small brownish spot on the tubercle; oral margin and the cheeks metallic black. Antennæ black, third joint reddish below near the base. Front black, broadly grayish pollinose across the middle, leaving the vertex and a small spot below more metallic black; a slender arch, immediately above the antennæ, yellow; pile of front black. Lateral posterior orbits thickly grayish pollinose. Dorsum of thorax deep shining green, with light yellow pile. Scutellum light yellowish, subtranslucent. Abdomen broadly oval, shining black; the cross-bands yellow, interrupted. The first pair of spots is more broadly sep-



arated, and have a slender anterior prolongation that reaches quite to the lateral margin; the second and third pairs are less widely separated and the outer ends are distinctly cut off from the lateral margins; the spots are on the front part of the segments, moderately broad, their inner ends nearly touching the front margin of the segments; they are very slightly oblique in position, gently concave in front and convex behind, their outer posterior parts rounded; fifth segment with a narrow hind margin narrowly interrupted, and coalescent on the sides with the yellow of the next segment in front; the fifth segment also with a slender yellow hind border. Legs black; distal half of front and middle femora, tip of hind femora, broad base of all the tibiæ and tips of four front tibiæ, yellow. Wings hyaline; stigma light yellow. One specimen (H. K. Morrison).

*Syrphus lotus*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Arizona!

♀ Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes pilose. Face and cheeks yellow, the former, in the single specimen, of a strong green tint; a facial stripe, not reaching the antennæ, brown. Front black, grayish-yellowish dusted across the middle, leaving a large oval spot below, and the vertex, black. Antennæ brown, the third joint below near the base reddish. Pile of front wholly black, of the occiput light yellow. Dorsum of thorax deep green, in front with two grayish pollinose stripes. Scutellum subtranslucent obscure yellow, the pile chiefly black. Abdomen but little shining, black; the bands all distinctly separated by a black interval from the lateral margins; first cross-band interrupted by a small interval; second and third bands bilaterally oblique, cut off squarely at the ends, and touching the front border for a considerable distance in the middle; on each side in front a little concave, on the sides behind nearly straight, or gently convex, the two sides forming a very shallow inverted V; posterior margin of the fourth segment, a spot on the anterior angle of the fifth, and a slender hind margin, yellow. Legs yellow, base of all the femora black. Wings hyaline, stigma brownish.

One specimen, Arizona (H. K. Morrison).

Another female specimen from New Mexico (Geo. F. Gaumer) is perhaps allied to this. The facial stripe is black, and there is a black stripe on the cheeks; the second and third abdominal cross-bands are more oblique, and strongly concave in front, and the second is narrowly interrupted in the middle; they are both more convex behind, and the form more deeply V-shaped. The hind femora are black on nearly their whole length; the hind tibiæ have a black ring, and the hind tarsi, except the base, are also black. From *amalopsis*, with which it may be confounded when the spots are separated, it seems to be distinct in its larger size, more oblique spots (all of which are distinctly separated from the lateral margins), lighter-colored scutellum, etc.

**Syrphus diversipes.**

*Syrphus diversipes* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 4<sup>e</sup> Suppl., 155, 54; Osten Sacken, Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., xviii, 149, 1875.

? *Syrphus cinctellus* Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 742, 45.

*Habitat.*—White Mountains, New Hampshire, New York, Washington Territory!, Lake Superior (O. S.), New Foundland (Macq.).

♂, ♀ Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. “Abdomen narrow, with nearly parallel sides; first segment (♂) greenish black, with more or less yellow anteriorly, or on the sides; in the female the yellow prevails, leaving only a metallic green spot on each side, which often is subobsolete; the following four segments have each a yellow cross-band on their anterior half; the first cross-band is broadly interrupted; in the male the interruption takes the shape of an inverted black triangle, expanding anteriorly so as to occupy nearly the whole anterior margin of the segment; in the female this triangle is narrow, and occupies but a small portion of the anterior margin; thus in the female the yellow of the cross-band coalesces with that upon the first segment; the following cross-bands are entire, the second and third nearly of the same breadth and not attenuated on the sides; the fourth band in the male occupies nearly the whole segment, except a black semicircle posteriorly; in the female it occupies the anterior half of the segment, and is gently arched, and distinctly notched posteriorly. Face yellowish, with a bluish reflection, sometimes brownish in the middle; above the antennæ a conspicuous black spot is surrounded by the yellowish pollen, which covers the rest of the front; antennæ reddish, upper half of the third joint, as well as of the preceding ones brown. Eyes bare. Thorax metallic green; scutellum yellowish, with a metallic green reflection; humeri and a part of the pleuræ clothed with yellowish pollen. Legs yellow; outer half of the hind femora (sometimes nearly the whole hind femora, except the base), hind tibiæ and tarsi brown; knees yellowish. Wings with a brownish shade on the apex, usually distinct in the female, often nearly obsolete in the male.

Ten male and thirty female specimens. Two male specimens have the four anterior femora distinctly infuscated at the base.

*S. cinctellus* Zetterstedt, is very like this species and probably identical with it. His description agrees with the North American specimens. A European specimen in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, named by Dr. Loew, does not show any difference worth noticing.—Osten Sacken, l. c.

Two male and sixteen female specimens from the White Mountains, New Hampshire (Jackson, July 25), agree fully with this description; a single female from the same locality has, however, the first and second abdominal segments as in the male. A single female from Washington Territory agrees throughout. My female specimens have a peculiarity, not noticed by Baron Osten Sacken, wherein they differ

from all the North American *Syrphus* known to me, viz, the fifth abdominal segment is unusually long, more than half as long as the preceding, agreeing in this respect with *Eupeodes*.

***Syrphus protritius*.**

*Syrphus protritius* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 323.

*Habitat*.—California (O. S.)

“♂ Length, 10 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes glabrous. Face yellow, with a bluish opalescence; on the cheeks a large blackish spot below the eye, and not quite reaching the oral margin (it is variable in size, sometimes very small); the lower edge of the head behind the mouth and between the lower ends of the eyes is again yellow. Antennæ red, sometimes faintly brown on the upper side of the third joint; front brownish yellow above the antennæ, black, slightly pruinose, and with black pile in the corner, between the eyes; vertex black, with black pile; occiput grayish, beset with pale hairs. Thorax dark bronze green, beset with dense yellowish pile. Scutellum yellowish, with black pile, some yellowish-hairs on each side. Abdomen black, opaque, with three reddish yellow cross-bands, the first of which is broadly interrupted; the two yellow spots thus formed are prolonged along the lateral margin to the very base of the abdomen; the second and third bands reach the lateral margin, being only a little attenuated before it; they are biconvex posteriorly, with an angular emargination in the middle; fourth segment with a yellow border posteriorly; the fifth red, with a black triangle in the middle. Legs altogether reddish, often a brown shade in the middle of the hind tibiæ and on the hind tarsi, femora red from the very base; coxæ and trochanters black. Wings subhyaline; their root tinged with brownish, the costal cell with yellowish; stigma brownish yellow, third vein nearly straight.

Four males. Is very like the common *S. ribesii* of the Atlantic States; only in that species the male has black hind femora, the black spot on the cheeks is smaller, and the antennæ are much darker.”—Osten Sacken, l. c.

***Syrphus ribesii*.** ✓

*Musca ribesii* Linnè, Fauna Suec., 1816 (1781); Schrank, Enum. Insect. Austr., 905.

*Syrphus ribesii* Latreille, Gen. Crust., iv, 325; Fabricius, Spec. Insect., ii, 432, 57;

Entom. Syst., iv, 304, 100; Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 306, 49; Walker, Ins. Brit., i, 287, 4; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 123; Schiner, Verh. Z. B. Ges., vii, 340; Fauna Austr., i, 310.

*Scara ribesii* Fabricius, Antl., 248, 1; Fallen, Syrph., 40, 6; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 707; *ibid.*, viii, 3132.

*Syrphus rectus* Osten Sacken (non Novicki), Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., xviii, 140.

? *Syrphus philadelphicus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 93, 11; tab., xvi, fig. 2.

*Habitat*.—Europe, Atlantic, Middle, and Pacific States!

♀, ♂ Length, 7 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. “♀ Eyes glabrous; hind femora yellow, often with a brown ring before the tip.

♂ Eyes glabrous; hind femora black, except the tip.

Female. Very like the female of *S. torvus*; the differences, as given above, consist in the entirely glabrous eyes and the femora, which are yellow from the very base (coxæ black); in most specimens the hind femora have a brown ring before the tip.

The size, as well as the shape, of the abdominal stripes are very variable (the female of *S. torvus* shows, in both respects, much less variation). Between the following two extremes all intermediate stages occur.

(1) The smallest specimens, from 7<sup>mm</sup> upwards in length, have the yellow stripes on the third and fourth segments quite straight, not attenuated before coming in contact with the lateral margin; their hind borders show no perceptible convexity or concavity; such specimens usually have a distinct brown ring on the hind femora, a little before the tip.

(2) Larger specimens, up to 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup> long, have the stripes on the third and fourth segments, with a distinctly biconvex hind margin, with a sinus in the middle; these stripes are distinctly attenuated on each side, before reaching the lateral margin. Such large specimens often have no brown ring on the hind femora.

Male. Differs from the female in the femora being black at base; the four anterior ones for about one-third of their length; the hind ones altogether black or brown, except at the tip. The majority of the specimens before me are of medium size (about 8 to 10<sup>mm</sup>), but some larger ones also occur. The shape of the yellow bands does not vary as much as in the female; they are always attenuated at both ends and biconvex posteriorly, with a sinus in the middle. The altogether glabrous eyes easily distinguish *S. ribesii* ♂, from *S. torvus* ♂; in other respects they look very much alike. The average size of *S. ribesii* ♂, is a little smaller.

Minor differences between *S. torvus* and *S. ribesii*, available for both sexes, are:

(1) The face under the eyes is altogether yellow here; there is no grayish spot, as is always visible in *S. torvus*.

(2) The sides of the face in *S. torvus* are beset with very distinct blackish pile; in *S. ribesii* this pile is of a pale color, and almost imperceptible; hence the face looks smoother.

(3) The antennæ are less dark, more reddish in *S. ribesii*.

(4) The scutellum is of a slightly purer yellow.

(5) The four anterior tibiæ are less brown, more reddish, especially on the first joint.

(6) The contact of the abdominal yellow spots and bands with the lateral margins is slightly broader in *S. ribesii*; hence the yellow prolongation or neck of the spots on the second segment is broader, and, consequently, seems to be shorter.

(7) The stigma of the wings is much paler, yellow rather than brown.

(8) The metallic green thorax is somewhat more shining, less dull than in *S. torvus*; in many specimens, however, this difference is scarcely perceptible."—Osten Sacken, l. c.

In comparison of a large number of specimens from the East there is little additional worthy of note, except that rarely the tubercle of the face is distinctly brown. From Washington Territory and California I have eight females that do not differ in anything that I can see from the Eastern specimens. The black of the front extends down nearly to the antennæ, the femora are wholly yellow, and the abdominal cross-bands reach quite to the lateral margins of the abdomen, though narrowly so as in our Eastern forms. From *S. opinator*, which is very close, the latter character, and the lower part of the front above the antennæ not being yellow, are the chief differences. It is very possible that these females may belong with the males described by Baron Osten Sacken as *S. protritrus*, which differ chiefly from the males of *S. ribesii* in the femora not being black. From Montana and Arizona I have examined a number of specimens, both male and female, which undoubtedly belong to *S. ribesii*. A single small male specimen from Northern California has the cheeks and a broad facial stripe black; the yellow on the sides is also obscure. It may indicate a distinct species.

**Syrphus torvus.**

*Scava topiaria* Zetterstedt (non Meigen), Dipt. Lapp., 599; id., Dipt. Scand., ii, 723; *ibid.*, viii, 3139, 26.

*Syrphus topiarius* Walker, List, etc., iii, 582; Schiner, Verh. Zool. Bot. Ges., vii, 347; Fauna Austr., i, 304; Staeger, Bonsdorf, Malm, etc.

*Syrphus torvus* Osten Sacken, Proc. Bost. Soc. N. H., xviii, 139 (1875).

*Habitat.*—Atlantic States, Washington Territory!, Greenland (Staeger), Europe, Siberia (auct.).

♂, ♀ Length, 10 to 12.5<sup>mm</sup>. "Female. Face and cheeks yellow, with a very slight bluish reflection; a faint grayish spot on the cheeks, under the eyes; oral border; in the middle of the notch, usually slightly brown. Front and vertex greenish black; the former, on both sides along the eyes, with a broad border of yellowish pollen, almost meeting the similar border of the opposite side. Eyes pubescent (in many specimens the pubescence is very much rubbed off and very difficult to perceive). Antennæ inserted on brownish-yellow ground; the dark color of the front begins immediately above their root, forming a blackish-brown arch with a projecting angle in the middle. Antennæ dark brown; third antennal joint more or less reddish below, sometimes altogether dark brown. Thorax greenish, with but little luster; in well-preserved specimens a faint tinge of a geminate, grayish, middle stripe is perceptible anteriorly; scutellum dull yellowish, with a slight bluish reflection and black pile. Yellow spots on the second abdominal segment elliptical, prolonged usually as a narrow neck, which reaches forward and touches the margin; the yellow cross-bands on the third and fourth segments have a very gently biconvex hind margin, with a very shallow, often indistinct, sinus in its middle; on each side the cross-bands are attenuated and curved forward, so as to reach the anterior margin of

the segment; the black interval between the stripes is twice as broad as the stripes. Fourth and fifth segments with yellow posterior margins, the fifth usually with two yellow spots on each side, at the base. Coxæ and basal third of femora black; on the hind pair the black reaches beyond the middle of the femora; hind tibiæ often with a brownish ring; four anterior tarsi brown, the root of the first joint often reddish; hind tarsi dark brown. Root of the wings, as far as the humeral cross-vein, slightly brownish, or yellowish; costal cell almost hyaline; stigma brown.

“Male. Similar to the female, but abdominal cross-bands broader, the biconvexity on their hind side stronger, and the sinus in the middle deeper; the gray spot on the cheeks, under the eye, often larger, sometimes occupying a considerable portion of the cheek; the brown ring on the hind tibiæ usually expanded, so as to reach the tip of the tibiæ. The eyes are more distinctly pubescent; the front is beset with yellow pollen, except a narrow black space above the antennæ.

“In drawing up the description, I had a large number of specimens before me. Among them was a lot of twenty-three males and thirty-five females, caught by Mr. B. P. Mann, on the 7th of July, 1874, almost on the same spot, in the subalpine regions of Mount Washington. Another lot of twenty-seven males and twenty females was collected by Mr. Morrison, also in the White Mountains. Other specimens were from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Canada, the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, etc.”—Osten Sacken, l. c.

From an examination of a large series of this species collected in the White Mountains in company with numerous individuals of *S. ribesii* (July 25–30), with others from various localities in the East, the Middle States, Washington Territory, etc., I find nothing worthy of addition to the above full description.

**Syrphus Lesueurii.** (Plate IV, fig. 2.)

*Syrphus Lesueurii* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 92 (female); Osten Sacken, Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., xviii, 143.

*Epistrophe conjungens* Walker, Dipt. Saunders., 242; tab. vi, fig. 5 (male).

*Habitat.*—New England, Washington Territory!

“♂, ♀ Length, 12 to 13<sup>mm</sup>. Larger than *S. torvus* and with a much narrower abdomen; in the female the abdomen is a little broader, still less broad than in the allied species. The yellow face has a brown, abbreviated stripe in the middle (sometimes wanting); the antennæ are uniformly black. Eyes bare. The yellow spots and cross-bands on the abdomen are straight, and reach the sides of the abdomen with their full width; the yellow has a bluish reflection (seldom indistinct); in the male the band on the third segment has a sharp triangular notch in the middle of the hind margin, which does not exist in the female; fourth and fifth segments often have a greenish reflection, and are margined with yellow posteriorly. The femora are black at the base, the hind tibiæ have a distinct brown ring. The wings usually have a distinct yellowish tinge.

Some rare specimens of both sexes are only 8<sup>mm</sup> long.

I compared about ninety male and female specimens, principally from the White Mountains; also from Maine, Massachusetts, New York, etc."—Osten Sacken, l. c.

Baron Osten Sacken could see no difference between *S. lesueurii* and a specimen from Europe labeled "Silesia," which he compared.

Two female specimens from Washington Territory agree in every respect with numerous specimens which I have from Mount Washington. In one the abdominal cross-bands are strongly bluish.

**Syrphus abbreviatus.** /

*Scarva abbreviata* Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., viii, 3136, 13 (female).

*Syrphus excisus* Schiner, Fauna Austr., i, 311 (in part).

*Syrphus abbreviatus* Osten Sacken, Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., xviii, 144.

**Habitat.**—Connecticut, Massachusetts!, Europe.

"♂, ♀ Length, about 8<sup>mm</sup>. Male. Face yellow; cheeks black, which color coalesces with the brown oral borders, and is connected under the oral opening with the black on the opposite side; in some specimens the facial tubercle is also brownish; third antennal joint brownish, more or less reddish on the under side, sometimes altogether reddish; front yellow; no brown spot above the antennæ; vertex blackish-bronze color. Eyes bare. Thoracic dorsum rather bright brassy-green. Yellow spots on second abdominal segment rather large, obliquely triangular, touching the margin with the apex only; the interval between them moderately broad, equal to about one-third or one-fourth of the breadth of the spot; yellow bands on segments three and four rather broad, much broader than the black band between them; the posterior margin in both is sinuate in the middle, more markedly in the band of the third than of the following segments; the bands do not reach the abdominal margin, and are cut-off obliquely on the sides; the distance of their anterior corner from the margin is very small, however; fourth segment with a narrow yellow border posteriorly; fifth segment yellow with a small transverse black spot in the middle, near the base. Legs yellow, but base of all the femora black; on the hind femora the black occupies one-third or one-half the femur.

Female. Resembles the male, but with the following differences: lower part of the front above the antennæ, yellow; upper part and vertex brownish green; oral border less infuscated, the infuscation being usually distinct in the middle of the excision only; the yellow spots on the second abdominal segment are larger, the interval between them narrower, often linear, sometimes obsolete; the bands on the third and fourth segments are comparatively narrower than in the male; and but little broader than the interval between them; their hind margins are gently concave-sinuate in the middle, and convex-sinuate each side; both bands distinctly reach the abdominal margin; fifth segment yellow, with a triangular black spot in the middle; coxæ black, but femora altogether yellow (the four anterior femora in some specimens are black

at the extreme base only); the hind femora are altogether yellow, thus differing widely from those of the male.

Three male and six female specimens, all from Massachusetts.

A pair (♂ ♀) of European specimens obtained from Dr. Schiner are exactly similar to the American specimens; they also show all the sexual differences, as explained above. Zetterstedt's description agrees very well with my female specimens. In my report on the Diptera of Colorado Territory (U. S. Geol. and Geogr. Surv., etc., by F. V. Hayden, for 1873, p. 564), I mentioned *S. corollæ* as occurring there. I was mistaken in this determination; the specimen is more like *S. abbreviatus*, although I would not without further proof identify it even with this species."—Osten Sacken, l. c.

Four male specimens from Connecticut and Massachusetts agree throughout with the above full description; the second abdominal band in one does, however, distinctly attain the lateral margin of the segment in front. I have a male and a female specimen of *S. corollæ*, received from Mr. F. M. v. d. Wulp, the male of which does not show any difference that I can see from my specimens of *S. abbreviatus*.

#### **Syrphus Americanus.** ✓

*Syrphus Americanus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 129, 22; Osten Sacken, Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., xviii, 145.

*Habitat.*—New England, Montana!, British Possessions, New York, Delaware, Virginia, Michigan, Texas.

♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. "Female. Face yellow, often brownish, with a brown stripe in the middle, which begins at the oral margin, but does not reach the antennæ; the latter brown, reddish on the underside of the third joint. Cheeks blackish; but separated from the mouth by a narrow yellow border, which, on the underside of the mouth completely cuts off the connection between the black color on both sides. Front brownish bronze color, powdered with yellow on each side; the lower part of the front is more or less yellow, but immediately above each antenna there is a brownish spot, which sometimes coalesces with the bronze color of the upper front; vertex bronze color. Eyes bare. The first abdominal cross-band is not interrupted, but coarctate in the middle; its ends do not touch the margin of the abdomen, but are separated from it by a narrow black border; (sometimes a brownish mark in the middle of this band gives it the appearance of being subinterrupted). The second cross-band is nearly as broad as the black cross band between it and the next yellow band; it is usually perfectly straight (in some specimens the hind margin is gently sinuate); its ends do not touch the lateral margin of the abdomen; they are cut obliquely, forming a sharp angle anteriorly, and a rounded one posteriorly; the former almost touches the margin of the abdomen. The third band is similar to the second, only its hind margin is more perceptibly arcuated. The posterior margin of the fourth segment has, as usual, a narrow yellow border; the fifth likewise, and two yellow spots at the base besides.



Femora yellow; the four anterior ones in some specimens brownish at the extreme base only; the hind pair with a more or less distinct brown ring on the distal half; four anterior tibiæ and tarsi yellow; the hind tibiæ sometimes with a brownish ring, the hind tarsi brownish.

Male. Front yellow, with a more or less distinct brown spot above each antenna; cross-bands on the abdomen broader than in the female, and distinctly broader than the black interval between them: posteriorly, they are often nearly straight, sometimes distinctly arcuate, especially the third band. The yellow spots on the second segment are not coalescent, but separated by a narrow black interval (in some specimens sub-coalescent); the fifth segment is yellow, with a black spot in the middle. The four anterior femora are black at the base; the hind femora are usually black, with a yellow tip; sometimes there is a trace of yellow at the base; hind tibiæ usually with a brown ring in the middle.

*Habitat.*—British Possessions, New England, New York, Delaware, Virginia. In Detroit, Mich., in August, I found this to be the most common species. It seems also to be common in Texas. Sixteen males and eight females.

*S. americanus*, ♀, differs from *S. abbreviatus*, ♀, besides being larger, in the presence of a brown stripe in the face, and of brown spots above the antennæ; in the spots of the second segment being altogether coalescent (instead of narrowly interrupted); in the cross-bands not touching (or hardly touching) the abdominal margin, while in *S. abbreviatus* the contact is broad and distinct; in the cross-bands being (in most specimens) more straight, less sinuate posteriorly.

*S. americanus*, ♂, differs from *S. abbreviatus*, ♂, besides being larger, by the brown stripe on the face, the more straight second cross-band (less sinuate posteriorly) and by the coloring of the hind femora. In those specimens of *S. americanus* which have the hind femora altogether blackish, the yellow space at the tip is narrower than the yellow space in ordinary specimens of *S. abbreviatus*, ♂. The yellow spots on the second segment (in all my ♂ specimens) do not touch the lateral margin; the black interval, although small, is distinct; in all my ♂ *abbreviatus* these spots distinctly come in contact with the lateral margin. The oral margin is not infuscated here (except, of course, at the point of contact with the facial brown stripe). Attention should also be paid, in both sexes, to the difference in the extent of the black coloring of the cheeks, as described above."—Osten Sacken, l. c.

A number of specimens from New England and four (♂, ♀) from Montana agree throughout with the preceding description. The front above is rather narrower than usual.

**Syrphus opinator.** ✓

*Syrphus opinator* Osten Sacken, Western Diptera, 327, 1877.

*Habitat.*—Washington Territory, California, Oregon!

♂ ♀ Length, 9 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Male. Eyes glabrous; face, including the cheeks, altogether yellow or reddish yellow; no brown stripe on the

facial triangle: antennæ brown, reddish on the under side; front above the antennæ yellow, the angle between the eyes greenish black, yellowish pruinose, beset with black hair; small brown marks above the root of the antennæ. Thorax metallic bluish-green, densely beset with yellow pile; the broad genimate, grayish stripe in the middle is subobsolete. Scutellum yellowish metallic-opalescent, beset with black pile. Abdomen black, opaque on the anterior, subopaque on the posterior part of the segments; the two yellow spots on the second segment are prolonged anteriorly, so as to reach the lateral margin of the segment at its anterior corner; the two other cross-bands are rather narrow (not much broader than one-fourth of the breadth of the segment), attenuated in the middle (even subinterrupted in one of the specimens); their ends are separated from the lateral margin by a narrow black interval; posterior margin of the fourth segment with a narrow reddish border; that of the fifth still narrower. Legs reddish yellow; proximal half (or nearly so) of the four anterior femora black; hind femora black, except at tip; hind tarsi infuscated. Stigma brownish; both costal cells distinctly tinged with brown.

Two specimens.

Female. I have two specimens, which I refer to this species, on account of their entirely yellow face and the course of the cross-bands, which is nearly the same as in the males; but the femora are entirely reddish yellow, coxæ and trochanters remaining black. Vertex greenish black; front metallic green, densely yellowish pollinose, its lower part reddish yellow, except two brownish marks above the root of the antennæ."—Osten Sacken, l. c.

I have examined nearly fifty specimens of this species, male and female, from California, Oregon, and Washington Territory, which agree closely with the above sufficiently full description. The yellow cheeks and face, bare eyes, and the second and third abdominal cross-bands not reaching the lateral margin will distinguish the species.

**Syrphus geniculatus.** (Plate IV, fig. 3.)

*Syrphus geniculatus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 101, 24; tab., xvii, fig. 5: Osten Sacken, Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., 1875, 159.

*Habitat.*—Newfoundland (Macq.), White Mountains!

♂ Length, 7.5 to 8<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes bare. Antennæ unusually small for a *Syrphus*, short, third joint nearly round; black throughout. Face produced downward and forward, the tubercle prominent; dull yellowish on the sides and below the antennæ, but in large part obscured by a greenish-black reflection, the yellowish part clothed with whitish pollen; cheeks and lower part of the face greenish-black, extending up further in the middle, shining on the tubercle. Frontal triangle greenish-black, thickly covered with yellowish dust, and with long black pile; vertex black. Thorax black, or dark brown with a faint, greenish tinge, and with rather abundant black pile. Pleuræ whitish dusted and with light colored pile; scutellum obscurely yellowish, with black

pile. Halteres yellow; tegulæ with a brownish border. Abdomen elongate oval, black, opaque, only a little shining; second segment with a very small reddish-yellow spot on the sides before the middle; third and fourth segments with a narrow cross-band near the front, broadly and rectangularly interrupted, touching the lateral margin; narrow hind margins of the fourth and fifth segments and anterior angles of the fifth yellow. Legs dark brown; the tips of the femora and base of the tibiæ only narrowly and obscurely yellowish; the hind legs and all the tarsi black, the hind metatarsi a little thickened. Wings obscurely hyaline, the stigma only a little darker, all the veins blackish.

“Differs from *S. umbellatarum* in being a little smaller (about 7.5<sup>mm</sup>); the face in profile is much more projecting, the facial tubercle a metallic blackish-green, which color extends on both sides along the oral border; in the other species the facial tubercle bears a distinct stripe; in the female the sides of the face, powdered with yellow pollen, have a brownish-yellow ground color; the antennæ are inserted on black ground: the front in the female is brownish green, much broader than in *S. umbellatarum*; the pollen on the sides is much less thick; it follows on both sides the orbit of the eye to about one-half the distance between the ocelli and the antennæ, and does not reach as much towards the vertex as in the other species; it does not form a well-defined arch; the glabrous space above the antennæ is smaller. The thorax is brownish green (not bluish green); the scutellum has a stronger bluish metallic reflection: the yellow markings on the abdomen are somewhat narrower, and paler yellow; the four anterior legs are of a darker reddish brown, sometimes almost black, with paler knees; when the legs are paler the base of the femora does not appear abruptly tinged with black, as in *S. umbellatarum*.”—Osten Sacken.

**Syrphus umbellatarum.**

? *Syrphus umbellatarum* Schiner, Fauna Austr., i, p. 307.

? *Syrphus guttatus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 586.

*Syrphus 6-quadratus* Walker, List, etc., 586.

*Syrphus umbellatarum* Osten Sacken, Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., 1875, 151.

*Habitat*.—White Mountains, New Hampshire, Arizona!

“♂, ♀ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ blackish brown. Thorax shining metallic green; pleuræ thickly whitish pollinose and with whitish pile. Abdomen subopaque black, with three interrupted cross-bands, about one-third of the width of the segments, situated on their anterior parts.

“*Female*.—Eyes glabrous. Face yellow, with a whitish pollen almost concealing the ground color; in the middle a brown stripe, crossing the facial prominence, but abruptly stopping before the base of the antennæ; this stripe does not run down on both sides along the oral margin (it does so for a short distance in a very few specimens); oral margin yellow, as well as the cheeks; front and vertex bluish green (not brownish green); the yellowish-gray pollen on the front forms a well-marked arch, sub-interrupted in the middle, leaving bare on one side the vertex,

on the other, a well defined triangle above the antennæ; the sides of this arch run down along the eyes and coalesce with the facial pollen; antennæ inserted on brownish-yellow ground; thorax bluish green; scutellum dull yellow, brown at the extreme ends on each side; it seldom shows any trace of a bluish metallic reflection; the four front legs are reddish yellow, femora black at base; tibiæ with a trace of a brownish ring; tarsi brownish. The abdominal cross-bands usually reach the lateral margins of the segments, but quite often they stop a little distance before, leaving a narrow black border between; their color is reddish or pure yellow, with a more or less distinct whitish pollen, which often gives them a whitish appearance.

*Male*.—The face often, not always, has a more distinct metallic bluish reflection; the oral border is more often bordered with brown here than in the female; the ground color of the abdomen is more opaque.

I compared twenty-five males and sixty-five females, mostly taken by Mr. Morrison in the White Mountains, New Hampshire."—Osten Sacken, l. c.

Several specimens from the White Mountains agree very well with the foregoing description of Baron Osten Sacken. A single female from Arizona does not show any appreciable difference.

*Syrphus xanthostomus*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Pennsylvania!

♂ Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face and cheeks wholly yellow, antennæ reddish yellow, the third joint somewhat brownish above, but little longer than wide, the arista black. Frontal triangle with a small black spot in the middle, gray pollinose along the eyes, black pilose in the middle. Dorsum of thorax shining metallic green, with light colored pile. Scutellum wholly yellow. Abdomen black, but little shining, the three principal bands very broad, attaining the lateral margins in their full width; first band interrupted, the spots narrowly separated, with their inner ends rounded; second and third bands with a narrow but deep emargination in the middle behind; fifth and sixth segments with a yellow hind margin. The black forms narrower bands than the yellow, and does not quite reach the margin. Legs yellow, the tip of hind tibiæ and their tarsi brownish. Wings hyaline, the stigma yellowish.

♀ Front metallic green, yellow below, on the lower half with yellowish pollen. Yellow spots of the second abdominal segment larger, more nearly square, and only narrowly separated.

Two specimens, Pennsylvania (Mr. Keen).

*Syrphus genualis*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—New Hampshire!

♀ Length, 7.5<sup>mm</sup>. Front shining black, with an interrupted band of whitish pollen across the middle. Antennæ yellowish red, the third joint brownish above. Face yellow, a median stripe, the oral margin and the cheeks, deep shining black. Dorsum of thorax shining metal-

the green black, nearly bare. Scutellum wholly light yellow. Abdomen shining black with narrow yellow bands; the first rather narrowly interrupted: the second and third straight, entire, not appreciably narrowed at the margin; fifth and sixth segments with narrow yellow hind margins. Legs yellow; the hind pair, except the base and tip of femora and the base of the tibiæ brown or blackish. Wings hyaline, subcostal cell light yellow.

One specimen, near the base of Mount Washington, August.

**Syrphus simplex.**

*Syrphus simplex* Loew, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., v, 40: Centur. vi, 43.

*Habitat.*—Cuba (Lw.). San Domingo!

♀ Length 8.5<sup>mm</sup>. Steel blue, light yellow pilose, antennæ and legs black, base of front and middle tibiæ and the knees of the hind legs lutescent. Basal half of the wings pure hyaline, tip blackish-cinereous.

Head blackish-steel blue, shining. Face white pollinose, the small tubercle bare. Eyes bare. Antennæ black, third joint ovate. Front briefly black pilose on each side, with a marginal white pollinose stripe extending from the middle of the front to the face. Thorax and scutellum steel blue, shining, clothed with whitish pile. Abdomen whitish pubescent, steel blue, each segment on the posterior part obscure, opaque. Venter steel blue, shining. Legs black; base of front and middle tibiæ and the knees of the hind pair lutescent, hind metatarsi subincrassate. Tegulæ whitish. Halteres sordid lutescent. Wings hyaline, the apical half blackish cinereous, stigma blackish fuscous, third longitudinal vein nearly straight.

One specimen, San Domingo (G. F. Frazar).

**Syrphus quinquelimbatus.**

*Syrphus quinquelimbatus* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 91.

*Habitat.*—California (Bigot).

♀ Long. 9 mill. *Antennis nigris, basi, infernè, fulvo notatis; fronte et facie pallidè flavis, parè fusco tomentosis, vittis medianis nigris pictis, thorace obscurè nitentè, scutello testaceo, flavido tomentosis; calyptris et halteribus pallidi testaceis; abdomine nigro, vittis transversis quinque flavidis, primâ interruptâ, quartâ et quintâ angustis, cunctis ad apicem segmentorum locatis; pedibus pallidè fulvis, imâ basi, tarsis apice latè, nigris, femoribus posticis latè fusco annulatis, tibiis posticis, tarsis, fuscis; alis hyalinis, maculâ stigmaticali longâ, obscurè testaceâ.*

Antennes et chète noirâtres, 3<sup>e</sup> segment assez court, ovalaire et teint en dessous, à la base, d'un peu de fauve; front jaunâtre avec une bande médiane noire élargie à ses deux extrémités, couvert, ainsi que la face, d'un court duvet clairsemé noirâtre, cette dernière d'un jaunâtre clair avec la bande médiane et les joues brunes; thorax d'un noir peu luisant à villosité jaunâtre ainsi que l'écusson lequel est testacé; euillerons blancs, bordés de jaunâtre. balanciers testacés; abdomen noir, villosité jaunâtre assez dense, sise de chaque côté de la base, 2<sup>e</sup> segment avec

deux macules médianes lunulées, allongées, amincies latéralement et atteignant les côtés, 3<sup>e</sup> et 4<sup>e</sup> avec une large bande basilaire, atténuée latéralement et atteignant aussi les côtés, ce dernier ainsi que le 5<sup>e</sup> bordés d'un jaune obscur, tous deux d'un jaune pâle; pieds fauves, hanches, base extrême des cuisses et tarses largement noirs, pieds postérieurs avec un large anneau brunâtre diffus, sur les cuisses, les tibias presque en entier et les tarses d'un brun foncé; ailes hyalines, macule stigmatique allongée, d'un gris jaunâtre. Californie.—1 specim.—Bigot, l. e.

**Syrphus maculifrons.**

*Syrphus maculifrons* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 89.

*Habitat.*—Oregon (Bigot).

*Long.* 10 mill. ♂ *Antennis fulvis, apice nigris, segmento 3<sup>o</sup> ferè orbiculari; frontè fusco tomentosâ; facie flavâ, plus minus rufescente, utriusque pallidiore, ore nigro; thorace ænescente, utriusque obscure flavido; scutello testaceo, parum metallescente; calyptris pallidè fulvis, halteribus flavis; abdomine nigro, utriusque maculis tribus subquadratis flavis; pedibus fulvis, femoribus posticis obscure fusco annulatis, tibiis præter trientem basalem, tarsis plus minus infuscatis; alis obscure hyalinis.* ♀ *Simillima; fronte nigro nitido latè vittatâ.*

♂. Antennes d'un fauve rougeâtre, dessus et extrémité du 3<sup>e</sup> segment noirâtre, ce dernier de forme ovoïde arrondie, chète rougeâtre; front brun à poils noirs, face d'un jaune plus ou moins rougeâtre, bords de l'ouverture buccale et dessous de la callosité, noirs; thorax d'un bronzé obscur à duvet jaunâtre, latéralement teint d'un jaunâtre obscur; flanes noirâtres avec duvet jaunâtre; écusson jaunâtre avec des reflets bronzés, souvent peu marqués; cuillerons testacés, balanciers jaunes; abdomen d'un noir mat, incisions luisantes, 2<sup>e</sup>, 3<sup>e</sup> et 4<sup>e</sup> segments avec, chacun, une grande macule latérale presque carrée, ayant les angles arrondis, 4<sup>e</sup> avec deux macules latérales obliques atteignant les côtés, les derniers segments d'un noir luisant lisérés de fauve; pieds fauves, cuisses postérieures avec un anneau obscur peu distinct, tibias et tarses postérieurs d'un brun plus ou moins foncé, sauf à la base desdits tibias; ailes presque hyalines, macule stigmatique allongée, d'un testacé obscur.

♀ Semblable au mâle, front jaunâtre avec une large bande médiane d'un noir luisant. Amér. septentr. (Mont Hood).—3 ♀, 2 ♀.—Bigot.

ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

**Syrphus agilis** Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent., France, 1884, 92.—Mexico.

**Syrphus Antiphates** Walker, List, etc., iii, 589.—Jamaica.

**Syrphus colludens** Walker, Trans. Ent. Soc., N. Ser. v, 292.—Mexico.

**Syrphus delineatus** Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 1er Suppl., 139; pl. xi, fig. 13.—Mexico.

**Syrphus eupeltatus** Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. France, 1884, 91.

**Syrphus jactator** Loew, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., v, 40; Centur., vi, 46.—Cuba.

**Syrphus limbatus**, Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 133, 30.—West Indies.

*Scaeva limbata* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 251, 10.

**Syrphus mutuus** Say, J. Acad. Phil., vi, 164, 2; Compl. Wr., ii, 358.—Mexico.

**Syrphus nigripes** Loew, Centur., vi, 44.—Cuba.

**Syrphus praeustus** Loew, Centur., vi, 45.—Cuba.

**Syrphus quadrifasciatus** Bigot, in R. de la Sagra, etc., 804; pl. 20, fig. 5.—Cuba.

**Syrphus radiatus** Bigot, in R. de la Sagra, etc., 804.—Cuba.

**Syrphus stegnus** Say, J. Acad. Phil., vi, 163, 1; Compl. Wr., ii, 358.—Mexico.

## DIDEA.

*Didea* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 508, 1834.

*Enica* Meigen, Syst. Besch., vii, 140, 1838.

Large, metallic black, not bare species, with flattened yellow or greenish-yellow banded abdomen. Head hemispherical, broader than the thorax. Antennæ short, third joint oval, with a basal, bare arista. Face gently concave below the antennæ to the obtuse tubercle, thence receding; chiefly yellow. Eyes contiguous in the male, bare or pilose. Thorax without yellow on the dorsum, though it may be pollinose near the sides. Scutellum yellow translucent. Abdomen broadly oval and flattened, broader and much longer than the thorax. All the legs slender. Wings comparatively short and broad; third vein with a considerable sinuosity bending into the first posterior cell; otherwise as in *Syrphus*. Type of genus, *D. fasciata* Macquart, Europe.

This genus cannot be distinctly separated from *Syrphus*; as its chief characteristic, the curvature of the third vein, is also found in one of the varieties of *Syrphus arcuatus*. It is, however, useful, and may be retained.

### TABLE OF SPECIES.

- 1.—Third joint of antennæ obtusely pointed at tip; eyes bare; abdominal cross-bands broader toward, but not quite reaching, the lateral margin of the abdomen **fuscipes**  
 Third joint of antennæ obtusely rounded at the tip **2**
- 2.—Eyes bare; cross-bands broadly interrupted. (See *Syrphus arcuatus* var. *lapponicus*.)  
 Eyes thinly pilose; the abdominal cross-bands reach narrowly quite to the lateral margin **laxa**

#### **Didea fasciata fuscipes.**

*Didea fuscipes* Loew, Centur., iv, 82; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 245, note 212.

*Habitat*.—Connecticut, Pennsylvania!

♂, ♀ Length, 11<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes bare. Antennæ black, the third joint at the base sometimes reddish, elongate oval, obtusely pointed at the tip; arista reddish. Face yellow, with a small, elongate, brownish spot on the tubercle. Front yellow, with two brownish spots above the antennæ, or, in the female, with an inverted V-shaped brown stripe connected with the black of the upper part of the front. Orbits thickly yellowish pollinose, and with a fringe of yellowish-whitish pile. Thorax shining greenish black, on the meso, ptero, and sternopleuræ yellow, thickly covered with similar colored pollen and pile. Scutellum light yellow, translucent. Abdomen black, with four yellow cross-bands, the first

consisting of two large ovate spots, narrowly separated and reaching the lateral margins; second and third cross-bands broad, separated from the lateral margins by a black narrow border; they are much narrower in the middle of the segments, the front margin straight, touching the anterior edge of the segments; fourth band similar, but much smaller; posterior margin of the segments shining, dilated in the middle. Legs brown, the posterior tibiae and all the tarsi blackish; sometimes the legs are luteous, the base of femora, distal portion of tibiae, and the tarsi brown. Wings grayish hyaline, the base before the humeral cross vein and the stigma brown, the remainder of the subcostal cell and the costal cell may be brownish; third vein rather deeply curved near the middle of the first posterior cell.

Three specimens, Connecticut, Pennsylvania (S. Anxer, E. Keen).

This species, as it has been called, shows but slight differences from *D. fasciata* of Europe. The propriety of separating them specifically is, to say the least, very doubtful. The only real difference appears to be that the legs are a little lighter colored. In a single specimen that I have from Holland the bands are narrower on the abdomen and the brownish color of the wings fainter; the legs are black, with the base of the tibiae reddish.

*Didea laxa*. (Plate IV, figs. 4, 4a.)

*Didea laxa* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci., iii, 56; Cat. Dipt., 245, note 212.

*Habitat*.—New Hampshire, California, Washington Territory, Oregon!, Michigan, Maine (O. S.).

♂, ♀ Length, 10 to 13<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes pilose, more distinctly so in the male. Antennæ black, third joint oval, obtusely rounded on the end; arista black. Face yellow, with a broad shining black or brown stripe, not reaching the antennæ. Cheeks brown. Frontal triangle black, yellowish dusted along the eyes, pile black; front in female shining black; on the sides the yellowish-gray dust extends up along the eyes and expands in the middle, nearly meeting. Thorax blackish metallic green, shining. Scutellum dull brownish yellow, with a slight greenish or bluish metallic luster. Pleuræ with a whitish vertical stripe. Abdomen black or bluish black, with greenish-yellow cross-bands; on the second segment two large oval spots, reaching (rarely narrowly separated from) the lateral margins; third and fourth segments each with a cross band, extending narrowly quite to the lateral margins, biconvex behind, and with a sharp posterior notch in the middle, in some specimens distinctly interrupted; fourth segment behind narrowly yellow in the middle, forming with the anterior angles of the fifth an entire cross-band; fifth segment behind yellow; pile on the black portions black, elsewhere yellowish. Venter black, the second, third, and fourth segments each with a broad cross-band, narrowed in the middle. Legs yellowish red; proximal half of front and middle femora black, hind femora black, except at tip; hind tibiae with a brown ring in the middle, some-



times extending over the whole tibiæ: front and middle tarsi brownish, except the base and tip; hind tarsi on the three intermediate joints blackish; the metatarsi also sometimes blackish. Wings with a grayish tinge; stigma brownish: veins on basal part red; curvature of the third vein more shallow than in *D. fuscipes*.

Three specimens from the White Mountains (Dr. George Dimmock, 1506) and thirty-three from Oregon and Washington Territory; also, three from California. In some of the Western specimens the front and middle tibiæ have a small brownish ring.

This species corresponds to *D. alneti* of Europe.

## XANTHOGRAMMA.

*Xanthogramma* Schiner, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., iv, 215, 1860.

Moderately large, nearly bare, species, black, with yellow markings on head, thorax, and abdomen. Antennæ shorter than the head, third joint oval, arista basal, bare. Face yellow, tuberculate. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male; front long in the female, narrowed above. Thorax with yellow lateral stripes. Scutellum yellow, its base black. Abdomen more than twice as long as, and wider than, the thorax; elliptical or with the sides nearly parallel, not club-shaped. Legs simple, slender. Wings as in *Syrphus*, the third vein often gently curved into the first posterior cell. Type of genus *X. ornata* Meigen, Europe.

This genus cannot be sharply distinguished from *Syrphus*, as, except in *aequalis* and *flavipes*, the lateral dorsal stripes are not much more conspicuous than in certain species of *Syrphus*.

### TABLE OF SPECIES.

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| 1.—Dorsum of thorax before the scutellum with two coalescent light yellow spots;<br>wings with a brown anterior margin | <b>aequalis</b>   |
| Dorsum of thorax without yellow spots on the hind margin; wings not brown in<br>front                                  | 2                 |
| 2.—Pleurae with light yellow spots   | <b>flavipes</b>   |
| Pleurae without distinct light yellow spots  | 3                 |
| 3.—The yellow band on the second abdominal segment attains the lateral margin.   | <b>emarginata</b> |
| The yellow band of the second segment is separated by a distinct black interval<br>from the lateral margin             | 4                 |
| 4.—All the cross-bands of abdomen broadly interrupted  | <b>divisa</b>     |
| All the cross-bands not broadly interrupted  | <b>felix</b>      |

#### *Xanthogramma felix*.

*Xanthogramma felix* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci., iii, 67; Cat. Dipt., 126 and 217, note 215; Williston, Proc. Phil. Soc., xx, 311.

*Habitat*.—Illinois, New York (O. S.), Connecticut!

“♀ Length 9.5 to 10.5<sup>mm</sup>. Face and cheeks yellow (in all my specimens, except one, the face has the brownish-red tinge, which the faces

of *Syrphus* sometimes assume); vertex dark metallic green, emitting a stripe of the same color, which reaches the base of the antennæ, where it expands a little; between this stripe and the eyes the front is yellow. Antennæ black, sometimes faintly reddish on the under side, near the suture of the second and third joints; third joint rather large, oval, blunt. Thoracic dorsum of a rather bright metallic green; on each side a yellow stripe runs from the humerus to the callosity near the scutellum; the latter yellow, the extreme base and corners blackish, or brown. Pleuræ with a large, ill-defined yellow spot below the wings. First abdominal segment with a yellow spot each side (just under the halteres); the first cross-band, (on the second segment), is either interrupted by a very narrow black line in the middle, or entire; the second band is crenate in the middle, its hind margin being a shallow obtuse angle; the same may be said of the third band, except that the obtuse angle is deeper, and often has a notch in the middle, which sometimes cuts the band in two; there is a narrow fourth band at the base of the fifth segment, encroaching upon the hind margin of the preceding segment; the fifth segment has a narrow yellow posterior margin. Legs yellow, hind-legs black or brown, except the base of the femora, and a space on both sides of the knees. Wings with a distinct brownish tinge on the distal half, anteriorly; stigma brownish; sometimes the whole wing has a brownish yellow tinge.

“Habitat, West Point, N. Y., in September 8–10, three females; Illinois; Pennsylvania. (The specimen from the latter locality is smaller, wings more hyaline, legs and antennæ of a paler color). The first and third bands are as often interrupted as not; the second often shows a vestige of an interruption in the shape of an indistinct blackish line in the middle.”—Osten Sacken, l. c.

A single female specimen from Connecticut (Dr. L. T. Day) agrees very well with the foregoing description, except that the third joint of the antennæ is black above and at the tip, and the other joints are reddish. The first and third cross-bands of the abdomen are narrowly interrupted, the second entire, but emarginate behind.

***Xanthogramma divisa*.**

*Xanthogramma divisa* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 311.

*Habitat*.—Washington Territory, White Mountains!

♀ Length 9 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Face and cheeks yellow, or reddish-yellow. Face nearly perpendicular, gently concave below the antennæ, and with a large obtuse tubercle below. Front above metallic greenish-black, continued as a broad stripe to the base of the antennæ, somewhat expanded below; on the sides yellow. Antennæ black; somewhat reddish below on the sides of the second, and of the third joint near the base. Dorsum of thorax deep metallic green, with rather ill-defined yellow lateral stripes. Pleuræ with a large ill-defined spot. Scutellum a somewhat translucent yellow, its base narrowly black. Abdomen:

first segment with a small yellow spot on each side, just under the halteres: second segment with an oval spot on each side, not reaching the lateral margin, somewhat attenuated toward the inner end; third and fourth with large rectangular spots separated by nearly their own width, and not quite reaching the lateral margin; fifth with an anterior fascia, narrower in the middle, and encroaching slightly upon the preceding segment. Legs yellow, anterior and middle femora sometimes narrowly brown annulate near the base; posterior legs mostly brownish or blackish, except the base of femora, and broadly on the knees. Wings hyaline with a slight smoky tinge; stigma yellowish.

Eight specimens, Washington Territory, and a single female from the White Mountains, New Hampshire, July 25.

This species is very closely related to *X. felix*, and I am not at all sure but that it may be the same. The broadly interrupted bands of the abdomen, however, seem to indicate a specific difference. The abdomen in all my specimens is broadest at the tip of the third segment; in my single specimen of *X. felix* it attains its full width at the end of the second.

***Xanthogramma emarginata.***

*Scara emarginata* Say, J. Acad. Phil., iii, 91, 5; Compl. Wr., ii, 79.

*Syrphus emarginatus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 119, 4.

? *Allograpta emarginata* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 126. (The query is Osten Sacken's.)

*Habitat.*—Florida, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire!

♂ ♀ Length, 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Face wholly yellow (or reddish-yellow). Antennæ reddish; the third joint near the base and on upper part blackish. Frontal triangle, just above the antennæ, with two blackish spots, connected by a brownish arcuated band; elsewhere the triangle is yellowish pollinose. Front in female shining metallic green: on the sides, from a little below the ocelli, yellow like the face, and yellow pollinose; pile black. Thorax shining bronze-green, with a rather broad, not conspicuous yellow stripe on each side; an ill defined yellow spot on the pleuræ. Scutellum translucent yellow, with black and yellow pile. Abdomen opaque black; first segment shining, yellow on the sides, near the halteres; second segment with the extreme front angles yellow, and two large, oval spots, narrowly separated, and only a little attenuated before the lateral margins, which they touch; third segment narrowly yellow at the anterior angles, and near the middle with a broad yellow cross-band, not attenuated at the sides, separated from the lateral margins, or the anterior angles only, nearly touching, behind in the middle with a broad, angular emargination, reaching about half way through the band; posterior edge of the third segment also narrowly yellow, but not reaching the sides, forming with the yellow margin of the next segment a narrow, gently arcuate band; fourth segment with a similar median cross-band, but the posterior emargination deeper, and more acute, nearly cutting the band in two (in some speci-

mens distinctly interrupted). the posterior margin of the segment is more broadly yellow: fifth segment with a triangular basal spot on each side, and the posterior margin yellow. Legs yellow: the hind femora and tibiæ with a rather broad ring, and the hind tarsi brown. Wings hyaline; stigma light yellowish.

A single specimen, from Professor Riley's collection, labelled "269, found under bark of cotton tree, Fla. Apr. 20, '74." Another specimen was received from Mr. Eugene Keen, of Philadelphia, collected in Pennsylvania; also three males and one female, collected by myself, near the base of Mt. Washington, near evening, July 25.

In a specimen from the White Mountains, examined since the above was written, I find the spots of the second segment distinctly separated from the lateral margin. It might readily be confounded with specimens of *X. felix*, but the species offers other distinct differences. In *X. emarginata* the last section of the fourth vein is longer and more oblique; the first posterior cell broader; the first pair of abdominal spots are more broadly separated, and the two following bands more rounded on their posterior angles; the black of the abdomen is less shining, the dorsum of the thorax more metallic than in the two specimens of *X. felix* known to me.

#### **Xanthogramma flavipes.**

*Doros flavipes* Loew, Centur., iv, 83.

*Habitat.*—Pennsylvania, Connecticut!, New York (O. S.)

♂, ♀ Length, 7 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Head pure light sulphur-yellow; in the female the front much narrowed above, with a slender black stripe reaching from the black vertex to the base of the antennæ. First joint of antennæ yellow; second joint yellowish reddish; third joint blackish, reddish toward the base below, rounded, larger in the female. In the male an inverted V-shaped ridge above the antennæ, with a small black dot in the apex. Face considerably receding, with a prominent tubercle below the middle; pile yellow, on the posterior orbits white. Thorax shining greenish black, the lateral stripes entire, bright yellow, sharply distinguished; on the pleuræ, a middle stripe, reaching on the sterno-pleura, a spot above the anterior coxæ, and the sides of the metanotum, yellow. Scutellum light yellow along its margin, black at the base. Abdomen velvety black. In the male the first segment shining; second segment with a broadly interrupted yellow fascia near the front part; third segment with the broadest fascia entire, on the front part, emarginate behind; fourth segment similar, and also on the hind border narrowly yellow, not reaching the sides, but forming with the anterior angles of the fifth segment a strongly arcuated band, the latter segment yellow behind; hypopygium blackish; third segment across the middle with a narrow shining fascia, which in some specimens may be reddish; fourth segment with a broader shining cross-band; fifth wholly so. In the female the first three cross-bands are narrower than in the male, of an even width, not interrupted nor emarginate, the shining

fasciæ across the second, third, and fourth segments are broader and sometimes quite reddish or yellowish in the middle; pile yellow on the yellow portions, black elsewhere. Legs yellow; the hind tarsi reddish or blackish, except the last two joints. Wings hyaline; the stigma yellowish.

Six specimens from Connecticut. This species is found usually in thick, shady vegetation, in damp places.

*Xanthogramma æqualis*. (Plate IV, fig. 6.)

*Doros æqualis* Loew, Centur., iv, 74.

*Habitat*.—Pennsylvania (Lw.), District of Columbia!

♀ Length, 8<sup>mm</sup>. Face bright yellow, a brown spot on the cheeks, and a small faint one on the tubercle. Antennæ black, the basal joints and base of the third joint reddish. Front rather narrow above; yellow, black at the vertex, continued as a rather narrow black stripe to the base of the antennæ. Thorax black, nearly bare; near the middle of the dorsum with two faint pollinose stripes; on the lateral margin with a narrow, well-defined, bright-yellow stripe; on the posterior margin, with a rather small transverse yellow spot, cut in two, or nearly so, by a rectangular black emargination in front. Pleuræ with two oval, bright yellow spots, one on the sterno-plenræ and one above the front coxæ. Scutellum reddish, blackish at the base, along its border with a row of short, light-colored hairs. Abdomen cylindrical in front, compressed behind, shining black, with rather narrow bright-yellow bands, as follows: An arcuate band near the middle of the second segment; a straight one at the base of the third segment; one at the base and one at the posterior margin of the fourth segment, the posterior one dilated in the middle; on the posterior margin of the third segment there is a small median yellow spot, and on the fifth segment there is a slender longitudinal stripe, not quite reaching the anterior margin. Venter with four yellow cross bands, the first three rather broad, and situated upon the posterior margin of the preceding and anterior margin of the following segments; the fourth band is linear, and situated upon the hind margin of the fourth segment. Legs yellow; the femora broadly, in the middle (especially the hind pair), the tip of the hind tibiæ, and the hind tarsi, reddish or brownish. Wings nearly hyaline, along the front border rather narrowly and equally brown.

♂ Length, 9.5<sup>mm</sup>. Head yellow, vertical triangle and occiput black, the latter white pollinose on the margin. Frontal lupule, antennæ, and cheeks blackish pitchy. Thorax black, clothed with lutescent and whitish blackish pile; dorsum on each side with a yellow stripe, and on the [posterior] margin with two confluent spots; besides these, with two, more obsolete, whitish pollinose stripes. Pleuræ yellow bimaculate. Scutellum testaceous. Abdomen of equal width, black, shining, with three narrow yellow fasciæ: the first moderately arcuate, in the middle of the second segment; second and third straight, at the base of the segments, both narrowly interrupted: basal fascia of fifth seg-

ment concealed: posterior margins of third and fourth segments yellow, fifth segment with a yellow triangle. Venter black, with three narrow fasciæ and the hind margin of the fifth segment yellow. Anterior femora fuscous, on their posterior sides fuscous black, on the apical third yellow; hind femora fuscous black, base luteous, tip yellow; tibiæ yellow, distal half of the hind ones fuscous ochraceous; anterior tarsi luteous, hind ones ochraceous fuscous. Wings very dilutely subinfusate, costa broadly and of equal width, clouded with fuscous.—Translation from Loew., l. c.

A single female from Virginia, for which I am indebted to the kindness of Mr. Theo. Pergande, belongs, I believe, to this species, notwithstanding the differences from Loew's description in the markings of the abdomen and legs. It is a very striking species, and may perhaps be a true *Doros*.

An examination of the type specimen assures me that the male and female here described belong together.

## ALLOGRAPTA.

*Allograpta* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci. iii, 49, 1876.

Elongate, small, bare species, thorax with yellow lateral stripes, the abdomen with yellow bands, and on the fourth and fifth segments with two slender median stripes and oblique side spot. Eyes in the male with an area of distinctly enlarged facets on upper part. C cells as in *Syrphus*. Thorax without median cinereous dorsal stripe. In this latter and in other respects as in *Syrphus*. Type of genus, *A. obliqua* Say.

### TABLE OF SPECIES.

Face wholly yellow, or in the middle only faintly brownish obliqua. ✓  
 "Face with a bluish black stripe, extending from the oral margin to the antennæ." fracta.

#### *Allograpta obliqua*. ✓

*Scaeva obliqua* Say, J. Acad. Phil. iii, 89, 2; Compl. Wr. ii, 78.

*Syrphus obliquus* Say, Amer. Ent., pl. xi; Compl. Wr. i, 23; Wiedemann, Auss.

Zw. Ins., ii, 133, 39 (translation from Say); Schiner, Novara Exped., 353, 43.

*Syrphus securiferus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 100, 22; id., ibid., 1er Snppl., 139. (female). (Type compared by Osten Sacken.)

*Sphærophoria Bacchides* Walker, List, etc. 594. (Type compared by Osten Sacken.)

*Syrphus dimensus* Walker, Dipt. Saunders., 235. (Type compared by Osten Sacken.)

*Syrphus signatus* v. d. Wulp, Tijds. v. Ent., x, 144, 15; pl. iv, fig. 12.

*Allograpta obliqua* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci., iii, 49; Cat. Dipt., 126 and note 214; v. d. Wulp, Tijds. v. Ent., xxvi, 1, 33; pl. i, fig. 1.

*Habitat*.—Atlantic and Pacific States! Argentine Republic (v. d. Wulp).

♂, ♀. Length, 6 to 7<sup>mm</sup>. Face yellow, often with a bluish reflection, slightly brownish on the tubercle. Frontal triangle yellow; front in the

female shining black on the vertex, continued as a broad stripe (broadest below) to the antennæ; on the sides the yellow of the face continues up along the eyes nearly to the ocelli. Antennæ reddish-brown, blackish on the upper part of the third joint. Thorax deep shining green, on the sides with a yellow stripe, reaching from the humeri to the suture, where it is sharply truncate; post-alar callosity also yellow. Scutellum wholly light yellow, faintly reddish on the disk; pile black. Abdomen black, or brown; first segment, except a slender transverse spot on each side behind, yellow; second segment with a slender yellow anterior fascia, and a broader one in the middle, about a third of the width of the segment, straight and but slightly widened at the sides; third segment with a broad areolate band, not quite touching the posterior angles on the sides; fourth segment with two slender parallel stripes, leaving a slender black stripe between them, on each side a broader, oblique, oval spot, touching, or narrowly separated from the anterior end of the yellow longitudinal stripe, and reaching to the posterior angles; fifth segment similar, but the side spots less oblique. Legs light yellow; last three joints of all the tarsi, the hind tibiæ, except the base and a middle ring, and a ring on outer part of hind femora, brownish. Wings hyaline, veins black.

A widely spread and common species. I have it from Connecticut, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Colorado, California, and Washington Territory. Schiner and v. d. Wulp record it from South America.

***Allograpta fracta.***

*Allograpta fracta* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 331.

*Habitat.*—California (O. S.)!

“♂ Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Face, including the frontal triangle, pale yellow, slightly opalescent; a bluish-black stripe extends from the oral edge to the antennæ, forming a semicircle above them. Antennæ reddish, third segment brown along the upper edge, vertex black. Thorax bright metallic green, a pale yellow stripe on each side between the humerus and the root of the wings; ante-scutellar [post-alar] callosity yellowish; scutellum of a saturate yellow, the extreme corners dark; halteres with yellow knobs. First abdominal segment metallic greenish black, its extreme anterior margin only yellow; the rest of the abdomen black, opaque; an interrupted yellow cross-band on the second segment equal to about one-third the segment in breadth; a somewhat broader, slightly arched, and not interrupted yellow cross-band on the third segment; on the fourth, two narrow, parallel, longitudinal lines in the middle, and an obliquely-placed, large, oval spot on each side of them, yellow; the narrow fifth segment shows a yellow picture, somewhat resembling that of the fourth segment. Legs yellow; tip of tarsi brownish; hind femora with a brown ring before the tip; hind tibiæ with two such rings, one before the middle, the other before the tip; hind tarsi brown, except the under side of the first joint. Wings hyaline; stigma brownish yellow.

“*Habitat*.—Santa Monica, California, February 20, 1876. A single male.”

The chief differences that this description shows from *A. obliqua* are in the black stripe on the face, and the first abdominal segment being black.

### MESOGRAPTA.

*Toxomerus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 5e Suppl., 92, 1855. 1892

*Mesogramma* Loew, Centur., vi, 47, 1865.

*Mesograptia* Loew, Centur., vol. ii, p. 290, 1872.

Small, somewhat elongate species, thinly pilose, shining black, with yellow markings on head, thorax, and abdomen. Head hemispherical, face small, short, prominent in the middle. Antennæ situated near the middle of the head in profile, short, third joint oval, arista basal, bare. Eyes narrowly contiguous in the male, midway between the antennæ and ocelli; vertical triangle long, acute; front in female longer than the face, narrowed toward the vertex. Ocelli in both sexes remote from the vertex. Dorsum of thorax with a median cinereous linear stripe and lateral yellow margins. Scutellum black, with yellow border. Legs rather slender; hind femora in the male sometimes thickened and arcuate. Wings as in *Syrphus*. Type of genus, *M. parvula* Loew, North America.

The species are very variable in the coloring of the abdomen, and caution should be used in founding new species on such differences. Indeed here, as elsewhere in this family, specific characters are usually more or less doubtful when not based upon some structural differences.

#### TABLE OF SPECIES.

1.—Hind femora in male thickened and arcuate, the tibiæ dilated at tip	<i>geminata</i>
Hind femora in male simple	2
2.—Scutellum yellow; legs yellow, except the hind tarsi	3
Scutellum black with a yellow margin; front of female much narrowed above:	
hind femora in part black	<i>parvula</i> , <i>Boscii</i>
Scutellum black or brown with a yellow border; front of female above only a little narrowed; hind femora wholly yellow	<i>marginata</i> , var. ✓
3.—Front of female only a little narrowed above; third-fifth abdominal segments with narrow lateral yellow margins	<i>marginata</i> ✓
Front of female much narrowed above; third-fifth abdominal segments not yellow on the margins	<i>polita</i> ✓

For other species, see descriptions, and also appendix.

#### *Mesograptia polita*. ✓

*Scæva polita* Say, J. Acad. Phil., iii, 68; Compl. Wr., ii, 77.

*Syrphus politus* Say, Amer. Entom., i, pl. xi, fig. 3; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 132, 28.

*Syrphus cingulatus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 4e Suppl., 155, 53. (Type compared by Osten Sacken.)

*Syrphus hecticus* Jaenicke, Neue Exot. Dipt., 90.

*Habitat*.—North Carolina, Kansas, Connecticut, Georgia!, Cuba, (O. S.).



♂, ♀ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Face yellow, with whitish dust on the sides, antennæ a little more reddish yellow, narrowly brownish or blackish above. Frontal triangle yellow; vertical triangle black, pollinose in front of the ocelli. Front in female black, rather thickly yellowish-whitish pollinose; on the sides below the ocelli narrowly yellow. Occiput grayish-yellowish pollinose, silvery on the sides. Median cinereous stripe of thorax very distinct; on the upper border of the yellow lateral stripe indistinctly glaucous green; between these and the middle stripe the color is brownish or olivaceous, indistinctly divided by a cinereous line, the beginning of which in front is dilated and very distinct. Pleuræ shining metallic, with three yellow spots, viz., one on the meso, one on the sterno-pleuræ, and one above the front coxæ, smaller than the others. Scutellum wholly yellow, somewhat reddish on the disk. Abdomen shining black; first segment yellow at the base and sides; second segment with a broad median entire yellow cross-band; third and fourth in the female with a narrow yellow anterior border, and a slender median line, passing through the rather narrow interruptions of the rather broad median yellow cross-bands; fifth segment yellow, except two reetangular, parallel, more or less confluent black spots. In the male the third and fourth segments are yellow or yellowish red, except a pair of black lines on each side, like the three sides of a square, more or less indistinct; fifth segment and the hypopygium wholly yellow. Legs bright yellow; hind tarsi reddish, the terminal joints blackish. Wings nearly hyaline, the stigma dilutely yellow.

Thirty specimens.

**Mesograpta parvula.** ↓

*Mesogramma parvula* Loew, Centur., vi., 47.

*Mesograpta parvula* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 125.

*Habitat.*—Georgia!, Florida (Lw.).

♂, ♀ Length, 5 to 6<sup>mm</sup>. Black, somewhat metallic. Face yellow, silvery pollinose on the sides. Antennæ yellowish, somewhat infuscated. Front in female very narrow above, shining greenish black, bronzed at vertex, yellow on the sides below the vertex. Cheeks black; lateral posterior orbits silvery. Median dorsal cinereous stripe only moderately distinct, on either side of which, and more outwardly, separated by a more shining stripe, a second, more olivaceous, less shining one. Pleuræ shining bluish black with a yellow spot on the mesopluræ, and a more whitish one below; no spot above the front coxæ. Scutellum black, with a yellow margin. Abdomen black; opaque, except the first segment, an anterior and posterior band on the second, and a posterior band on the following segments, shining; yellow markings as follows: base of the first segment, sometimes a slender band on the second, entire or interrupted, a broader anterior band on the third and fourth segments, interrupted, and produced into a process posteriorly at the inner ends; in the interrupted spaces a slender longitudinal stripe; on

the fifth segment a broadly interrupted fascia, in the male more slender than in the female, sometimes yellow with three large oval longitudinal spots. Legs yellow: hind femora with a rather broad, preapical, black ring; the hind tibiæ, except the base and tip, black: hind tarsi more or less reddish, blackish toward the tip. Wings nearly hyaline, stigma subfuscous.

One male and two female specimens from Georgia. The males have the abdomen obscurely brownish reddish beyond the second segment, with narrow indistinct blackish markings. From *M. geminata*, which it closely resembles, it may be distinguished by the hind femora, which are perfectly straight, and somewhat compressed, not curved and cylindrical; the fifth abdominal segment is, in the female, in *M. parvula* much longer proportionally than in *M. geminata*.

**Mesograpta marginata.**

*Scaeva marginata* Say, J. Acad. Phil., ii, 92, 6; Compl. Wr., ii, 80.

*Syrphus marginatus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 146, 52.

*Mesogramma planiventris* Loew, Centur., vi, 49.

*Syrphus Quintius* Walker, Dipt. Saunders., 239.

*Mesograpta marginata* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 125.

*Habitat.*—Atlantic, Southern, Middle, and Pacific States!

♀ Length, 5 to 6<sup>mm</sup> Face whitish yellow, thinly pollinose, cheeks black. Antennæ reddish yellow, a little fuscous above; arista black. Front only moderately narrowed above, greenish black, shining at the vertex, lightly yellowish pollinose below; on the sides below the ocelli narrowly yellow like the face; posterior orbits yellowish pollinose, in some reflections silvery. Dorsum of thorax olivaceous black, but little shining, median cinereous stripe distinct, bordered narrowly on each side with brownish; pleuræ shining greenish black; beside the yellow spots on the meso and sterno pleuræ, there is a third, minute one, above the front coxæ. Scutellum yellow, with black pile. Abdomen black, shining, narrowly margined with yellow; oval, flattened; first segment at the base, second segment with a median cross-band, third and fourth segments each with a median line and a somewhat oblique large spot on each side attaining the base of the segment, fifth segment with two oblique spots confluent at the tip, yellow. Legs yellow, the hind tarsi a little brownish, blackish at the tip. Wings nearly hyaline.

This description applies to twenty specimens from New York and Connecticut, which agree quite with Say's description, and hence may be considered as the typical *marginata*. This species is variable, scarcely any two specimens being precisely alike in the abdominal markings, which makes it seem strange that Loew should base a species upon such characters. The head in the male differs only in the frontal triangle being yellow and the vertical triangle black. Of the different variations in the abdomen the following are such as my specimens show:

Ten specimens from Colorado, all males, are rather smaller than the Eastern specimens and have the scutellum wholly yellow, except a faint

reddish color on the disk, the yellow band of the second abdominal segment rather broad, and the third and following segments wholly obscurely reddish yellow, except a small circular black spot on the middle of the fifth segment; on two of these are small obscure blackish marks on the third and fourth segments. Three more males from Colorado and four from Western Kansas have the black longitudinal and transverse spots very distinct, so that in most of them the yellow is confined to oblique spots nearly as in the typical form. A single female from Colorado, another from Montana, and several from Western Kansas, have the oblique spots of the third and fourth segments coalescent, leaving only two minute spots in the middle near the front, and on the fifth segment there are a circular median spot and two oblique lateral elongated ones; others, females, have the yellow spots distinct, as in the typical form.

In several female specimens from Georgia and Florida the abdomen is chiefly black, the first segment nearly wholly so, the second either wholly black or with two small yellow spots, and the yellow triangles of the following segments small and slender; in some the scutellum is distinctly darker above, in one almost blackish on the disk; the specimen from Montana, however, shows the same blackish color, and here the yellow spots of the abdomen are confluent. A dozen other specimens from Georgia and Florida present no essential differences from the Western and Northern ones. Specimens from the White Mountains are precisely similar to the first-mentioned males from Colorado, and, hence, it is probable that such specimens will usually be found in high altitudes or latitudes. Specimens from Connecticut agree with all the variations previously mentioned; others from Washington Territory and California offer no peculiarities.

I have no doubt from the study of the material here described that *planiventris* is purely a synonym of *marginata*. The only point in which it appears to differ from the typical varieties is in the greater amount of yellow on the abdomen,—the black on the third and fourth segments confined to two median spots and a posterior interrupted transverse band dilated at the angles, and the fifth segment with only a single spot. Such specimens occur in Connecticut and Colorado, as well as Florida, whence the species was described.

One female specimen from Connecticut and two from California, although otherwise not differing from the more typical form, have the scutellum a deep shining black, narrowly edged with yellow. There are so many intermediate forms that this character, though a striking one, is not of specific value.

Two male specimens from Florida (Professor Riley) have the abdomen wholly reddish yellow, except two small spots on the first segment. I am not sure that they belong to this species.

**Mesograpta geminata.** (Plate IV figs. 5, 5a.)

*Scara geminata* Say, J. Acad. Phil., iii, 92, 7; Compl. Wr., ii, 80.

*Syrphus geminatus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 145, 50.

*Syrphus interrogans* Walker, Dipt. Saund., 238.

*Eumerus priverus* Walker, l. c. 225.

*Toxomerus notatus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 5<sup>e</sup> Suppl., 93, pl. v, fig. 4.

*Mesogramma geminata* Schiner, Novara Exped., 347, note.

*Mesograpta geminata* O. Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. N. Sci.; Cat. Dipt., 125.

*Toxomerus geminatus* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 310.

*Habitat.*—Atlantic and Pacific States!, South America (Schiner).

♂ ♀ Length, 5 to 6<sup>mm</sup> Face, frontal triangle, and antennæ, light yellow, the face with white pollen on the sides, the antennæ sometimes a little brownish. Front in female much narrowed above, shining black, narrowly yellow on the sides on the lower half. Posterior orbits thickly whitish dusted. Dorsum of thorax shining black, with opaque linear stripes, the lateral stripes entire, the median cinereous stripe only moderately distinct. Pleuræ shining greenish black; an oval yellow spot on the meso-pleuræ, and a smaller more whitish one below it, narrowly separated. Scutellum with an entire yellow margin. Abdomen broadest at the tip of the third segment; broadly flattened oval in the female; shining black, variable, usually with yellow markings as follows: first segment at the base; second segment with a narrow median cross-band, attenuated in the middle and interrupted; third and fourth segments with a slender median stripe, broader toward the front, and a pair of large spots on the anterior margin, on the third dilated behind on the ends; on the fourth rather deeply marginate on each side behind, the ends rounded and extending backward; fifth segment with the anterior angles yellow and sometimes two projections from the anterior margin near the middle; hypopygium reddish yellow, on the half above shining black. In other specimens the yellow cross-band of the second segment may be confined to a small spot on each side or wholly wanting, the median stripe of the third and fourth segment wholly wanting, on the fourth only four small anterior spots, those on the anterior angles of the fifth very small, and the hypopygium almost wholly black. Front and middle legs yellow; hind femora black, except the base, in the female less extensive, often only a brown ring; hind tibiæ indistinctly biannulate with brown; and the hind tarsi brownish. Wings nearly hyaline, veins mostly black.

Twelve specimens from California, Washington Territory, and Connecticut.

**Mesograpta aurulenta**, n. sp.

*Habitat.*—San Domingo!

♂ Length, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>. Face and frontal triangle light translucent yellow; cheeks narrowly shining black, behind and on the posterior orbits with a greenish tinge, covered with light yellowish pollen. Eyes briefly contiguous; vertical triangle black, elongate; ocelli remote from the vertex. Antennæ yellow; somewhat blackish above. Lateral stripes of tho-

**rax** entire, yellow; dorsum black, but little shining, with three olivaceous stripes, separated by about their own width; pleuræ shining black, an elongate spot on the mesopleuræ and an oval one below it, yellowish. Scutellum black, with a narrow yellow border. Abdomen yellowish red, or reddish yellow with a bright golden-yellow metallic reflection; first segment more brownish. Legs reddish yellow; front femora with a small black spot above near the base; middle femora with a larger spot in the same place, and the last two joints of the tarsi black; hind femora with two incomplete black rings, one basal and one preapical; hind tibiæ also with two narrow black rings; hind metatarsi brownish, and the last two joints of tarsi black; hind femora thickened. Wings lightly tinged with dark; third vein gently sinuate.

♀ Front shining black, narrowly yellow on the sides. Abdomen yellowish red, but little shining; the first segment on the sides, a small spot in the middle of the second segment behind, and a minute one on each of the following segments, all sometimes obsolete, black; second, third, and fourth segments with narrow hind margins, and the fifth segment wholly, shining metallic golden, as in the male. Front much narrowed above; face with a broad median black stripe.

Four specimens (two ♂ and two ♀), San Domingo (G. F. Frazar).

#### **Mesograpta Boscii.**

*Syrphus Boscii* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 100, 23; pl. xvii, fig. 2.

*Syrphus Gurgis* Walker, Dipt. Saunders, 236 (Osten Sacken).

*Habitat.*—Carolina (Macq.), Alabama, Florida (O. S.).

♀ Length, 5<sup>mm</sup>. Thorax nigro, lateribus flavis; scutello nigro, rufo-marginato. Abdomine rufo, nigro variegato. Femoribus posticis annulo fusco. Face courte, proéminente, jaune; côtés à duvet blanchâtre. Front d'un noir blenâtre luisant, bordé de fauve. Antennes fauves. Abdomen ovalaire allongé; premier segment noir; deuxième à moitié antérieure fauve, postérieure noire; troisième et quatrième fauves, à bande dorsale noire, renflée, arrondie vers le bord antérieur et divisée par une ligne fauve, élargie au bord postérieur; ce bord noir, émettant deux rameaux triangulaires de chaque côté; cinquième fauve, à trois lignes noires, longitudinales. Pieds jaunes: cuisses postérieures à anneau brun près de l'extrémité; jambes postérieures à deux anneaux brunâtres peu distincts. Ailes un peu jaunâtres; cellule basilaire externe s'étendant jusqu'au tiers de la discoïdale.—Macquart.

Thorax black, the sides yellow; scutellum black, margined with yellow. Abdomen red, variegated with black. Hind femora with a brown ring. Face short, prominent, yellow; the sides white dusted. Front shining bluish black, yellow on the sides. Antennæ luteous. Abdomen elongate oval; first segment black; second on the anterior half luteous, posterior half black; third and fourth luteous, with a black stripe, dilated, rounded near the front border and divided by a luteous line, enlarged at the hind border, the hind border black, emit-

ting two triangular branches on each side; fifth luteous, with three black linear stripes. Legs yellow; hind femora with a brown ring near the tip; hind tibiæ with two indistinct brown rings. Wings a little yellowish.—Translation.

ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

- Mesograpta anchorata** Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 125.  
*Syrphus anchoratus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 97; tab. xvi, fig. 8.
- Mesograpta arcifera** Loew, Centur., vi, 52.—Cuba.
- Mesograpta basilaris** v. d. Wulp, Tijdschr. v. Entom., xxvi.—Guadeloupe.  
*Syrphus basilaris* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 143, 48.
- Mesograpta ectypus** Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 125.—Cuba.  
*Syrphus ectypus* Say, J. Acad. Phil., vi, 165, 3; Compl. Wr., ii, 359.
- Mesograpta laciniosa** Loew, Centur., vi, 50.—Cuba.
- Mesograpta linearis** v. d. Wulp, Tijdschr. v. Entom., xxvi.—Mexico.
- Mesograpta minuta** Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 125.—Cuba.  
*Syrphus minutus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins. ii, 146, Brazil; Bigot in R. de la Sagra, etc., 806.
- Mesograpta multipunctata** v. d. Wulp, Tijdschr. v. Entom., xxvi.—Guadeloupe.
- Mesograpta poecilogastra** Loew, Centur., vi, 51.—Cuba.
- Mesograpta pulchella** Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 125.  
*Syrphus pulchellus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 1er Suppl., 138, 36; tab. xi, fig. 12.
- Mesograpta subannulata** Loew, Centur., vi, 48.—Cuba.
- Mesograpta variabilis** v. d. Wulp, Tijdschr. v. Entom., xxvi.—Guadeloupe.

SPHÆROPHORIA.\*

*Sphærophoria* St. Fargeau aud Serville, Encycl. Meth., x, 513, 1825; Macquart, Dipt. du Nord, 1829.

*Melithreptus* Loew, Oken's Isis, 1840, 573.

Slender, small species, of a black or metallic green color, with yellow abdominal bands and yellow lateral stripes on the thorax. Antennæ short, a little remote at their base, third joint oval, arista dorsal, bare, or slightly pubescent. Face below somewhat projecting, lightly tuberculate, yellow, with or without a median black stripe. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male; ocelli remote from the vertex. Thorax with yellow, interrupted or entire, lateral stripes. Scutellum yellow. Abdomen slender, elongate, pointed at the tip in the female, clubbed with projecting hypopygium in the male (except *S. micrura*). Legs slender, simple. Wings in the male often shorter than the abdomen; neuration as in *Syrphus*. Type of genus, *S. scripta* Linné.

This genus is a very difficult one, and I have not attempted its thorough solution, which must be left to the monographer with an abundance of material at his disposal. In Europe much uncertainty yet prevails as to the specific characters.

\* Σφαῖρος, sphere; φέρω, bearing.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

1.—Hypopygium very small; coxæ and base of femora black	<i>micrura</i>
Hypopygium large	2
2.—Coxæ and base of femora blackish	<i>melanosa</i>
Coxæ or at least femora not blackish (♂)	3
3.—Hypopygium with a tuft of yellow pile below the globular part in front,	<i>cylindrica</i>
Hypopygium without such a tuft, base	<i>sulphuripes</i>
For other species see descriptions.	

**Sphærophoria cylindrica.** (Plate IV, figs. 16, 16a.)

*Syrphus cylindricus* Say, Amer. Ent., i, pl. xi; Compl. Wr., i, 22; Wiedemann, Anss. Zw. Ins., ii, 138, 38.

*Sphærophoria contigua* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 2<sup>e</sup> Suppl., 62, 4.

*Habitat.*—New England, Washington Territory!

♂ Length, 8<sup>mm</sup>. Face and front light yellow, shining; tubercle and anterior oral margin somewhat fuscous. Antennæ reddish yellow, brownish above on third joint. Dorsum of thorax dark greenish olivaceous, somewhat shining, with an abbreviated lateral yellow stripe; pleuræ deep shining, somewhat bluish black, with light yellow spots, scutellum sulphur yellow. Abdomen slender; first segment black; second segment opaque black in front, with a broad yellow cross-band in the middle, opaque brown or black behind; third segment narrowly brown or blackish in front and behind, elsewhere reddish yellow; fourth segment yellow and obscurely brownish; fifth segment and hypopygium, wholly reddish yellow, the latter globose and with a tuft of pile below in front. Legs yellow, including the coxæ. Wings nearly hyaline, not exceeding the abdomen.

This description applies nearly to typical specimens, but there is much variation, how much of which is varietal and how much specific I cannot say. The following are some of the differences I have observed:

(a) ♂ Larger (10<sup>mm</sup>), abdomen slender, banded, more blackish; yellow lateral stripes of thorax entire. New England, Washington Territory.

(b) ♂ Smaller (6<sup>mm</sup>), abdomen more blackish, coxæ black, base of femora blackish.

(c) ♀ Front shining black, yellow on the sides below; yellow lateral stripes of thorax entire. Abdomen moderately broad, shining black with three moderately arcuate, slender, entire bands, reaching the lateral margins; fifth segment with an interrupted band; coxæ and legs yellow; face yellow. New England.

(d) ♀ Face with an elongate, oval, shining black spot; lateral thoracic stripes abbreviated at the suture; abdomen slender, black, with three yellow bands, narrowly opaque in front and behind these; fifth segment with a yellow hind margin. New England.

**Sphærophoria sulphuripes.***Syrphus sulphuripes* Thomson, *Eugenies Resa*, 501.*Sphærophoria sulphuripes* Osten Sacken, *West. Dipt.*, 330.*Habitat.*—California!

♂ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Face and front livid yellow; cheeks brown behind. Antennæ yellow, third joint brownish above. Thorax olivaceous black, but little metallic; ante-sutural lateral stripes broad; scutellum light ochraceous yellow, with light pile; pleuræ shining black, somewhat bluish, with light yellow spots. Abdomen black, with three yellow or orange bands, slightly arcuate, entire; in front of and behind each yellow band, more broadly on the second segment, opaque black; elsewhere the abdomen is shining, more or less metallic; fifth segment with two red or orange spots; hypopygium yellow or red, more or less blackish behind. Legs, including the coxæ, yellow; the tarsi, especially the hind pair, ochraceous. Wings nearly hyaline; a little exceeding the tip of the abdomen.

Two specimens, Southern California. With these there are others, which probably belong to the same species, differing in the abdominal bands being broader, the color less black and less opaque, and the fourth and fifth segments reddish with brownish marks.

**Sphærophoria melanosa, n. sp.***Habitat.*—California!

♂ Length, 8<sup>mm</sup>. Front and face light, livid, greenish-yellow, the facial tubercle fuscous, and the oral margin in front narrowly brownish. Cheeks metallic greenish black behind; antennæ reddish-yellow; third joint brown above. Dorsum of thorax metallic greenish-black; the ante-sutural yellow stripes not very broad; pleuræ deep, shining black, somewhat bluish, with light yellow spots. Abdomen opaque black; first segment, very narrow hind margin of the second, broader hind margin of the third and fourth, and the fifth segment, except a median spot, shining metallic; first segment with a narrow, narrowly interrupted, yellow band; third with a broader entire one, not reaching to the lateral margins; fourth with two narrowly separated spots in front; fifth with two smaller ones. Hypopygium globular, not pilose, red, black behind. Coxæ black, the hind pair with a yellow spot behind; femora blackish on the basal half, distal portion and tibiæ yellow and luteous; tarsi brown. Wings nearly hyaline, slightly exceeding the abdomen in length.

♀ Front deeply shining black, narrowly yellow on the sides to near the middle. Abdomen moderately shining, black; second, third, and fourth segments each with a slender, gently arcuate, yellow cross-band, attaining the lateral margins; the first one very narrowly interrupted in the middle. Legs, including all the coxæ, light yellow; the tarsi, especially the hind pair, ochraceous.

This description is from two specimens, sent me by Mr. Coquillett, pinned together and bearing a label, "Taken in coitu." The great difference in the legs would have furnished good grounds for believing the specimens to be specifically distinct, had they not been taken together.



With these two specimens were several others, all males, agreeing closely, except that the metallic color of the abdomen is more extensive. Two other males have the spots on the fourth segment coalescent and the femora less black toward the base. One male has the face distinctly blackish on the tubercle and oral margin; the abdomen deep black, with the three narrow cross bands all interrupted; the femora almost wholly black; and the tibiæ and tarsi much darker than the male first described; the hypopygium also in large part black. Another male differs from the first only in the bands being narrower and all interrupted. All these differences are probably only individual. Other males resembling these, but with the hind coxæ and the legs wholly yellow, may be specifically different.

**Sphærophoria micrura.**

*Sphærophoria micrura* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 330.

*Habitat.*—California!

♂ Length, 7.5 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Face light yellow, often with a greenish tinge, with a brown or blackish stripe not reaching the antennæ; cheeks metallic greenish black behind, frontal triangle with a large shield-shaped, greenish metallic or shining black spot; the interval between the spot and the eyes is yellow, and yellow pollinose, antennæ red or reddish brown; the third joint blackish above, below red. Thorax dark metallic green, the yellow lateral stripes only reaching the suture; scutellum yellow, with black pile; pleuræ dark metallic, somewhat bluish, without light yellow spots. Abdomen black; first segment yellow on the anterior angles; second, third and fourth segments each with a straight yellow cross band near the middle and attaining the lateral margins, in front and behind with an opaque black cross band; the hind margins shining bluish black; that on the second segment is the narrowest and sometimes narrowly interrupted; fifth segment with yellow sides and two yellow streaks in the middle. Hypopygium black, very small. Legs dark brown or black; the ends of the four front femora more or less brownish-yellow. Wings with a brownish tinge.

Four specimens, Southern California.

**Sphærophoria scripta.**

*Musca scripta* Linné, Fauna Suec., p. 1820.

*Conops gemmatus* Scopoli, Entom. Carniolica, 965.

*Syrphus scriptus* Fabricius, Spec. Ins., ii, 434, 62; id., Ent. Syst., iv, 308, 113; Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 324, 73.

*Scara scripta* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 252, 17.

*Sphærophoria scripta* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 551, 1; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 766, 1; Walker, List. etc., iii, 593.

*Melithreptus scriptus* Schiner, Fauna Austr., i, 316; v. d. Wulp, Tijdschr. v. Entom., xxvi.

*Habitat.*—Canada (v. d. Wulp), Europe.

♂ Length, 10 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Abdomen of the male extending beyond the wings, the first yellow band contiguous with the lateral margins. Yellow bands distinctly limited only on the front part of the abdomen; on

the posterior part the black ground color almost wholly obsolete, or for the greater part changed into a brownish color, in which variously formed vittulæ and spots appear. Thorax dark metallic green, feebly shining, with three, often indistinct, longitudinal black stripes, and yellow, entire, lateral stripes; sentellum yellow. Abdominal bands in front and behind somewhat emarginate (ausgerandet), the first and fourth sometimes interrupted by a black line. Face whitish yellow, with a mother-of-pearl lustre; front yellow; antennæ reddish-yellow, at the tip sometimes brownish. Legs reddish-yellow, tarsi somewhat darker; hind tibiæ on the distal half thickly beset below with short, blackish bristles. Wings hyaline, scarcely tinged with brownish-yellow.

♀ Front yellow, the vertex black, extended as a median stripe nearly to the antennæ. Abdomen broad and wholly black, with four yellow bands, the first usually interrupted, the following ones emarginate behind, the fourth broadly interrupted.—Schiner, l. c., translation.

The species is a very variable one, and very common throughout Europe. I give it on the authority of Mr. v. d. Wulp. I have not identified it with any certainty myself, the specimens designated by *a* under *S. cylindrica* approaching it most closely, but differing in the abdominal bands being neither emarginate nor interrupted.

#### *Sphærophoria dubia*.

*Sphærophoria dubia* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 101.

*Habitat*.—California.

♂. Long. 7<sup>mm</sup> Antennis testaceis, apice infuscatis, fronte et facie pallidissimè flavis; thorace nigro, parum ænescente; calyptris et halteribus testaceis; abdomine fulvo, basi latè, vittis tribus transversis latis, lineâ segmenti quinti intermediâ, brevi, maculis duo, utrinque, lunulatis, oppositis, sexti maculis simillimis, nigris; pedibus flavis, tarsis flavo obscuro tinetis.

Antennes d'un fauve pâle, bords supérieurs et chète, bruns; face et front entièrement d'un blanc jaunâtre; thorax d'un noir un peu bronzé; enillerons et balanciers testacés; abdomen fauve avec la base largement noire, incisions des 2<sup>e</sup> et 3<sup>e</sup> segments, bords du 4<sup>e</sup>, couverts par trois larges bandes transversales, noires, 5<sup>e</sup> avec une bande dorsale et deux macules en forme de croissant, opposées par leurs pointes, 6<sup>e</sup> avec deux macules semblables, le tout de couleur noire; pieds d'un jaune assez pâle, tarsi d'un brun clair, un peu roussâtre. Ailes ne dépassant pas l'abdomen; face saillante, obtuse, calleuse; antennes, 3<sup>e</sup> segment presque orbiculaire. 1 specim.—Bigot, l. c.

#### *Sphærophoria pyrrhina*.

*Sphærophoria pyrrhina* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 101.

*Habitat*.—California.

♂ Long. 6<sup>mm</sup> Antennis fulvis, apice fuscis; facie flavâ, callositate fulvâ; thorace ænescente; calyptris ferè albis, halteribus flavis; abdomine

fulvo, segmento 1<sup>o</sup> nigro, lineâ intermediâ vittisque transversis tribus, tertiâ interruptâ, maculis segmentorum quartis et quintis, utrinque, nigris; pedibus pallidè testaceis, tibiis posticorum basi, tarsisque totis, pallidè rufis.

Antennes fauves, extrémité du 3<sup>e</sup> segment et chète, noirâtres; face d'un jaune blanchâtre, médians d'un fauve luisant; front jaune; thorax bronzé; abdomen d'un fauve rougeâtre, 1<sup>er</sup> segment noir, une ligne médiane interrompue, élargie vers les incisions, au 6<sup>e</sup> segment, trois larges bandes transversales situées sur lesdites incisions, la 3<sup>e</sup> doublement interrompue, deux points arrondis, de chaque côté, sur le 5<sup>e</sup>, et quatre macules irrégulières sur le 6<sup>e</sup> segment, noirs; cuillerons blanchâtres, balanciers jaunes. Ailes ne dépassant pas l'abdomen; face saillante, obtuse, calleuse; antennes, 3<sup>e</sup> segment orbiculaire. 1 specim.—Bigot, l. c.

**Sphærophoria infumata.**

*Syrphus infumatus* Thomson, Eugénies Resa, 501.

*Habitat.*—California (Thomson).

Æneo-niger, epistomate, pectoris maculis lineaque frontali utrinque albido-margarita-ceis, antennis, vitta laterali abbreviata thoracis, scutello, pedibus fascisque abdominis flavis, alis leviter infumatis. ♂ ♀. Long. 5–6<sup>mm</sup>.

Præcedenti [*S. sulphuripes*] simillimus sed parum æneo-micans, antennis articulo 3<sup>o</sup> ovali-rotundato, linea media impressa frontali obsoleta, gula æneo-fusca, alis leviter infumatis, abdomine fascia 1<sup>a</sup> integra, coxis anterioribus nigricantibus, apice flavis distinctus.

Mas differt coxis omnibus fusco-nigris, apice pallidis, abdomine segmentis 4–6 rubris, signaturis fusco-æneis vix ullis.—Thomson, l. c.

ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

**Sphærophoria fulvicauda** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 104.—Mexico.

**Sphærophoria nasuta** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 103.—Mexico.

**Sphærophoria pachypyga** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 104.—Mexico.

**Sphærophoria picta** Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 553, 8; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 772; viii, 3161, 7; Holmgren, Ins. Nordgroenl., 100.—Greenland.

*Syrphus pictus* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 326, 77.

*Melithreptus pictus* Schiner, Fauna Austriaca, i, 317.

**Sphærophoria picticauda** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 102.—Mexico.

**Sphærophoria strigata** Stäger, Groenl. Antl., 362, 31; Holmgren, Ins. Nordgroenl., 100.—Greenland.

*Sphærophoria hieroglyphica* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 327, 78.

*Sphærophoria menthastri* Linné, Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 325, 75.

Walker, List, etc., iii, 593, mentions these European species as occurring in Nova Scotia, but his statement is of little value without confirmation.

## PELECOCERA.\*

*Pelecocera* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 340, 1822.

*Eucratomyia* Williston (non Bigot), Wiener Entom. Zeit., iii, 185, 1884.

Small, nearly bare, black species, the sides of the face, and the abdomen, with yellowish markings. Head broader than the thorax; front of the male very broad, not narrowed above. Eyes bare. Face bare, lightly concave above, moderately produced downward, and with a large convex gibbosity below. Antennæ large, first two joints very short, third joint very much elongated, compressed, strongly dilated below at the base, the terminal portion slender, cylindrical, ending in a short, thickened, two-jointed, pubescent style. Abdomen of nearly equal width, depressed, about as broad as the thorax; hypopygium small. Feet simple, the femora not thickened. Marginal cell of wings open, third longitudinal vein gently convex in front; anterior cross-vein near base of discal cell, rectangular. Type of genus *P. tricincta* Meigen, Europe.

This definition is drawn from specimens of *P. Pergandei*, but it only requires slight modifications to adapt it to the four other known, European species, specimens of two of which (*P. latifrons* Loew and *P. scaevoides* Fall.) I have compared, through the kindness of Professor Mik. In *P. latifrons* the structure of the antennæ is very nearly like what it appears to be in the female of *P. Pergandei*, except that the style is much more slender; the face is also more protuberant below. *P. scaevoides* differs distinctly in the third joint of the antennæ being more oval, and in the style being more slender and dorsal, not terminal. *P. Pergandei* is thus nearest allied to *P. latifrons* of any of the described species, and cannot be separated. The genus I first described as *Eucratomyia*, overlooking *Pelecocera*, and it was not till I casually read the description of Loew's species that I recognized the relationship of my specimen. Mr. Bigot's determination of the species, from my descriptions, as a member of the genus *Merapioides* is of course wholly inadmissible.

***Pelecocera Pergandei.*** (Plate IV, fig. 13.)

*Eucratomyia Pergandei* Williston, Wien. Ent. Zeit., iii, p. 186, fig.

*Merapioides Pergandei* Bigot, Wien. Ent. Zeit., iii, 217.

*Pelecocera Pergandei* Williston, Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., vii, 139.

*Habitat.*—District of Columbia!

♂ Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Head black; face yellow, with a broad median stripe, narrowed somewhat above, and the cheeks, shining black; antennæ reddish yellow, the upper border and the tip of the third joint and the style blackish. Front shining black, very broad, lightly grooved across the middle. Thorax shining greenish black, on the humeri a spot of whitish dust, extending back nearly to the root of the wings. Abdomen scarcely broader than the thorax, a little broader at the tip

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\*Πέλεκυς, an axe; κέρας, horn.

of the third segment; black, except the fifth segment and the hypopygium, but slightly shining; second segment across the middle with two coalescent transverse spots; the third and fourth segments on the basal half reddish or brownish yellow. Coxæ and legs yellow, the four front femora and tibiæ in the middle yellowish brown, the hind legs, with the exception of the base and extreme tip of the femora, black. Pile of the whole body short, soft, and sparse. Wings hyaline, the outer part cinereous; stigma brownish yellowish.

One specimen, District of Columbia (Theo. Pergande).

A female discovered with the last, which I have since examined, has the second abdominal segment with a broad median band, the third segment, except the narrow hind margin, and the anterior two-thirds of the fourth segment, all pure yellowish red. The abdomen is of nearly equal width throughout, scarcely at all wider than the thorax. The third joint of the antennæ does not appear to be produced into a cylindrical process, but the projection, which is as long as in the male, seems to be wholly composed of the style.

### NEOASCIA, NOM. NOV \*

*Ascia* Meigen (non Scopoli), Syst. Besch., iii, 185, 1822.

Small, slender, nearly bare species, black or metallic green, with or without reddish or yellow on the abdomen. Antennæ shorter than the head; third joint oval or obtusely pointed; arista near the middle of the joint, bare. Face black, even, without tubercle, conically produced downward and forward, so that the profile is gently and evenly concave from base of antennæ to oral margin. Eyes bare, separated by the front, which is rather broad in the female, narrower in the male. Abdomen about twice as long as the thorax; second segment narrow, widened posteriorly; third and fourth broad and arched; in outline short club shaped. Front and middle legs slender, hind femora very much thickened and with a row of short spines below; hind tibiæ bent. Marginal cell of wings open; anterior cross-vein before the middle of the discal cell; the last section of the fourth vein joins the third in a right angle, the anterior angle of discal cell also a right angle; third longitudinal vein straight.

*Neoascia globosa*. (Plate IV, figs. 10, 10a.)

*Ascia globosa* Walker, List, etc., iii, 546.

*Ascia metallica* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 315.

*Ascia nasuta* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. de France, 1883, 327.

*Ascia quadrinotata* Bigot, ibid.

*Ascia albipes* Bigot, ibid., p. 328.

*Habitat*.—New England, Oregon!

♀ Length,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 5<sup>mm</sup>. Front bronze black, shining, delicately roughened. Face with a bluish reflection, lightly covered with whitish

\* Νέος, new; *ascia*, a mason's trowel.

pollen. Antennæ blackish, third joint on the lower part red. Thorax metallic greenish bronze, moderately shining, lightly roughened. Abdomen lightly punctulate, wholly black, moderately shining. Legs yellow; front and middle femora black, except base and tip, the hind femora except the base; hind tibiæ with a ring beyond the middle blackish; and first and last joints of hind tarsi black. Wings nearly hyaline, stigma dilutely yellow.

A single female specimen from Connecticut agrees with Walker's description, and may therefore be considered typical. The species, however, either varies remarkably in its abdomen and legs, or there are a number of closely allied species; being unable to decide this from the material I have, I will describe the different varieties.

First var., *albipes* Bigot, ♂, ♀ Abdomen with two complete reddish yellow bands, front and middle legs wholly yellow; in the male the hind tibiæ chiefly black, bands sometimes interrupted, fourth segment and hypopygium bronze metallic. Seven specimens, Connecticut.

Second var., ♀ Legs as in preceding, abdomen wholly black. Two specimens, Connecticut.

Third var., ♂ Abdomen with two interrupted bands, front and middle femora and tibiæ with a black ring. Two specimens, Connecticut.

Fourth var., *metallica*, ♀ Abdomen wholly black, or third segment with two small spots. Legs black, base and tip of tibiæ and tarsi yellow, tarsi otherwise brownish. Two specimens, Oregon.

One male from the last place has the base and tips of femora and tarsi more broadly yellow, and the abdomen with two bands (var. *nasuta*?). In these last three specimens the third joint of the antennæ seems to be shorter and more rounded at the extremity than in the Eastern specimens. Possibly they may be entitled to specific rank, but I strongly suspect that all these differences are but varieties of one widely distributed species.

The species described by Bigot as *nasuta* has a broad band on the second and third segments, the latter one sometimes divided in the middle. The legs are yellow, the femora black towards the base (the hind pair, except the tip), the tibiæ with a broad ring of the same color, the front tarsi with the first and last joint, the middle pair with the last joint, and the hind pair with the under side of all the joints largely, black. The specimens were from Mt. Hood. *A. quadrinotata*, from the same place, differs chiefly in there being four spots on the abdomen, and was suspected by its author of being a variety of the preceding. Should the differences in the antennæ (as above stated) indicate a different species, it would be entitled to the name *metallica*, of which Bigot's names would indicate varieties.

*Neoascia distincta*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Massachusetts!

♀. Length, 4<sup>mm</sup>. Deep metallic green, shining. Front finely roughened; face whitish pollinose. Antennæ red, brownish on the upper

border. Abdomen only a little narrowed toward the base. Legs yellow; front and middle femora toward the base, and a ring on hind tibiae, blackish; hind femora, except the base, black. Wings nearly hyaline; stigma pale yellow; a minute stump of a vein on the outer cross-veins.

Two specimens, Beverly Massachusetts, May 8 (E. Burgess, National Museum, Professor Riley's collection). This pretty species is very distinct from *N. globosa*, in the larger, more elongate antennæ, in the less produced epistoma, in the less spatulate, broader at the base, and more pointed abdomen, and in the nearly uniform bright metallic color.

## SPHEGINA.

*Sphegina* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 193, 1822.

Small, nearly bare, slender species, black, brown, or yellow, more or less shining. Antennæ short, third joint rounded, the arista bare, basal. Face deeply concave in profile below the antennæ, the epistoma porrected, not descending below the eyes. Eyes bare, separate in the male; front of equal width, broader in the female. Abdomen twice or thrice as long as the thorax; at the base in the male pedicellate—in the female much contracted, but not so slender; third and fourth segments expanded, especially in the female, and convex above. Legs slender; hind femora much thickened, with short spines below; hind metatarsi thickened. Wings long and broad; marginal cell open, third vein straight, anterior outer angle of first posterior cell rectangular or acute; anterior cross-vein before the middle of discal cell. Type of genus, *S. clunipes* Fallen, Europe.

### TABLE OF SPECIES.

1. Wings large; abdomen short; front in female nearly as broad as long.	<i>infuscata</i>
Front in female much longer than broad	2
2. Fifth abdominal segment in female considerably broader than long	<i>lobata</i>
Fifth segment in female but little broader than long	3
3. Thorax more or less black	<i>rufiventris</i>
Thorax not at all black (♀)	<i>Keeniana</i>

*Sphegina Keeniana*, n. sp. (Plate IV, fig. 11.)

*Habitat*.—Pennsylvania!

♀. Length, 5 to 6<sup>mm</sup>. Front black, thickly dusted on the sides, leaving a slender, shining stripe, interrupted in the middle. Antennæ yellow, third joint rather large, orbicular. Face light yellow, blackish in the middle above; cheeks and occiput black, lightly dusted. Thorax yellow; the dorsum and scutellum darker, with a reddish cast; the lower part of the pleuræ behind, brown. Abdomen yellow, broad behind; first segment behind, obscure spots on the sides of the second segment in front, and small spots on the posterior angles of the fourth and fifth segments, blackish; second and third segments on the posterior part with a rather narrow, black cross-band; fifth segment moderately

broader than long. Coxæ and legs white; a broad preapical ring on the hind femora, hind metatarsi, and the last two joints of all the tarsi, black; two small, incomplete rings on the hind tibiæ, blackish. Wings hyaline.

♂. Thorax blackish above, sometimes wholly black except the humeri and below them. Abdomen of moderate length, sometimes nearly black, except the basal part of the third segment, the fourth segment always more brown than in the female; front and middle tibiæ sometimes faintly brownish near their middle.

This species differs from *lobata*, to which it is most nearly allied, besides the coloration, in the anterior distal angle of the first posterior cell being more acute, and the abdomen of the male being very much less slender. Four female and three male specimens, captured by Mr. Eugene L. Keen, in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, May 21. The black markings, in both male and female, vary much in intensity on the abdomen.

*Sphegina infuscata*. (Plate IV; fig. 12.)

*Sphegina infuscata* Loew, Centur., iii, 23.

*Habitat*.—Sitka (Loew), Oregon!

♂, ♀ Length, 5 to  $6\frac{1}{4}$ mm, of wings  $6\frac{1}{4}$  to  $6\frac{2}{3}$ mm. Head black, opaque; front of male narrower than that of female, and clothed with longer, black pile. Antennæ black. Thorax fuscous black; the dorsum with delicate pile, longer and more obscure in the male than in the female. Scutellum and metanotum of the same color as the thorax. Abdomen shorter than in the species indigenous to Europe, and attenuate near the base, in the male fuscous, in the female reddish testaceous. Legs of the male fuscous, of the female reddish testaceous. Wings large, dilutely infuscate; stigma elongate, fuscous, apical angle of first posterior cell acute.—Translation from Loew, compared with the types.

A single specimen from Mount Hood, Oregon, probably belongs to this species, most especially characterized by the short abdomen, the large wings, and acute posterior cell. The specimen, a female, however, has the abdomen and legs wholly light-yellow, and thorax more brown than black; it may be teneral.

*Sphegina rufiventris*.

*Sphegina rufiventris* Loew, Centur., iii, 22.

*Habitat*.—New York (Lw.), Washington Territory!

♀ Length,  $6\frac{1}{2}$ mm. A very variable species. Red. Dorsum of thorax, except the humeri and posterior angles, always black, sometimes the thorax almost wholly black. Front black, of equal width. Face yellowish, above somewhat blackish. Occiput black. Third joint of the antennæ fuscous or black. Scutellum sometimes red, often piceous, rarely black. Abdomen red, shining; base often black, distal half less broad than in *S. lobata*. Front and middle legs yellowish, last two joints



of the tarsi black; posterior legs brownish-red, femora and tibiæ yellow at the base, tip of tibiæ and tarsi fuscous-black, the intermediate tarsal joints often less deeply so. Wings subhyaline, or subfuscous towards the tip; apical angle of first posterior cell rectangular.

From *S. lobata* this species differs, besides the color of the body, in the last segment of the abdomen being less broad, and the hind femora less incrassate.—Translation from Loew, compared with the type.

A single female specimen from Washington Territory agrees perfectly with this description, except that I do not see that the hind femora are less incrassate than in *S. lobata*. The third joint of the antennæ, the thorax wholly, and the base of the abdomen are black.

### ***Sphagina lobata*.**

*Sphagina lobata* Loew, Centur., iii, 21.

*Habitat*.—White Mountains, New Hampshire, Oregon!, Middle States (Lw.)

Length,  $6\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Male. Head black. Face nearly wholly white. Eyes separate; front of equal width; antennæ luteous, arista sub-fuscous. Thorax shining black; humeri and lateral spots of the dorsum testaceous. Scutellum and abdomen black, shining; basal fascia of the third abdominal segment yellow; anterior angles and posterior margin of the fourth segment testaceous. Hypopygium globose, black. Left angle of the last ventral segment produced into a large fuscous testaceous lobe. Coxæ and feet, whitish; distal half of the hind femora, except the extreme tip, black; basal half of hind tibiæ fuscous; distal portion imperfectly black annulate. Last two joints of the front, and the first and last two of the hind tarsi, black—the intermediate ones sub-fuscous. Wings subfuscous, stigma a little more obscure; apical angle of the first posterior cell a right one.

Female. Very similar to the male. Front a little broader. Distal half of abdomen strongly dilated, the third and fourth segments with two spots, large, testaceous, subobsolete; fifth segment sordid white. Last two joints of the four front tarsi blackish; hind tarsi black, intermediate joints a little less so.—Translation.

Three specimens from Mount Washington, New Hampshire (Dr. George Dimmock, Nos. 1494-7-8), and one male from Mount Hood, Oregon, I have no doubt belong with this species, which is evidently variable. For this reason I have chosen rather to reproduce the original in translation and point out the differences. The female agrees throughout, except that the humeri and interrupted bands of the abdomen are light yellow. The third joint of the antennæ in the males is more blackish than luteous, the face is blackish on the upper part; the reddish color of the humeri and post-alar callus not very apparent in all but one specimen. In the Eastern males the distal half of the second segment of the abdomen (in one specimen the third wholly and the fourth except a darker band in the middle) is red, the hypopygium more black-

ish; in the Western specimen the abdomen is more nearly as Loew described it. In all the male specimens the hind femora are brownish red, not black.

Type specimen in the Loew collection at Cambridge examined.

## BACCHA.\*

*Baccha* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 199, 1805.

*Ocyptamus* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 559, 1834.

*Bacha* Schiner, et auct.

Medium size, bare species, usually with long, slender abdomen, narrowest towards the base, but often shorter and not narrowed at base. Head large and round, broader than the thorax. Antennæ short, third joint rounded or oval; arista toward the base, slender, bare. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male. Front in female long, narrow, often much narrowed above. Face in large part yellowish, nearly straight in profile below the antenna, or only gently excavated above the tubercle; below the tubercle usually more or less receding; not at all produced below the eyes. Cheeks very narrow, the distance between the eyes below less than the width of the face in the middle. Thorax short, abdomen three or four times as long as the thorax, the second segment very slender, thence gradually widening to tip of fourth segment, the remaining segments gradually or abruptly narrowed. Legs very slender, the hind femora elongate, but not thickened, hind metatarsi elongated and thickened. Wings as in *Syrphus*, the small cross-vein sometimes near the middle of discal cell; often with dark brown or blackish markings. Type of genus, *B. elongata* Fabr., Europe.

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\* Baccha, a mythological name.

- 7.—Wings subcinerescens; all the veins, except the last segment of the fourth, broadly clouded with blackish, confluent near the costa lugens  
 Wings with a triangular hyaline space behind the outer end of third vein, the axillary portion more or less subhyaline fuscipennis
- 8.—Wings wholly blackish latiuscula  
 Wings broadly hyaline from before the tip of first vein to tip of sixth vein, basal part black dimidiata  
 Wings nearly hyaline, the immediate base, the costal and subcostal cells and a broad triangular cross-band reaching to the outer part of the sixth vein, dark brown torva

For other species, see descriptions.

### **Baccha Tarchetius.**

*Baccha Tarchetius* Walker, List., etc., iii, 549.

*Habitat.*—New Jersey!

♂ Length, 10.5<sup>mm</sup>. Distance from ocelli to base of antennæ considerably greater than thence to oral margin. Frontal triangle black, a little shining, with black pile; large, with a large semicircular grooved space above the base of the antennæ; narrowly whitish pollinose on the sides below, like it is on the face. Basal joints of antennæ yellowish, third joint short oval, brown; arista black. Face yellow, thinly whitish pollinose on the sides, in the middle with a broad shining black stripe, narrowed below the tubercle. Posterior orbits narrowly whitish pollinose. Thorax shining greenish-black, with whitish pile; on the pleuræ a small vertical yellowish spot. Abdomen moderately slender, opaque black; the first segment, the second segment narrowly in front, along the sides and a posterior band, shining metallic green; third segment narrowly in front, a posterior band a little dilated in the middle, and along the sides, more broadly in front, narrowly behind, the same metallic green, on the lateral shining places near the front a small yellow spot; fourth segment similar, the yellow spots larger and the posterior band more dilated in the middle; remainder of the abdomen wholly shining; the second segment is cylindrical, the third much broader behind. Legs yellow; hind femora with a broad ring before the tip, the hind tibiæ, except the base, and the hind metatarsi, blackish. Wings hyaline, with a broad dark-brown anterior border filling out the first posterior cell to a little beyond the cross-vein, thence following, but not exceeding, the third vein to the tip; a small hyaline spot in the marginal cell near the origin of the third vein.

One specimen, from Mr. Keen.

### **Baccha Babista.** (Plate IV. fig. 9.)

*Baccha Babista* Walker, List., etc., iii, 549 (♂).

*Spazigaster bacchoides* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. de France, 1883, 326.

*Habitat.*—Georgia, Florida, Arizona, California!

♀ Length, 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Face considerably projecting below, gently concave below the antennæ, tubercle large, obtuse, not receding below; light yellow, the cheeks, and a narrow line along the oral margin to

connect with the broad facial stripe, shining black. Antennæ reddish brown, third joint elongate-oval. Front only moderately narrowed at the vertex, more than half as wide as at the base of the antennæ, shining greenish black, on the sides below the yellow of the face extends up along the eyes; the distance from the ocelli to the base of the antennæ is considerably less than from thence to oral margin. Eyes very little convergent on lower part of head. Thorax shining greenish blue, pleuræ with white pile. Scutellum yellow, brown or brownish across the disk. Abdomen slender at the second segment, rather broadly spatulate at the distal part; first segment black; second and third segments brownish black, lighter in front; on the sides at the front end yellow and with white pile; fourth segment black, with a yellow, interrupted, white pilose cross-band in front; remainder of abdomen more shining metallic. Legs brownish, tarsi darker, tip of femora and base of tibiæ yellowish. Wings hyaline, brown along the front border from a little beyond the humeral cross-vein, more blackish on the stigma, reaching back in the middle to or beyond the origin of the third vein, and then evanescent outwards, anterior cross-vein near the basal third of discal cell; the third vein joins the costa immediately before the tip.

♂ Frontal triangle yellow, black immediately above the antennæ, the legs somewhat more yellowish, though this is probably not a sexual character. The wings differ distinctly in that the brown is wholly confined to the sub-costal cell, blackish at the stigma.

Two female specimens (Professor Riley) collected by Mr. William Patton, labeled "From spring larvæ among Cotton Aphides, Selma, Ala.," and one from Arizona (Professor Comstock); an additional specimen (Professor Riley) with the label "Pupa found in Orange. R. S. Turner, Saint George, Fla., May 7, '80;" also two male specimens (Professor Riley, No. 532, May 23, '80), Georgia?

The male has the costal and marginal cells hyaline, while in the female they are both in large part brown, yet it seems almost sure that they belong to the same species.

#### *Baccha lugens*.

*Baccha lugens* Loew, Centur., iii, 24.

*Habitat*.—New York (O. S.), Southern States!

♂ Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Front black-bronze, black pilose, above the antennæ yellow spotted. First two joints of the antennæ yellow, black pilose; third joint black. Dorsum of thorax and the scutellum black-bronze, moderately shining, the color of the scutellum somewhat reddish bronze; lower half of pleuræ white-pollinose. Abdomen black, opaque, not clavate near the tip, the base and apical margin of each segment shining fuscous, ultimate segment wholly shining, sub-violaceous black. Legs black, front and middle femora, except the tip, base of hind femora, and of the front and middle tibiæ, yellow or yellowish red. Halteres sordid whitish, head with a black spot. Wings

sub-cinereous, all the veins, except the last segment of the fourth vein, broadly clouded with black, confluent near the costa. Face yellow, obscure on the sides, with opaque yellowish pollen.—Translation.

Two male specimens from Professor Riley without locality (No. 485, June 2, 1880.) evidently belong to this species. The front, however, lacks the yellow spots above the antennæ. The face in profile is narrow, only a little widened at the tubercle, nearly perpendicular and straight above it, and very receding below, the cheeks linear, and the eyes very convergent below. The meso-pleuræ are whitish pollinose, as well as below. The legs are yellowish, the end of all the femora, the end of front and middle tibiæ, and nearly all of the hind tibiæ, and all of the tarsi, brown. The small cross-vein is a little beyond the middle of the discal cell, and rectangular; the clouding of the wings along the veins, brown.

**Baccha fuscipennis.** (Plate IV, fig. 8.)

*Baccha fuscipennis* Say, J., Acad., Phil., iii, 100; Compl. Wr., ii, 86.

*Ocyptamus fuscipennis* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 554, 2; tab. xii, fig. 13; v. d.

Wulp, Tijds. v. Ent., xxvi, 9.

*Syrphus Amissas* Walker, List, etc., iii, 589.

*Syrphus Radaca* Walker, List, etc., iii, 590.

*Ocyptamus longiventris* Loew, Centur., vii, 66.

*Ocyptamus fuscipennis* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 127.

? *Ocyptamus conformis* Loew, Centur., vii, 67.

*Habitat.*—New England, Florida, San Domingo, Kansas, ! Guadeloupe (v. d. Wulp).

♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ situated near the middle of the head in profile; black, the first two joints and the third below sometimes reddish or yellowish. Frontal triangle considerably longer than the contiguity of the eyes, wholly bronze-black with black pile; front in the female very narrow at the vertex, greenish-black, attenuated above the antennæ by the yellow of the face, which extends up along the eyes nearly to the middle of the front. Face nearly perpendicular, very gently concave below the antennæ to the tubercle, thence receding to the oral margin; yellow, on the sides whitish; cheeks linear, eyes convergent below. Thorax bronze-black, moderately shining, with two very faint, slender, less shining stripes; scutellum of the same color, not infrequently somewhat reddish. Pleuræ whitish pollinose. Abdomen slender, only a little widened behind, in the male opaque black, sometimes faintly purplish, the first segment and sides of the second to beyond the middle, the narrow hind margin of the second, third, and fourth, and the remainder of the abdomen, shining, somewhat metallic; fifth segment scarcely longer than broad in both sexes; in the female the abdomen is broader throughout, shining reddish, especially on the front part of the second—fifth segments, the posterior portion more brownish or even blackish. Legs yellowish; the tip of the hind femora, and sometimes the tip of the front and middle femora, the tip of front and middle tibiæ, and nearly all of the

hind pair, and all the tarsi, brown; the hind tibiæ and tarsi usually darker, nearly blackish. Wings usually dark brown, more blackish toward the stigma, with a large triangular hyaline spot near the tip, reaching from the third vein to the hind margin as far as the tip of the discal cell; the axillary angle, the anal cell, the larger part of the third posterior cell, and somewhat in the discal cell, lighter brown, sometimes wholly hyaline, with a brown band filling out the end of the discal cell (var. *fascipennis* Macq.), rarely there is a hyaline streak along the middle of the marginal cell; anterior cross vein near middle of discal cell.

This description is chiefly based upon numerous specimens collected in the vicinity of New Haven, among which the wings vary very much in the color of the posterior border. Other specimens differing scarcely at all from the more typical ones I have from Florida and Kansas. According to Dr. Loew, his *Ocypt. longiventris* differs from *fascipennis* in the wings being larger and the picture different, but a large number of specimens show that the coloring of the wings is variable, and, in such frail flies, the size of the wings is a doubtful character. It seems to me very probable that *Ocypt. conformis* is also a synonym of this species.

Of the synonymy of *Ocypt. fascipennis* Macq. there can be no doubt, I think. The hyalinity of the wings in extreme examples might indicate the two varieties to be "bestimmt verschieden," as Schiner thought (Novara Exped., 346, 14), but a larger number presents too many intermediate forms.

**Baccha aurinota.** (Plate IV. fig. 7.)

*Baccha aurinota* (Harris) Walker, List, etc., iii, 548.

*Baccha fascipennis* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 96; v. d. Wulp. Tijdschr. voor. Entom., xxvi.

*Habitat.*—Connecticut, Massachusetts, Indiana!, New York, Canada.

♂ Length, 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Face yellow, extending up narrowly on the lower part of the front, more reddish shining in the middle; nearly perpendicular, and gently concave to the tubercle, thence much receding to the oral margin; cheeks extremely narrow, the eyes approaching the oral margin; the distance between the eyes below not two-thirds the width of the face below the antennæ. Antennæ brown, the under side of the third joint reddish yellow. Front very narrow above, separated only by the width of the ocelli at the vertex; shining black, narrowly pollinose along the eyes, above the root of each antenna a reddish yellow spot more or less confluent, leaving a rounded black spot between the roots of the antennæ above. Dorsum of thorax metallic greenish black, with three median, slender, grayish pollinose stripes; pleuræ thickly grayish pollinose and with white pile. Scutellum and the hind part of the thoracic dorsum, in the middle, shining golden. Abdomen slender, black, shining; the front part of the third and fourth segments with small, interrupted, yellowish-red, white pollinose cross-bands; posterior portion of the second, third, fourth segments, and the remainder

of the abdomen, more metallic shining. Wings hyaline, the base to the humeral cross-vein, and a large quadrate spot on the middle, blackish-brown; the spot is more blackish on the stigma, brownish behind, reaching to near the middle of the third posterior cell; the tip of the costal cell is hyaline, and the tip of the sub-costal yellowish. Legs reddish or brownish yellow, the end of hind femora, the most of the hind tibiæ, and all the tarsi, brown.

Two male specimens from Connecticut, that apparently belong to this species, have the face and front metallic green, the tubercle and a lunule above the antennæ, inclosing a small black spot, yellow. They are, moreover, smaller, (9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>) and the brown of the wings is much less intense.

The name *B. fascipennis* would have priority were it not so nearly identical with *B. fuscipennis* Say as to render its use highly objectionable.

#### **Baccha lemur.**

*Baccha lemur* Osten Sacken, Western Diptera, 331.

*Habitat.*—California, Wyoming, New Mexico (O. S.)!

Length, 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Wings hyaline, with an incomplete cross-band between the stigma and the fourth posterior cell; abdomen with two red cross-bands. Front and vertex metallic greenish black, the former (in the ♀) whitish pruinose along the eyes; face whitish pruinose, its ground color variable, dark metallic green, with more or less brownish yellow on the sides and on the facial tubercle, or entirely yellowish; antennæ brown, or reddish brown, inserted on brownish yellow ground. Thorax metallic greenish black, with vestiges of whitish pruinose stripes anteriorly; pleuræ whitish pruinose, with white pile; scutellum translucent, yellowish brown, with a metallic reflection; halteres with yellow knobs. Abdomen black, shining, with bronze and bluish reflections, a broad, blood-red cross-band, slightly emarginate in the middle posteriorly, at the base of the third and fourth segments; these cross-bands are slightly pruinose; the sides of the abdomen beset with white pile. Legs pale yellow; hind femora and tibiæ usually each with a brownish ring; sometimes the legs are more brownish, especially on the femora. Wings hyaline; the root before the humeral cross-vein and the extreme base of the second basal cells is infuscated, costal cell hyaline, but the interval between auxiliary and first veins is pale brownish; stigma dark brown, the corner between the costa and the end of first vein yellowish; a brown, incomplete cross-band between the first and fifth veins; it coalesces with the brown stigma, leaves hyaline the extreme proximal end of the submarginal cell, covers the small cross-vein and the cross-vein at the base of the discal cell, but reaches only very little beyond either, and ends at the fifth vein, filling up the proximal end of the fourth posterior cell.

*Habitat.*—Santa Monica, Cal., February 18; Summit Station, Sierra

Nevada, July 17; Fort Bridger, Wyo., August 4; Morino Valley, N. Mex., July 1; W. L. Carpenter. One male and three females.—Osten Sacken, l. c.

Description compared with the type specimen at Cambridge.

**Baccha costata.**

*Baccha costata* Say, J. Acad. Phil., vi, 161; Compl. Wr., ii, 357.

*Habitat.*—Indiana (Say).

“Body black; tergum with white bands; head silvery; a shining black line from the vertex to the mouth, much contracted on the middle of the front. Antennæ obsoletely honey-yellow at base. Occiput plumbeous with a silvery reflection. Thorax black. Poisers white. Wings hyaline with a somewhat narrow costal margin not reaching the tip. Scute margined with yellow. Tergum black; first, second, and third segments with an oblique white spot on each side at base, and remaining segments tipped with yellow-white; feet black; anterior pairs, base of the tibia, and tip of the thighs honey-yellow; posterior tibiæ honey-yellow at base. Length half an inch.”—Say, l. c.

**Baccha latiuscula.**

*Ocyptamus latiusculus* Loew, Centur., vii, 68.

— *Habitat.*—San Domingo!, Cuba (Lw.).

♂, ♀ Length, 6<sup>mm</sup>. Black, moderately shining. Front shining blue-black; in the male the frontal triangle large, shining black, narrowly yellow on the sides. Face yellowish white, with a black stripe in the middle, often obsolete. Antennæ black. Abdomen rather broad, depressed, widest at tip of second segment, thence slightly narrowed; in color shining purplish black. Legs black. Wings black, towards the posterior margin less so.

Three male and one female specimens, San Domingo (G. F. Frazar.) One male specimen, which is apparently the same, has the frontal triangle nearly wholly yellow, the antennæ in large part yellowish, a small spot on the humeri and another on the post-alar callus, yellowish red, the scutellum obscurely yellow, the abdomen chiefly opaque black, with a large obscurely reddish-yellow spot on the angle in front of the second and third segments, and the four front legs chiefly luteous. It is apparently an immature specimen. Loew's specimens showed in a less degree similar differences. (“Scutellum æneo-nigrum, vel æneo-piceum. Abdomen media segmentorum singulorum parte purius nigra et magis opaca.”) The species differs from *B. dimidiata* chiefly in the wings not being hyaline on the outer part.

**Baccha cognata.**

*Baccha cognata* Loew, Centur., iii, 27.

*Habitat.*—New York (O. S.)!

♀ Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Blackish bronze, head concolorous, the lower half of the face and the antennæ yellow. Humeri and pleuræ yellowish.



**Abdomen** blackish bronze, basal fasciæ of the third and fourth segments, sometimes also of the fifth, yellow. Wings subhyaline. apical margin and the stigma smoky, the base of the latter black.

Similar to *B. obscuricornis*. Head bronze black, lower half of the face yellow; front, except a median stripe, and face, except the tubercle, thinly clothed with whitish pollen, on the occiput more thickly pollinose. Dorsum of the thorax black bronze, the humeri dilutely yellowish. Pleuræ dilutely yellowish or a little reddish, below obscurely ænescent. Scutellum of the same color as the thorax. Abdomen slender, black bronze, near the tip fuscous bronze: third and fourth segments always, fifth frequently, with a basal yellow fascia. Legs yellow or light reddish, hind femora near the tip, the tibiæ and tarsi nearly wholly, dilutely subfuscous. Wings subhyaline, lightly cinerescens, veins blackish; cross-veins lightly clouded; stigma elongate, smoky, with a basal black spot; apical margin of the wing smoky.

Translation of the original, compared with the type specimen at Cambridge.

**Baccha obscuricornis.**

*Baccha obscuricornis* Loew, Centur., iii, 26.

*Baccha angusta* Osten Sacken, Western Dipt., 332.

*Habitat* —Sitka (Lw.), California!

♂ ♀. Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Head bronze black, front nearly wholly, frontal triangle, and the face except the tubercle, thinly white pollinose, the occiput more thickly so. Antennæ wholly brown or black. Dorsum of thorax and scutellum bronze black. Pleuræ very pallidly testaceous, or above yellow and below subfuscous. Abdomen slender, blackish fuscous, somewhat metallic bronze, the base usually bronze black, the third and fourth segments always, the fifth frequently, with a basal yellow fascia. Legs yellow or dilutely testaceous; the hind femora near the tip, the tibiæ, and tarsi almost wholly, subfuscous. Wings subhyaline, lightly cinerescens, veins fuscous black; the transverse veins obsoletely clouded with smoky; stigma elongate, smoky, with a basal black spot; apical margin and the posterior apical half clouded smoky.

Of the synonymy of *B. angusta* there can be no doubt, and its identity with *B. elongata* of Europe seems very probable. I have only an European male for comparison, but I can find no other differences than in the color of the antennæ, which are red. Loew adds to his description: "A *Baccha elongata* fronte minus æquali et antennis totis atris differt"; but the third joint of the antennæ in my specimens, as in the one which Osten Sacken described, is brown or brownish, so that this difference loses much of its value, and there only remains the difference in the width of the female front. As I have no female specimen of *B. elongata* for comparison, I cannot give any opinion as to the identity of what Loew believed to be two different species.

**Baccha torva**, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Texas!

♀. Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Cheeks extremely narrow; face wholly yellow. Front very narrow above, shining black, yellow on the sides below; two small, yellow spots just above the base of the antennæ. Antennæ black, third joint oval, thickened. Thorax black; humeri, a spot on the outer end of the suture, the post-alar callosities, and scutellum, yellow or luteous, the latter more brown on the disk. Abdomen elongate, shining brownish black, anterior outer part of the second-fourth segments more luteous; broadest at the tip of the second segment. Legs luteous, the hind pair blackish; hind tarsi, except the last two joints, light yellow. Wings nearly hyaline; the immediate base, the costal and subcostal cells, and a broad triangular cross-band reaching to the outer part of the sixth vein, dark brown.

One specimen, Texas (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection).

**Baccha capitata**.

*Baccha capitata* Loew, Centur., iii, 25.

*Habitat*.—Cuba (Loew)!

♂ Length 12<sup>mm</sup> Fuscous-ochraceous, opaque, rather bare. Head, thoracic stripes, spots of the pleuræ, scutellum, and abdominal fasciæ, light yellowish. Hind femora and the hind tibiæ, on their distal half, fuscous. Costa of the wings rather broadly clouded with subfuscous, near the tip fuscous.

Head large, light yellow; frontal lunule fuscous-ochraceous, circumscribed with fuscous. Antennæ obscurely ochraceous. Occiput black, white pollinose, the pollen of the orbits light yellow. Dorsum of the thorax fuscous-ochraceous, opaque, with four light yellow stripes, the intermediate ones posteriorly acute and moderately abbreviated, the lateral ones broadly interrupted. Scutellum light yellow, near the tip usually fuscous-ochraceous. Pleuræ with light yellow spots, variegated with obscure ochraceous and fuscous. First segment of the abdomen yellow, with a fuscous-ochraceous posterior fascia; remainder of the abdomen fuscous-ochraceous, with ochraceous pile, clothed more thickly near the tip of the abdomen; the second segment has at its base a yellowish cross-band; third segment with a rather broad, light-yellow cross-band; fourth at its base with a narrow, saturate-yellow band. Legs ochraceous; hind femora, except the base and tip; and the distal half of the hind tibiæ, fuscous. Wings hyaline, the costal border rather broadly clouded with ochraceous-subfulvous, fuscous near the tip.

Translation from the original, compared with the type.

The stripes of the thorax and bands of the abdomen would be more properly described as light ochraceous. It is a beautiful large species, characterized especially by its general light color.

**Baccha dimidiata.** (Plate V fig. 10.)

*Syrphus dimidiatus* Fabricius, Species Insect., ii, 434, 64; Ent. System., iv, 310, 11; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 140, 42.

*Scarva dimiditata* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 254, 25.

*Ocyptamus dimidiatus* Schiner, Novara Exped., 346; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt.

*Habitat.*—West Indies! Brazil (Schiner).

♀. Length, 6<sup>mm</sup>. Front shining violet black, very narrow above, with short blackish pile. Antennæ brownish black, third joint subtriangular. Eyes much convergent below. Face yellowish white, obscurely blackish in the middle, and on the oral margin; sometimes wholly yellowish white and extending up on the sides of the front below. Thorax shining brownish black; pleuræ whitish pollinose. Abdomen bare, deep shining, somewhat metallic brown, only a little elongate, not reaching to the tip of the wings, broadest at tip of second segment, thence gently narrowed to the tip of the fifth segment. Venter obscurely brownish yellow. Legs blackish brown. Wings blackish brown on the basal half, hyaline on the outer portion; the border of the brown extends across nearly straight from before the tip of the first longitudinal vein to the tip of the sixth.

Four specimens, San Domingo (G. F. Frazar).

## ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

**Baccha clavata** Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 200, 3; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 94, 4; Schiner, Novara Exped., 341. S. Am. (Schiner); W. Indies (O. S.).

*Syrphus clavatus* Fabricius, Ent. Syst., iv, 298, 73.

**Baccha cochenillivora** Guerin, Rev. Zool., 1848, 350; Bull. Soc. Ent., 1848. Guatam.

**Baccha conformis.**

*Ocyptamus conformis* Loew, Centur., vii, 67. Cuba.

**Baccha cubensis** Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 4e Suppl., 161, 5. Cuba.

**Baccha cylindrica** Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 199, 2; Wiedemann, A. Z., ii, 92.

*Syrphus cylindricus* Fabricius, Spec. Insect., ii, 249, 41; Ent. Syst., iv, 298, 74.

**Baccha fasciata** Röder, Stett. Ent. Zeit., 1855, 342. Porto Rico.

**Baccha fraterna** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1883, 324 (*Ocyptamus*). Mexico.

**Baccha funebris.**

*Ocyptamus funebris* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 554, 1; Dipt. Exot., ii, 105; Bigot in Ramon de la Sagra, etc., 807; Schiner Novara Exped., 346 ("Ob sie mit Macquart's *Ocyptamus fascipennis* [*B. fuscipennis*] identisch ist, vermag ich nicht zu entscheiden.")

**Baccha infuscata** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1883, 324 (*Ocyptamus*). Mexico.

**Baccha lineata** Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 1er suppl., 139, 4; pl. 20, fig. 5. Yucatan, Texas?

**Baccha luctuosa** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1883, 334. Mexico.

**Baccha marmorata** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1883, 333. Mexico.

**Baccha notata** Loew, Centur., vii, 65. Cuba.

**Baccha parvicornis** Loew, Wien. Ent. Monats. v, 41; Centur., vii, 64. Cuba.

**Baccha rufiventris** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1883, 325 (*Ocyptamus*). Cuba. [= *B. dimidiata*?]

**Baccha scutellata** Loew, Centur., vii, 69 (*Ocyptamus*). Cuba.

## CHALCOMYIA.\*

*Chalcomyia* Williston, Bull. Brooklyn Entom. Soc., vol. vii, p. 133.

Moderate sized, nearly bare, metallic bronze species. Eyes bare, broadly separated in the male. Antennæ situated upon a strong conical projection, especially in the male, first two joints short, third orbicular; arista basal, bare. Face in the male gently convex from below the antennal process; in the female concave from the antennæ to the tip, but most so below the middle; face produced but little below the eyes. Scutellum large and projecting, nearly square, with the outer angles rounded, thinned on the margin, and shallowly grooved on the disk. Abdomen flattened, broadly oval in outline. Legs rather stout; hind femora moderately thickened; hind tibiæ gently arcuate; hind metatarsi as long as the four following joints, not thickened. Marginal cell of wing open, third longitudinal vein nearly straight, anterior cross-vein oblique, situated a little before the middle of the discal cell. Type of genus *C. aerea* Loew, North America.

*Chalcomyia aerea*. (Plate IV, fig. 14.)

*Myiolepta aerea* Loew, Centur., x, 53.

*Habitat*.—Virginia! Illinois (Lw.).

♂, ♀ Length, 6 to 7<sup>mm</sup>. Greenish bronze-color, shining, clothed with short yellow pile. Front of the female with a whitish pollinose cross-band, narrowly interrupted; male with a narrow, obsolete cross-band, extending narrowly down along the eyes. Margin of the antennal process at the base of the antennæ red. First two joints of the antennæ reddish-brownish, third joint more brownish-reddish, blackish on the upper part; arista luteous. Face in the female shining black, except a yellowish pollinose stripe that runs from the eyes obliquely to the oral margin; in the male the sides of the antennal process and the face below the process thickly covered with satiny yellowish pubescence, when viewed from above, wholly concealing the ground color, and changeable in different lights, the under side of the process showing the ground-color more distinctly. Anterior margin of the thorax white pollinose. Abdomen more bronze-colored, with yellow pile, longer on the sides in front. Legs black, extreme tip of the femora, basal third of the tibiæ, and first three joints of the tarsi reddish-yellow; hind femora in the male a little more thickened than in the female and with a slight protuberance below near the base. Wings sublutescent, the veins near the tip and posterior margin fuscous.

Two specimens. Virginia (Mr. Theo. Pergande).

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\* Χαλκος, copper, and μυια, fly.

## MYIOLEPTA.\*

*Myiolepta* Newman, Ent. Mag., v, 373, 1838.

*Xyloteja* Rondani, Dipt. Ital. Prodr., ii, 96, 1857.

Moderate sized, bare species, metallic, black, or black-green; on the abdomen and face, sometimes with luteous side spots. Head broad, a little flattened. Antennæ short, situated upon an obtuse conical projection; first two joints short, third rounded or oval, with a basal, bare arista. Face strongly concave in outline below the antennæ, projecting below, in the male with a tubercle near the middle. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male; the front somewhat narrowed behind in the female. Thorax somewhat narrowed in front. Scutellum black, thinned near its border. Abdomen about twice as long as the thorax, and as broad or broader, somewhat flattened, oval or ovate. Legs stout, all the femora somewhat thickened, but more especially so the hind pair. Marginal cell of the wings open; third longitudinal vein nearly straight; anterior cross-vein towards the base of the discal cell.

Type of genus, *M. luteola* Gmelin.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

1.—Face on the sides below with a large luteous spot; third joint of antennæ ovate	<b>strigilata</b>
Face without such spot	<b>2</b>
2.—Legs wholly black	<b>bella</b>
Tarsi and tibiæ more or less yellow	<b>3</b>
3.—Abdomen black	<b>nigra</b>
Abdomen with luteous or yellow spots at the base	<b>varipes</b>

***Myiolepta strigilata*.**

*Myiolepta strigilata* Loew, Centur., x, 54.

*Habitat*.—Texas, North Carolina!

♂, ♀ Blackish greenish, moderately shining, wholly clothed with short, rigid, appressed white pile; antennæ, tibiæ, base of front tarsi, and hind tarsi except the last two joints, red ferruginous; third joint of the antennæ ovate. Length of body, 6 to 7<sup>mm</sup>; of wings, 5 to 6<sup>mm</sup>.

Black-green, moderately shining, clothed with short, rigid, appressed white pile. Vertex of the male black, shining; front and face clothed very thickly, with dilutely lutescent pollen, a bare spot, however, above the antennæ; facial tubercle and cheeks black and shining, lower part of the face on each side with a very large luteous spot. Front and face of the female black and shining, the latter on the lower half on each side with an oblique luteous spot: these spots and a bisinuate fascia situated below the antennæ whitish or sublutescent pollinose; the remainder of the face not pollinose. Antennæ ferruginous-red, near the base more

saturnately tinged, third joint ovate, the arista concolorous. Venter cinereous, with white pollen and briefly white pilose. Femora black, the extreme tip reddish luteous; tibiæ ferruginous red, near the base becoming more luteous, anterior ones blackish near the tip, hind ones fuscous in the middle; front tarsi black, near the base red, hind ones red, last two joints black. Wings very dilutely lutescent, but near the tip cinereous and marked with a median fascia more absolutely cinerescens.

Translation from the original, compared with the type specimens (three) in the Museum of Comparative Zoology. In the single male specimen the appressed pile of the dorsum has a more yellowish cast.

***Myiolepta bella*** (Plate V, fig. 2).

*Myiolepta bella* Williston, Trans. Amer. Phil. Soc., xx, 308.

*Habitat*.—Washington Territory, Oregon!

♀ Length, 7 to 8<sup>mm</sup>. Deep black, shining. Front with very short black pile above, not at all pollinose; face bare, not pollinose, much produced, in profile deeply concave, below the middle briefly and gently convex. First two joints of the antennæ blackish, third joint orbicular, reddish yellow; arista brownish luteous. Thorax faintly whitish pollinose on the anterior margin; clothed with very short black pile, longer on the border of the scutellum. Abdomen broadly oval, very shining, clothed with short white pile. Halteres light yellow; tegulæ white. Legs black, with black pile. Wings lightly tinged with brown on outer part, hyaline on basal portion; stigma light brown.

Three specimens, Washington Territory, Mount Hood, Oregon.

***Myiolepta varipes*** (Plate V, figs. 1, 1a, 1b).

*Myiolepta varipes* Loew, Centur., ix, 79; Williston, Trans. Amer. Phil. Soc., xx, 308.

*Myiolepta lunulata* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884. 537.

*Habitat*.—Virginia, Washington Territory, California!

♂, ♀ Length, 7 to 8<sup>mm</sup>. Black, shining. Front in female narrowly pollinose along the orbit on each side; in the male the frontal triangle pollinose on its margins. Antennæ brownish reddish, in some specimens more distinctly brown throughout; basal joints more blackish, the arista like the third joint. Face in the female in profile deeply concave from the base of the antennæ to a little above the oral margin; shining, with a broad, white pollinose cross-band below the antennæ; the sides, and a stripe running from the eye toward the oral margin, pollinose; face in the male deeply concave to a little below the middle, where there is a small but prominent mammillate tubercle, everywhere densely white pollinose, except on the tubercle and immediately below it and on the cheeks, where it is shining; the lower part of the face in both sexes not so much produced as in the allied species. Dorsum of thorax with a bronze reflection, clothed with short, appressed, yellowish white pile; on the front margin, interrupted in the middle, white pollinose. Scutellum shining black, with yellowish pile. Abdomen black; the first

segment narrowly yellowish on the sides; the second segment with a large, oval, yellowish spot on each side, extending rather further back in the male, and sometimes narrowly bordered on the sides behind with black; pile short, appressed, nearly white. Legs black, extreme tip of all the femora, basal third of all the tibiæ and more or less of the tip, and the first three joints of the middle and hind tibiæ, luteous or yellow. Wings cinerous hyaline, toward the base yellow, in the middle in front with a large subfuscous spot; distal part of the wings distinctly brownish tinged.

Three female specimens from Washington Territory and California and one male from Virginia (Pergande).

*Myiolepta nigra*. (Plate IV, fig. 15.)

*Myiolepta nigra* Loew, Centur., x, 52.

*Habitat*.—Pennsylvania (Lw.), New York, North Carolina!

♀ Length, 7 to 8.5<sup>mm</sup>. Black, shining, wholly short white pilose. Front shining, on each side near the eyes narrowly white pollinose. Antennæ brownish red, the first joint black: third joint orbicular; arista luteous. Face strongly concave in profile, the lower part considerably produced; across below the base of the antennæ, and a narrow stripe on each side running from the eye to the oral margin, white pollinose. Front margin of the thorax lightly whitish pollinose. Legs black, the first three joints of the middle and hind tarsi light yellow. Wings dilutely yellowish, near the base hyaline, on outer part faintly blackish. Halteres dilutely yellow; tegulæ white.

One specimen, from Professor J. A. Lintner.

## RHINGIA.

*Rhingia* Scopoli, Entom. Carniolica, 358, 1763.

Moderately large, plump, bare species. The abdomen with yellowish-red markings. Head hemispherical, flat behind, somewhat broader than the thorax. Antennæ short, third joint short, oval, with bare arista. Proboscis long, slender, divergent at the tip. Face small, yellowish, without tubercle below, produced into a long, slender snout-like epistoma, under which the proboscis, when at rest, lies ensheathed. Eyes naked, contiguous in the male. Thorax not very long. Scutellum translucent yellowish. Abdomen broader than thorax, not much longer, oval, arched. Legs slender, femora not thickened; hind metatarsi long, somewhat thickened. Marginal cell of wings open, third longitudinal vein gently convex anteriorly, joining the costa beyond the tip of the wing, anterior cross-vein toward the base of the discal cell, slightly oblique. Type of genus, *R. rostrata* Linné, Europe.

A well-marked genus: in the United States so far represented only by a single species, which occurs in the Atlantic States, in abundance on low vegetation near brooks and in meadowlands.

*Rhingia nasica*. (Plate V, fig. 3, 3a.) ✓

*Rhingia nasica* Say, J. Acad., Phil., iii, 94; Compl. Wr., ii, 81; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 115, 1.

*Habitat*.—Atlantic States, Indiana, Kentucky!

♂ ♀ Length, 8<sup>mm</sup>. Frontal triangle small, blackish; front in female black, lightly whitish dusted, pile short, black. Antennæ yellowish-red, third joint cordate in outline, a little larger in the female. Face red, more or less brownish on the cheeks. Thorax shining black, with two broad, whitish pollinose, dorsal stripes; pile black, very short in the female. Scutellum in the female wholly translucent, amber-colored, with very short pile, except a row of black bristles on the border; in the male largely blackish at the base, the pile longer, black, and with a row of black hairs on its border. Abdomen black, with two pairs of large yellow or reddish spots on the second and third segments; the first segment in large part obscure yellow. The black of the second and third segments opaque, fourth segment wholly shining greenish-black; pile orange or yellow; the female with less, nearly bare, except on the second segment. Venter light yellow on basal portion. Legs in large part brownish-yellow; femora black, a ring on the tibiæ, and the posterior metatarsi brown. Wings with a strong yellowish or brownish tinge.

Numerous specimens; New England, Indiana (Coquillett), Kentucky.

## EUGENIAMYIA.\*

*Eugeniamyia* Williston, Canada Entomologist, xiv, 80, 1882; Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 309.

♂ Rather large, dark ferruginous red species, nearly bare, with short hairs. Head narrower than the thorax. Eyes bare, contiguous. Antennæ situated below the middle of the eyes in profile, short, third joint short and quadrate; arista basal, plumose. Posterior orbits swollen. Face much produced downwards and forwards, somewhat conical, truncate, with an obtuse, prominent tubercle in the middle. Thorax longer than broad; in front and above the root of the wings, the postalar callosities, and on the border of the scutellum, with strong bristles. Abdomen elongate, nearly twice the length of the thorax, of nearly equal width throughout, narrower than the thorax. Femora all swollen, and with short bristles below, hind femora more swollen and elongate, and the spurs stouter, tibiæ with a circlet of short spines at the tip, the hind pair with short spines scattered irregularly over their outer surface. Wings as in *Brachyopa*, the first posterior cell long petiolate. Type of genus *E. ferruginea* Fallen, Europe and North America.

\* *Εὐγένεια*, goodness of its kind, and *μύια*, fly.



**Eugeniomyia ferruginea.** (Plate V figs. 4, 4a, 4b.)

*Rhingia ferruginea* Fallen, Dipt. Succ. Syrph., 34, 3 (1816).

*Brachyopa ferruginea* Meigen, Syst. Besch., ii, 263, 4; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 686, and viii, 3125, 1; Schiner, Verh. Zool. Bot. Gesellsch., vii, 376; id., Fauna Aust., i, 326; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 128.

*Eugeniomyia rufa* Williston, Can. Entom., xiv, 80.

*Habitat.*—Washington Territory, Manitoba!, Northern Europe.

♂ Length, 14<sup>mm</sup>, of wings 10<sup>mm</sup>. Dark ferruginous-red. Head and antennæ shining yellowish-red, arista black, red at base. Face on the sides with a stripe of silvery pollen, not very conspicuous. Dorsum of thorax darker, almost brownish-red, with two rather broad pollinose stripes, abbreviated behind, and inclosing in front a black spot not reaching the suture; clothed with rather abundant short black hairs, and the bristles of the same color. Pleuræ with sparse yellowish pile; metanotum blackish behind. Abdomen narrower than the thorax and much longer, nearly bare, shining, somewhat brownish near the end. Basal joints of tarsi yellowish, the last one or two joints brownish; femora below near the base, especially on the middle pair, with tufts of yellow pile; the short black bristles of the femora more abundant on the under sides and near the ends, also on the outer sides of the posterior tibiae. Wings brownish in front, lighter behind, base of marginal cell, as far as tip of the auxiliary vein, with a hyaline streak.

One specimen.

This species is recorded by Loew from Manitoba (vide O. Sacken's Catalogue, p. 128), and, upon further study, I am convinced that the species which I described as *E. rufa* must be the same.

An examination of the specimen identified as this species in the Loew type collection, since the foregoing was written, confirms this determination.

## BRACHYOPA.\*

*Brachyopa* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 260, 1822.

*Ecochila* Rondani, Atti d. Soc. Ital. d. Sc. Nat., xi, 1863.

Moderately large, nearly bare species, of prevailing reddish-yellow, sometimes brownish color. Head somewhat narrower than the thorax. Antennæ short, third joint round or oval; arista basal, bare or pubescent. Face concave, without tubercle, subcarinate, produced downwards and forwards considerably below the eyes, truncate at tip. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male, front in female narrowed above, the distance from vertex to antennæ greater than thence to oral margin. Thorax narrowed in front. Scutellum large. Abdomen considerably broader than the thorax and scarcely longer, broadly oval. Legs simple, rather strong, the hind femora somewhat elongate, and some times with short bristly hairs below. Wings much longer than the abdomen;

\**Βραχύς*, short, *ὤψ*, face.

third longitudinal vein straight, anterior cross-vein before the middle of the discal cell. Types of genus, *B. conica* (Panzer) and *B. bicolor* (Fallen), Europe.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

1.—Arista bare	<b>2</b>
Arista pubescent ( <i>Erochila</i> )	<b>notata</b>
2.—Face and front brownish, covered with grayish pollen; abdomen mostly brown	<b>vacua</b>
Face reddish-yellow, shining except a pollinose band below the antennæ; front of female on upper two-thirds blackish. Abdomen reddish-yellow with slender brown incisures	<b>media</b>

**Brachyopa notata.** (Plate V, figs. 5, 6.)

*Brachyopa notata* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci. iii, 68; Cat. Dipt., 248; Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 308.

*Habitat.*—White Mountains, Mount Hood, Washington Territory!

♂, ♀ Length, 6<sup>mm</sup>. Head light yellow, with faint silvery pollen, and, on the front, with very short white pile. Antennæ a little more reddish, the arista reddish-brown, with rather long pubescence. On the cheeks in front a faint brownish stripe running from the eye. Thorax ochraceous, with short dusky pile; in the middle above a slender, and on each side a broad, whitish dusted stripe. Scutellum reddish-yellow, nearly as long as broad, triangular in outline, with the apex rounded; the pile black. Abdomen brownish-yellow, the segments with narrow, but distinct, dark brown posterior borders, and, in the middle, with a slender brown stripe, more or less interrupted before each transverse fascia, sometimes only showing a brown spot on each segment, wanting on the fourth. Legs reddish-yellow; the base and tip of the hind tibiæ, and the hind tarsi, reddish, on the latter more or less brownish. Wings somewhat tinged with brownish-yellow, distinctly brownish at the tip and along the last section of the fourth vein and the posterior cross-vein; stigma brownish, posterior cross-vein only a little longer than the penultimate section of the fourth vein, the including angle nearly rectangular.

Two female specimens from Mount Washington, N. H. (Dr. George Dimmock, No. 1490), and two from Mount Hood, Oregon, and Washington Territory, both males. The latter two specimens show no differences whatever, that I can see, except that the color is a little darker. The last two joints of the four front tarsi in all are brown.

**Brachyopa media.** (Plate V, fig. 7.)

*Brachyopa media* Williston, Proc. Amer. Phil. Soc., xx, 308.

*Habitat.*—Kern County, California!

♀. Length, 6 to 7<sup>mm</sup>. Face and lower third of front reddish-yellow, shining, except across below the antennæ, where there is a band of silvery pollen; cheeks with an oblique, slender, brownish stripe. Antennæ reddish-yellow, third joint large; arista yellowish-brown, bare.

Front divergent on the sides below, on the upper two-thirds black, covered with whitish pollen. Thorax black, thickly covered with whitish pollen, in the middle in front with two black linear stripes; humeri, post-alar callosities, and the scutellum, yellowish-red, the last rounded, much broader than long. Pleuræ dark, thickly whitish dusted, a black spot above the middle and hind coxæ. Abdomen reddish-yellow, with slender brownish hind borders on the second, third, and fourth segments. Legs brownish-yellow, the last two joints of all the tarsi blackish; hind tibiae, and basal joints of hind tarsi, brownish. Wings nearly hyaline, faintly clouded at the tip; stigma yellowish; posterior cross-vein not much longer than the penultimate section of the fourth vein, the included angle obtuse.

One specimen (H. K. Morrison). This species is allied to *B. bicolor* of Europe, but differs from a single specimen I have for comparison, as well as the description, in the front being broader below, and black above, in the tarsi, etc.

**Brachyopa vacua.**

*Brachyopa vacua* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci. iii, 68 (by typographical error *racua*); id., Cat. Dipt., 247; Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 308.

*Brachyopa cinereo-rittata* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. de France, 1884, 537.

*Habitat.*—Canada, California!

“♀ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Brownish-gray, thorax with three brown stripes; abdomen brown, its basal third whitish-yellow, with a brown line in the middle; arista bare.

Face, front and vertex, densely clothed with a grayish pollen; lower part of the face very much projecting; a brownish stripe runs across the cheeks from the eye to the mouth; antennae brownish, grayish pollinose, arista bare, brownish-reddish at base. Thoracic dorsum yellowish-gray, with three brown stripes, the intermediate one geminate and abbreviate posteriorly. Scutellum brownish-yellow. Abdomen brown, shining; first and second segments whitish-yellow (as if translucent), the second brown posteriorly and with a longitudinal brown line in the middle. Legs grayish-brown, hind femora slightly incrassate, on the under side with a brush of short, spine-like bristles. Wings distinctly tinged with brownish, especially on the distal half, anteriorly; first posterior cell distinctly petiolate at the distal end, the petiole being equal in length to the small cross-vein.

“*Habitat.*—Quebec, Canada (Mr. F. X. Belanger), a single male specimen. The interval between the distal ends of first posterior and discal cells is a shallow sinus, and not a right angle as in *B. notata*.”—Osten Sacken, l. c.

A single female specimen from Kern County, California, I have scarcely a doubt belongs here: the differences from the description are very slight. The color throughout is apparently a little darker, and the legs are rather reddish than grayish brown. I do not see that the

lower part of the face projects more than in *B. notata*. The third joint of the antennae is distinctly smaller than that of the females of either of the preceding species.

### VOLUCELLA.\*

*Volucella* Geoffroy, Hist. des Insects de Environs de Paris, vii, 1764.

*Cenogaster* Dumeril, Exposition, etc., 1801, and Dict. d'Hist. Natur. Strasburg, 1817.

*Temnocera* St. Fargeau and Serville, Encycl. Meth., x, 786, 1825; Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 26.

*Ornidia* St. Fargeau and Serville, Encycl. Meth., x, 786, 1825.

*Atemnocera* Bigot, Bullet. bi-mens. Soc. Ent. France, No. 12, 1882.

Medium to large size, robust, sometimes thickly pilose, black, metallic blue, brownish-yellow with darker abdominal fasciæ, or nearly wholly yellowish species. Head somewhat broader than the thorax, the posterior orbits narrow. Antennæ comparatively small, first two joints short, of nearly equal length, third joint elongate, sometimes slender, often narrowed in its middle or toward the end; arista plumose, sometimes with long and abundant pile, at other times shorter, sparser. Face more or less excavated below the antennæ, with a prominence below the middle, at other times straight or convex in profile, the epistoma considerably produced downwards and somewhat forwards, conical, pointed at the tip, with a small notch. Eyes pilose, sometimes bare in the female, contiguous above in the male. Thorax sometimes with yellow lateral stripes, sometimes densely pilose. Scutellum large, often translucent, sometimes with hairs or distinct bristles on its border. Abdomen oval, strongly arched, not very much longer than the thorax. Legs simple, moderately strong, all the femora of nearly equal length. Wings large and broad, marginal cell closed, anterior cross-vein usually towards the base of the discal cell and rectangular, sometimes near the middle and oblique. Third longitudinal vein not bent into the first posterior cell, fourth vein bent inwards at the end, the third vein beyond the union directed obliquely forward; calyptræ large.

The face in the female frequently differs in profile somewhat from that of the male, the depression below the antennæ being a little greater, and the lower part of the face more receding; the third joint of the antennæ, also, is sometimes more expanded, especially at the base.

Contrary to the opinion of some excellent dipterologists I have rejected the genus *Temnocera*, for the following reasons: In several of the species of our fauna, bristles or bristly hairs exist on the scutellum and post-alar callosities. In some of these, to separate them generically would be absurd, for the conformation and coloration throughout are strikingly similar to those of others without. Moreover, the bristles in some are so fine that they are with difficulty distinguished. Hence

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\*Diminutive from *volucer*, swift.

I think that this character is of but little value to distinguish our species. The other character used for this genus is of less value still: I mean the excision of the third joint of the antennæ above, as such excision in a less degree is found in most of the Volucellæ. Mr. Bigot has established the genus *Atemnocera* on the presence of bristles on the scutellum alone, the third joint of the antennæ not being excised above. If the small difference that is thus left as the sole character for *Temnocera* were made a criterion by which to base other genera in this family, how many would there be?

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

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| 1.—Thorax and abdomen very thickly furry, more or less yellowish, pilose. Face much excavated below the antennæ; arista very long and densely plumose; second segment of the abdomen yellow on the sides; wings with a dark brown spot; large species | 2                           |
| Thorax and abdomen not thickly pilose   | 3                           |
| 2.—Face black or chestnut; yellow pilose; dorsum of thorax and pleuræ wholly yellow pilose  | <i>evecta</i>               |
| Face yellow; thickly yellow pilose; cheeks black; dorsum of thorax and pleuræ black pilose.   | <i>facialis</i>             |
| 3.—Deep black, green, violet, or coppery colored species; cheeks not light colored  | 4                           |
| Prevailing color light; cheeks yellowish, wholly so or with a black stripe  | 9                           |
| 4.—Base of wings yellow; face light yellow, with yellow pile; sides of thorax and the scutellum reddish or yellowish; basal two-thirds of tibiæ reddish yellow  | <i>vesiculosa, eugenia.</i> |
| Base of wings not yellow but hyaline or brown   | 5                           |
| 5.—Wings hyaline, except a spot at end of auxiliary vein and on the cross-veins; body wholly deep colored except, sometimes, the head   | 6                           |
| Wings more or less dark brown on the basal part in front  | 8                           |
| 6.—Face much produced downward into an acute cone; third joint of antennæ elongate as usual   | 7                           |
| Face obtuse below, not produced downward, in the middle with an obtuse tubercle; third joint of antennæ very short, triangular  | <i>obesa</i>                |
| 7.—Face and front wholly black  | <i>Comstocki</i>            |
| Face and front, except the cheeks, deep reddish-yellow  | <i>victoria</i>             |
| 8.—Wings broadly deep brown at the base, ending abruptly near the tip of auxiliary, and thence yellowish along the costa; abdomen clothed chiefly with short erect hairs; face considerably excavated below the antennæ.                              | <i>mexicana</i>             |
| Wings brown in the costal and subcostal cells; face more or less red, lightly excavated below the antennæ   | <i>anna</i>                 |
| 9.—Third joint of antennæ deeply excised above; face produced forwards below  | <i>Hagii</i>                |
| Third joint of antennæ not, or but little, excised above; face produced downward, as usual.   | 10                          |
| 10.—Large species (11 <sup>mm</sup> +)  | 11                          |
| Smaller species   | 13                          |
| 11.—Face and cheeks wholly yellow   | <i>megacephala</i>          |
| Face and cheeks not wholly yellow   | 12                          |
| 12.—Cheeks black, shining; black of the abdominal segments prolonged in the middle anteriorly (11-12 <sup>mm</sup> )  | <i>avida</i>                |
| Cheeks yellow with a rather narrow brown or black stripe; black of the abdominal segments less distinct in the middle   | <i>isabellina</i>           |

- 13.—Second vein near the tip regular, *i. e.*, is not bent into the submarginal cell; face and cheeks without black stripes; wings hyaline, with a faint brown spot at the tip of the auxiliary vein **14**  
 Second vein irregular near the end, bent into the submarginal cell **15**
- 14.—Abdomen resplendent coppery blue, the base yellow or translucent, **vesiculosa**  
 Abdomen mostly yellow, brownish toward the tip, with three pairs of small quadrangular spots on the sides **sexpunctata**
- 15.—Face yellow; wings hyaline with brown spots **16**  
 Face with a black stripe; wings subfasciate. **17**
- 16.—Spots of wings distinct; black abdominal fasciæ obsolete in the middle. **tau**  
 Spots of the wings less conspicuous; black abdominal fasciæ complete. **saturn**
- 17.—Wings distinctly fasciate with brown; pleuræ with two yellow spots; yellow bands of abdomen interrupted **pusilla**  
 Wings less distinctly fasciate; pleuræ with five or six yellow spots; yellow abdominal bands entire **fasciata**

For other species see descriptions.

**Volucella evecta.** (Plate VI, figs. 6, 6a.)

*Volucella evecta* Walker, Dipt. Saunders., 251.

*Volucella plumata* Macquart (non Fabr.), Dipt. Exot., 4e Suppl., 131.

*Habitat.*—New England, Middle States, British Possessions!

♂, ♀ Length, 12 to 15<sup>mm</sup>. Face black, or pitchy black, clothed with moderately abundant yellow pile on the lower two-thirds, considerably excavated below the antennæ and with a distinct broad protuberance near the middle; in the male produced directly downwards; in the female more rounded on the lower part and projecting rather more forward. Third joint of antennæ a little broader at the base, reddish-yellow or reddish-brown, black at the base; arista more than twice the length of the antennæ; long and abundantly feathery plumose with delicate pile. Front in female rather narrow, clothed with yellow pile; yellowish on the sides, with a blackish median stripe; frontal triangle in the male small. Eyes bare in female, or at most only sparsely pilose near the top, thickly pilose in male. Thorax black, shining, very abundantly light yellow pilose on the sides of the dorsum; pleuræ and scutellum less abundantly pilose in the middle, where the ground color shines through. Scutellum light yellow. Abdomen black, shining; on the sides of the second segment with a large triangular yellow spot; thickly covered with yellow pile, which is less abundant in the middle of the segment; elsewhere the abdomen is thickly covered with erect black pile, except rarely in some specimens (var. *sanguinea*, new) the posterior portion of the third and the remaining segments is clothed with longer, erect, bright red or yellow pile. Legs black; the tip of the femora and basal and terminal portions of the tibiæ, and all the tarsi, reddish. Wings brownish-hyaline, clouded along the veins; a large spot opposite the tip of auxiliary reaching to the fourth vein. Anterior cross-vein nearly rectangular, situated near the proximal third of the discal cell. Fifty specimens.

This species is related closely to *V. bombylans* of Europe, the variety

*sanguinea* corresponding to var. *haemorrhoidalis*. The species, however, shows a structural difference in the facial profile, the excavation being less below the antennæ.

***Volucella facialis*.**

*Volucella facialis* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 316.

*Habitat*.—California!

♂, ♀ Length, 14 to 15<sup>mm</sup>. In structure precisely like the preceding and corresponding in markings to *V. bombylans*, var. *plumata* of Enrope. That it may only be a variety of *erecta* I am not prepared to deny; certainly greater differences exist among the varieties of *V. bombylans*.

Face broadly yellow in the middle, and thickly clothed with yellow pile; the eyes of the female more pilose, the dorsum of the thorax and the pleura black pilose, otherwise not differing from *V. erecta sanguinea*.

***Volucella esuriens mexicana*.** (Plate VI, figs. 5, 5a.)

*Syrphus esuriens* Fabricius, System Entom., iv, 281, 10; Syst. Antl., 226, 9.

*Volucella esuriens* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 197, 4; Schiner, Novara Exped., ii, 1, B. Dipt., 356, 54.

*Volucella mexicana* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 25; tab. 5, fig. 3; Schiner, l. c., 55; Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 332.

*Volucella dispar* Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 1er Suppl., 123; tab. xi, fig. 2; Schiner, l. c.

*Volucella metallifera* Walker, List, etc., iii, 636.

*Volucella Maximiliani* Jaenicke, Neue Exot. Dipt., 87; Schiner, l. c.

*Habitat*.—California, Arizona, Florida!, Mexico (Macq.), New Granada (Macq.).

♂, ♀ Length, 16 to 19<sup>mm</sup>. Face deep chestnut-black, moderately shining, considerably excavated below the antennæ, with a rounded protuberance near the middle, below this perceptibly concave, produced directly downward into a conical tip, slightly notched at the extremity; clothed with short white pile; cheeks shining black. Antennæ varying from a dark reddish to a quite black, or sometimes the tip only reddish; third joint rather short, expanded at the base; arista moderately plumose, on the upper side longer than below. Front in female narrow above, gently convex, with yellowish pile, more black at the vertex or sometimes the pile may be wholly blackish; on each side there is a well marked concentric groove. Eyes in both sexes obscurely yellowish pilose. Thorax deep bluish-black, sometimes with a slight coppery luster; clothed with black pile, at times obscurely yellowish in front. Scutellum deep chestnut-black. Abdomen a deep resplendent violet or purplish, sometimes with a coppery luster, clothed with short stiff bristle-like hairs and on the last two segments with black pile. Legs black, with black pile. Wings hyaline; on the basal portion to a little beyond the tip of the auxiliary vein, brownish black; the end is cut off squarely and, beyond, the subcostal cell is saturate yellow, extending somewhat outwards; the dark color extends backward to beyond the

fourth vein, clouding the cross-veins; the outer part of the first vein and the tip of the auxiliary are yellow.

Schiner (*l. c.*) compared the type of *Maximiliani* Jaen., and asserted it to be the same as *mexicana*, and, moreover, that both this and *dispar* Macq. were varieties of *esuriens* Fab. Structurally they are all alike, but the color in *esuriens* is more brownish. I have examined a large number of specimens from California (Coquillett), Arizona (Comstock), Texas, and Florida (Riley), and find them all quite uniform in coloration, hence it seems to be advisable to retain the varietal name.

*Volucella Comstocki*, n. sp. (Plate VI, fig. 9.)

*Habitat*.—Arizona, New Mexico!

♂, ♀ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face nearly perpendicular in profile, scarcely at all excavated below the antennæ, shining bluish-black, with long, rather abundant, black pile; front like the face, with black pile, sides nearly parallel; frontal triangle prominent, with longer black pile. Antennæ brownish-black, the third joint in the male only a little narrowed beyond the middle, the basal portion scarcely half as wide again, in the female twice as wide as on its narrowest part; arista but little longer than the joint, loosely plumose. Eyes thickly pilose. Thorax deep shining blackish blue, with rather abundant, moderately long, black pile. Scutellum deep chestnut on its disk, with black pile. Abdomen brilliant dark blue, with short black pile, longer on the terminal segments. Legs black, black pilose. Wings hyaline with a small brown spot at the tip of the auxiliary vein, faintly clouded on the outer part and posterior border.

Two specimens from Arizona (Professor Comstock), and one from New Mexico (G. F. Gaumer).

*Volucella Anna*, n. sp. (Plate VI, fig. 8.)

*Habitat*.—Arizona!

♂ Length, 14<sup>mm</sup>. Face chestnut-colored, shining bluish-black on its lower part and on the cheeks, below the antennæ faintly dusted with white; sub-antennal excavation slight, the convexity of the middle not prominent, but greater than in *V. Comstocki*. Antennæ red, third joint moderately expanded near the base. Eyes pilose with rather short pile. Thorax deep shining bluish-black, with black pile. Scutellum chestnut-colored on its upper surface, with black pile and a row of black bristly hairs on its border. Abdomen deep blue, with a coppery reflection, clothed with short black pile, longer on the posterior segments. Legs black. Wings hyaline, costal and subcostal cells brown, nearly black at the base; a small blackish spot at the tip of the auxiliary vein, a narrow brown cloud on the furcation of the second and third veins, the anterior cross-vein and cross-veins at base of discal and posterior cells.

One specimen.



*Volucella eugenia*, n. sp. (Plate VI, fig. 10.)

*Habitat*.—Bahamas, Florida!

♀ Length, 14<sup>mm</sup>. Front and face light yellow, clothed with light yellow pile; cheeks deep shining black. Face considerably excavated below the antennæ, and with a rather large protuberance near the middle, much produced directly downward to a very acute tip. Antennæ yellow, third joint a little broadened at the distal end, much excised on its upper border near the middle; arista a little longer than the joint, moderately pilose. Eyes pilose. Dorsum of thorax olive-greenish-black, somewhat chestnut or even yellowish on the sides; clothed with short, rather sparse, pile, intermingled with yellowish on the humeri; along the dorso-pleural suture with short bristles, longer and more abundant on the post-alar callosities. Scutellum black at the base, becoming reddish on its border, yellowish below; along the border there is a row of black bristles. Abdomen brilliant violet, clothed with abundant, short black pile. Legs black; all the tibiæ, except the terminal fourth or third on the hind pair, yellowish red. Wings hyaline, cross-veins narrowly clouded with brown, the auxiliary vein and nearly all the first, the second, third, and fourth to near the cross-veins, conspicuously yellowish, the intervening cells tinged with the same color.

Two specimens. Is nearest allied to *V abdominalis* Wied., but will be distinguished by the lateral margins of the thoracic dorsum, and the scutellum, not being so distinctly yellow; it also lacks the large triangular yellow spot in front of the scutellum.

*Volucella avida*. (Plate VI, fig. 12.)

*Volucella avida* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 333.

*Habitat*.—California!

♂, ♀ Length, 10 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ light brown; arista loosely plumose above; third antennal joint about one-half or two-thirds of the length of the arista, its basal half a little expanded; face pale whitish-yellow, a narrow black stripe runs from the mouth upward, becoming paler and finally obsolete before reaching the antennæ; cheeks black, shining; frontal triangle of the male whitish-yellow, beset with black pile; profile straight, in the male with a slight depression under the antennæ, more receding on the lower part in the female. Thorax greenish-black; on each side between the humerus and scutellum a rather broad, dull, yellow stripe; in front of the scutellum a yellowish, rather obscure parallelogram, marginate anteriorly; sides of the dorsum and pleuræ beset with yellowish-white hairs. Scutellum yellowish, sub-translucent, beset with black hairs along the edge. Abdomen pale honey-yellow; first segment black, the second and third segments posteriorly with a narrow black margin, expanded on each side along the lateral margin, and prolonged in the middle in the shape of a longitudinal black stripe toward the anterior margin; on the second segment this stripe is broadly expanded so as to coalesce with the black of the

first segment; on the third segment, on the contrary, it is tapering anteriorly; fourth segment with a black crossband a little beyond the middle, with a subtriangular expansion in the middle reaching toward the fifth segment; fifth segment black on the sides, in the male the hypopygium black; the abdomen is clothed with short black pile on its black portions and with yellowish pile on the yellow regions, especially on the sides of the second segment and on the posterior part. Femora black; knees and basal half of the tibiae brownish-yellow, tarsi black. Wings hyaline; latter half of the costal cell and the interval between the auxiliary and first longitudinal vein as far as the stigma brownish; stigma dark brown, central cross-veins and small cross-veins with well defined brown clouds; the second vein ends in the first some little distance before the tip of the latter.

Five specimens.

*Volucella isabellina*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Arizona!

♀ Length, 15 to 16<sup>mm</sup>. Face pale whitish-yellow, with a narrow brown stripe on the lower two-thirds, paler and obsolete above; pile in the middle black, on the sides mixed with white; cheeks with a rather narrow brownish-black stripe running from the eye to the tip; behind with a fringe of white pile. Front of the same color as the face with side grooves and clothed with black pile. Front gently and evenly convex; face lightly concave below the antennae, receding on its inferior half. Antennae brownish, or reddish; rather short, the third joint somewhat longer than in *avida*, expanded on its basal portion. Thorax greenish-black; on each side between the humerus and scutellum a rather broad dull honey-yellow stripe; in front of the scutellum a yellowish, rather obscure, parallelogram; the black is thickly dusted, leaving slender stripes and the narrow borders shining blackish; sides of the dorsum and the pleurae beset with the yellowish-white pile, on the post-alar callosities mingled with black hair. Scutellum yellowish, subtranslucent, beset with black pile on its disk and edge. Abdomen light yellow; first segment black, second segment posteriorly with a rather narrow black margin, obsolete in the middle, expanded somewhat toward the sides, in front with a narrow black triangle reaching to about the middle of the segment; third segment with the anterior margin light yellow, more or less red on the middle part, a deep black on the posterior portion, which on the sides reaches to near the middle of the segment; this black border is a little wider than that on the preceding segment and like that interrupted, or obsolete in the middle; fourth segment with a black spot on each side on its posterior margin; on the anterior angles of each segment there is light yellow pile, elsewhere with short black hairs. Femora black at the base, on the other part, and the basal portions of the tibiae and tarsi, brownish-yellow; terminal part of tibiae and the last three joints of all the tarsi, darker, the latter black

at the tip. Wings pure hyaline; stigma yellowish-brown; the anterior cross-vein, furcation of second and third longitudinal veins, and veins at base of discal and last posterior cells narrowly clouded with deep brown.

This species resembles *V. arida*, but differs in the greater size, in the cheeks not being wholly black, in the black of the abdomen being obsolete in the middle, and in the third antennal joint being longer; the front of the female, also, is narrower above. The profile of the face in the male is probably straighter and less receding in its lower part than in the female.

***Volucella vesiculosa.*** (Plate VI, fig. 1, 1a.)

*Syrphus vesiculosus* Fabricius, System Antl., 226, 11.

*Volucella vesiculosa* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 201, 11; Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 3e Suppl., 39; tab. iv, fig. 3.

*Habitat.*—Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, Kentucky, Florida!, South America.

♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Head reddish-yellow; eyes of male contiguous for a long distance, the frontal triangle very small. Antennæ reddish-yellow, third joint long, a little broader at its base, but not excised on either border; arista about twice the length of joint, long plumose above, short below. Face considerably excavated below the antennæ, with a rounded protuberance, distinctly concave immediately below; pile of face short, rather sparse, white. Dorsum of thorax brilliant purple-colored, with a cobalt blue reflection, the front border, humeri, and sometimes the sides, yellow. Scutellum more yellowish, except on the dorsum, where it is more or less brilliant, like the thoracic dorsum. The pile of the thorax is sparse, black; along the lateral sutures, the post-alar callosities, and border of the scutellum with rather long, very distinct black bristles. Abdomen a beautiful brilliant purple, or coppery red, with the cobalt reflection; the first segment, and the anterior part of the second (more broadly in the middle) yellowish-white, subtranslucent; pile very short, rather abundant, whitish. Legs luteous, except the basal two-thirds or more of all the femora, and the terminal portion of the tibiæ and tip of tarsi, which are black or brown. Wings hyaline, a faint spot at tip of the auxiliary vein; anterior cross-vein rectangular, close to base of discal cell.

Five specimens.

***Volucella sexpunctata.*** (Plate VI, fig. 2.)

*Volucella sexpunctata* Loew, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., v, 38; id., Centur., vi, 37.

*Habitat.*—Florida!, Cuba (Lw.).

♂ ♀ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Allied to *V. vesiculosa*. Yellow and luteous, moderately shining. Front, except the vertex, black pilose, face considerably produced, shining, below the antennæ lightly pollinose, protuberance large, obtuse; pile short, whitish. Pectus black, or with four black spots. Dorsum of thorax more reddish or brownish above,

clothed with short white pile; on the sides and border of scutellum with rather long yellowish white bristles; the scutellum itself more yellowish translucent. Abdomen nearly bare; yellow translucent, or even subtransparent at the base, towards the tip often brownish, perhaps more or less the result of drying; the posterior margins of second, third, and fourth segments each with a rather small, quadrangular black spot, on either side near the lateral margin; on the second and third segments they are broader than long, and often joined by a posterior brown fascia; the second and third segments sometimes in the middle behind with a distinct black spot; pile very short, near the posterior margins of the segments black, elsewhere pallid. Legs yellow, tip of anterior tibiæ and tip of all the tarsi blackish. Wings quite hyaline; a small brownish spot near the tip of auxiliary vein; the third vein reaches the costa near tip of wing, the second vein joins the first very near its end, sometimes beyond it, so that the marginal cell is open.

Four specimens, compared with the types at Cambridge.

*Volucella satur*. (Plate VI, figs. 11, 12 *b*.)

*Volucella satur* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 333.

*Habitat*.—Kansas, Colorado! Utah (O. S.).

♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ light brown, arista reddish, loosely plumose, third joint nearly as long as the arista, very narrow in the male, a little broader and more expanded in the female. Face yellow, a black stripe runs obliquely from the lower corner of the eye to the anterior oral margin; behind it the cheeks are narrow; profile of the face nearly straight in the male, in the female a little receding on the lower part, the depression below the antennæ is very slight. Frontal triangle of the male yellow, beset with black pile, the vertex black; in the female the front is broad, of a greenish tinge, as if underlying the yellow; a slender median yellow line runs from the antennæ towards the yellow vertex; the ocelli are on a cordiform black spot. Eyes pilose. Thorax blackish-green; on each side between humerus and scutellum a rather broad, dull, honey-yellow stripe, with a short black streak in the middle; in front of the scutellum a yellowish, rather obscure parallelogram, emarginate anteriorly; pleuræ with a large yellow spot, beset with yellow pile. Scutellum yellow, with black hairs on the edge. Abdomen honey-yellowish; first segment black, second and third with a narrow black hind border; the black border of the second segment is connected with the black of the first segment by a black longitudinal stripe, which is narrow in the female, broad and triangularly expanded anteriorly in the male; fourth segment with a broad black hind border; fifth segment black. Femora black; knees and two-thirds of the tibiæ brownish-yellow, the last third black, or, on the intermediate pair, brownish; tarsi reddish at base, brownish or black at tip. Wings grayish-hyaline; stigma yellowish, with a small pale-brown cloud; cross-veins at the base of first and last posterior cells, and

of the discal cell, and the origin of the third vein, with small indistinct brownish clouds; there are still smaller, almost imperceptible clouds at the tip of the second vein, near the junction with the first, and on the curvature of the vein closing the first posterior cell; the latter section of vein is more rounded here than in *pusilla* and *fasciata*; the marginal cell is not quite so much expanded at its end; anterior cross a little before the middle of the discal cell.

Three specimens, Western Kansas and Colorado.

**Volucella tau.** (Plate VI, fig. 13.)

*Volucella tau* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. de France, 1883, 84.

*Habitat.*—California!, Mexico (Bigot).

♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Two male and one female specimens from California, which agree with Mr. Bigot's description of a male from Mexico, are very closely allied to *V satur*, yet are apparently different. In all three specimens the spots on the wings are very distinct dark brown, though small; the antennæ are distinctly longer and more slender (see figure). Mr. Coquillett, to whom I am indebted for the privilege of examining the specimens, has also compared a number more with drawings of the antennæ of both species which I sent him, and finds the difference constant. The female has the markings of the abdomen nearly as in *satur*, that is with the black cross-bands entire; but the male is very distinctly different. In this sex the black markings are confined to the first segment, and an inverted τ-shaped spot on the second segment, the posterior black band being abbreviated a considerable distance before the lateral margin. The third and fourth segments have only an indistinct, somewhat brownish, color behind. The hypopygium is black.

**Volucella obesa.** (Plate V, fig. 9.)

*Syrphus obesus* Fabricius., Syst. Ent., 763, 5; Ent. Syst., iv, 282; Syst. Antl., 227.

*Volucella obesa* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 199; Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 494, 5.

*Ornidia obesa* St. Fargeau and Serville, Encycl. Meth., x, 786.

? *Volucella azurea* Phillipi, Verh. Zool. Bot. Gesell., 1865, 734, pl. xxvi, fig. 35.

*Habitat.*—Tropical regions (auct.), San Domingo, Mexico, New Mexico!, Florida, (O. S.).

♂ Length, 9.5<sup>mm</sup>. Brilliant shining green with violet reflections. Antennæ brown, third joint very short, subtriangular; arista yellow, black at tip, thickly plumose. Frontal triangle small, only a little swollen, pile black. Face a beautiful green with violet reflections in certain lights, thinly pilose; immediately below the antennæ there is a large white pollinose spot, and opposite it, near the eyes, a small one. In profile the face is obtusely conical below, not descending far under the eyes; below the antennæ rather deeply concave, near the middle of the face with a large hemielliptical tubercle, and above it, on each side, a somewhat smaller one, so that two distinct parallel grooves

are seen corresponding to the antennæ. Eyes thickly pilose, contiguous for a long distance; vertical triangle small, black. Thorax with short, black pile, in color brilliant green, above in front with distinct bronze or violet reflections. Second segment of the abdomen on each side with a large, less shining, and more purplish, but not conspicuous spot; pile of abdomen short, black, on the fourth and fifth segments longer, yellow. Venter, pectus, and cheeks very brilliant bright green. Legs black, the femora slightly shining green; tarsi more brownish or reddish black, the hind metatarsi thickened, and as long as the remaining joints together. Wings nearly hyaline, faintly brownish toward the base; a small but very distinct brown spot reaches from the costa to the fourth vein over the cross-vein, which is very near to the base of the discal cell; at the junction of the first and second veins there is a minute brown spot; the marginal cell at the tip juts strongly into the submarginal cell.

Five specimens from San Domingo and one from New Mexico (E. Keen). The synonymy of *V. azurea* Phillipi seems probable; the figure does not, however, show the bend near the tip of the second vein.

***Volucella pusilla.*** (Plate VI, figs. 3,3a.)

*Volucella pusilla* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 21, 1, tab. v, fig. 1.

*Habitat.*—Florida!, Cuba.

♂ ♀ Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Face produced directly downwards, only slightly excavated below the antennæ, with a slight convexity on the lower half; yellow, with white pile; a rather broad black stripe extends from the base of the antennæ to the tip, on the oral margin confluent with the black of the cheeks, the latter with a narrow yellow stripe. Front in female yellow, with broad black stripe from the ocelli to the antennæ; the pile is fuscous, black at the vertex. Antennæ brownish-black, the second joint yellow at its base, third joint, in the male, long, rather slender, very little broader at the base; in the female much broader throughout, with the basal portion distinctly convex above; arista a little longer than the joint, loosely plumose. Eyes in both sexes thickly black pilose. Dorsum of thorax black shining in its middle, with blackish and yellowish pile; on the sides, extending from the humeri to the posterior angles, with a broad yellow stripe containing an oval black spot in its middle; in front of the scutellum there are two small, rounded, yellow spots; pleuræ with two yellow spots, the larger with a bush of whitish pile on the upper half, the other, smaller, spot is above the front coxæ. Scutellum light yellow, translucent, towards the base with yellow pile, along the border with conspicuous black pile. Abdomen black, a little shining, on the anterior part of the second segment with a narrowly interrupted yellow band, broadest on the sides; third segment on each side with a large quadrangular yellow spot, not reaching the margin and inclosing an oval black spot, sometimes confluent with the black of the margin. On the anterior segments the pile is black on the black portions; elsewhere yellow; be-

yond the third segment, longer, whitish. Legs black, with black pile, the first and second joints of all the tarsi yellow, the knees more or less reddish. Wings with brown markings as follows: across from the origin of the third vein to the origin of the posterior basal cross-vein, from the tip of the auxiliary to the fourth, clouding the anterior cross-vein, and from the costa beyond the auxiliary vein to the outer posterior angle of the discal cell, sharply defined on its inner border and reaching to the tip of the third vein, the posterior portion infusate, the costal cell somewhat brownish; anterior cross-vein oblique, a little before the middle of discal cell; end of marginal cell expanded.

Four specimens (Professor Riley).

**Volucella fasciata.** (Plate VI, fig. 4.)

*Volucella fasciata* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 22, 2; pl. v, fig. 2; Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 331.

*Habitat.*—Western Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Mexico, Carolina!

♂. ♀. Length, 7 to 8<sup>mm</sup>. Resembles *pusilla* closely, but is distinct. The yellow stripe of the cheeks is broader, the antennæ yellow, brownish toward the tip, the yellow lateral stripes of the dorsum of the thorax narrower, the meso-pleural spot smaller, and in addition there are three small spots below, nearly touching each other, the hindmost one in front of the halteres. The abdomen has three rather broad yellow bands; the anterior one on the second segment the broadest, widest toward the middle, interrupted or subinterrupted; the others, on the anterior part of the third and fourth segments, entire; venter, in addition to the broad basal band, with one on the third segment. Legs black; the knees, basal portions of the tibiæ, and first three joints of all the tarsi, yellow. Wings with the markings similar in pattern to *pusilla*, but faint, showing indications of three or four fasciæ; the small cross-vein more oblique, and joining the fourth vein very near the middle of the discal cell.

It is not improbable that this is the *V. vacua* of Walker, List, etc., iii, 637.

**Volucella victoria**, n. sp.

*Habitat.*—New Mexico!

♀ Length, 9.5<sup>mm</sup>. Deep shining blue-black. Front and face amber yellow, the cheeks shining black; lateral crescentic grooves of the front very distinct; a minute spot at the ocelli black; pile black; face below the antennæ very shallowly concave, produced downwards into an acute cone, thinly black pilose. Antennæ wholly yellowish-red; third joint of moderate length, a little broader at the base, scarcely emarginate above; arista black, moderately plumose. Occiput black, except for a little distance below the vertex, on the sides dusted with whitish. Thorax thinly pilose, in front chiefly light colored, behind chiefly black. Scutellum deep pitchy-black; on its border, and also on the post-alar callosities, with fine black bristles. Abdomen with a blue reflection,

clothed with very short black pile, a little longer toward the tip. **Legs** wholly black, the tarsi on the inner side with short reddish pile. **Wings** nearly hyaline: a black spot at the tip of the auxiliary vein, beyond which the stigma is yellowish; the small cross-vein, the cross-veins at base of discal and third posterior cells, the last section of the fourth vein, and the second vein near its tip with narrow black clouds; second vein near its tip gently bent into the submarginal cell, last section of the fourth vein strongly bent inwards.

Three specimens, New Mexico (G. F. Gaumer), for which I am indebted to Mr. Eugene L. Keen, of Philadelphia.

**Volucella (Temnocera) megacephala.**

*Temnocera megacephala* Loew, Centur., iv, 57; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 130.

*Habitat.*—California (Lw.), Arizona, Mexico!

♀ Length, 13<sup>mm</sup> Short, broad, luteous. Head very large, sordid luteous; front and face with short black pile; pile of the eyes very short, whitish. Occiput and cheeks dilutely luteous; face moderately produced, the usual tubercle nearly wanting. Antennæ ochraceous, very short, the third joint moderately excised above. Dorsum of thorax with two rather obsolete, broadly separated, blackish stripes. Scutellum wholly luteous. Pile of the dorsum and the scutellum, except its border, short, black, the border of the latter with pallid, less abundant pile, and without bristles. Pleuræ above luteous, below black. Abdomen broad, subfuscous, the base of each segment narrowly luteous and clothed with pallid pile. Venter dilutely luteous, pile very short, pallid, a black median interrupted stripe black pilose. Coxæ and trochanters black; legs ochraceous luteous, pallidly pilose, tip of the tarsi obscurely fuscous. Wings hyaline, apical half of the costa broadly margined with cinereous black; the transverse veins clouded with a more saturate black color.

Translation from the original, compared with the type specimen in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Cambridge.

Three specimens, male and female, apparently of this species, from Arizona and Mexico (J. Aquilera), I have since examined. The pilosity of the eyes is woolly, the pile of the face only in part black. The male eyes are contiguous for a very long distance, the frontal triangle small. The third joint of the antennæ is but very slightly excised above, and the absence of bristles on the scutellum makes it seem strange that Loew should have located the species under *Temnocera*. In the male specimen there is, in addition to the two remote dorsal thoracic black stripes, which might better be called spots, a median one. In only one specimen does Loew's description of the abdomen apply; in the others the second segment is luteous, except the outer posterior parts. The third segment is broadly yellow in front, black behind; the fourth segment broadly yellowish and luteous, except two large, indefinite black spots behind. The species is a large one, more especially characterized



by its large head. In all my specimens the length is somewhat greater than that given above. The apical half of the costa is not at all margined with cinereous black, though the veins in that region are narrowly blackish clouded. Of course it is possible that my determination is not correct, the more so from the fact that the species belongs to a group the members of which are not easily distinguishable.

A single specimen from Mexico with the preceding (*J. Aquilera*), and resembling it, I have not been able to determine. The head, in structure and coloration throughout, is very nearly the same, except that perhaps the third joint is a little more excised above, and there is a broad brown stripe on the cheeks. The dorsum of the thorax, except broadly on the sides and behind, is shining black. The second, third, and fourth segments of the abdomen have a broad, indefinite, posterior blackish band. The legs are darker colored, towards the base of the femora, blackish. The wings on the outer half are almost pure hyaline; the base of the wings is brownish, lighter in the basal cells, and becoming dark brown on the outer part of the costal cell; opposite this darker color the cross-veins are all clouded broadly with dark brown, forming a large, conspicuous, coalescent dark-brown spot. The abdomen is less robust, and the size smaller (12<sup>mm</sup>).

**Volucella (Temnocera) Hagii.** (Plate V, fig. 8.)

*Volucella Hagii* Jaenicke, *Neue Exot.*, Dipt., 89.

*Temnocera setigera* Osten Sacken, *West. Dipt.*, 334; v. d. Wulp, *Tijdschr. voor Ent.*, xxv.

*Habitat.*—Mexico (Jaen.), New Mexico (O. S.), Arizona!

♂, ♀ Length, 14<sup>mm</sup>. “Proboscis nearly twice as long as the head, pointed at the end. Face and front honey-yellowish, clothed with black pile, which is very short on the face and longer on the front; the face is excavated below the antennæ, its lower part projecting in the form of a cone, the tip of which is bifid and slightly infuscated. Antennæ: first two joints yellowish-brown; third joint light brown, excised above, so that its latter portion is much narrower; arista, feathery, black; proboscis 7 to 8<sup>mm</sup> long [a little shorter in the male], black, pointed. Thorax densely clothed with a yellowish recumbent pubescence, and, mixed with it, short, black, erect pile; they almost conceal the dark greenish ground-color, as well as the obscurely visible yellowish lateral stripes and large yellowish spot in front of the scutellum; on the sides of the thorax, several stiff black bristles; a pair [or more] of such bristles, but smaller, a little in front of the scutellum; pectus blackish. Scutellum somewhat inflated, honey-yellow, beset with mixed black and yellow pubescence; along the edge fourteen stiff black bristles. Abdomen brownish-yellow [or yellow]; second and third segments with broad blackish parallel borders posteriorly, formed of short and very dense black hairs; the cross-bands thus produced are very distinct when viewed obliquely, although almost invisible when viewed from above;

that on the second segment occupies more than one-third [or one-fourth], that on the third more than one half [or one-third], of the length of the segment; segment four shows posteriorly a semicircular, black, shining spot, occupying the whole posterior margin and reaching beyond the middle of the segment anteriorly; segment five [in the female and the hypopygium in the male] black. Femora black, knees and anterior half [or third] of the tibiæ brownish yellow; the remainder of the tibiæ, as well as the tarsi, are darker [the first three joints of the tarsi in the male are red]. Wings grayish hyaline; cross-veins and tip of second vein with small brown clouds; stigma brown.

“One specimen, Vermejo River, New Mexico, June 25.”

A single male specimen from Arizona (Mr. E. Keen) shows only unimportant differences from the foregoing description of the female by Osten Sacken. These differences are included in the brackets.

**Volucella (Temnocera) pubescens.**

*Temnocera pubescens* Loew, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., v, 38; Centur., vi, 35.

*Habitat.*—Cuba (Lw.).

♀ Length, 12.5<sup>mm</sup>. Black; the head, dorsum of thorax, upper part of the pleuræ, and base of the abdomen, lutescent, antennæ subfuscous, wings cinereous-hyaline, the transverse veins wholly, the auxiliary and the third longitudinal veins at their tips clouded with fuscous.

Head luteous, posterior orbits of the eyes white pollinose. Lower part of the face strongly produced, acuminate, thickly clothed with very short black pile. Antennæ subfuscous, upper margin of the third joint excised, arista black and black plumose. Proboscis elongate, black. Front on each side with an arcuate impressed line, black pilose, intermixed with sparse yellow pile. Thorax luteous; disk of the dorsum with three very broad, confluent, black stripes, very thickly covered with lutescent pile, on the lateral margins and behind sparsely provided with black bristles. Upper part of the pleuræ luteous and luteous pubescent, below with the pectus black and black pubescent. Scutellum inflated, not impressed before the tip, luteous on the disk with black pile, on the margin with luteous, along the border with ten black bristles. Abdomen black, thickly black pubescent first and the greater part of the second segment luteous and luteous pubescent. Wings cinereous-hyaline, base dilutely lutescent, second longitudinal vein at the tip strongly recurved, and, with the tip of the auxiliary, and the transverse veins wholly, slenderly clouded with fuscous.—Translation.

The type specimens of this species are not contained in the Museum of Comparative Zoology.

— **Volucella (Temnocera) purpurascens.**

*Temnocera purpurascens* Loew, Centur., viii, 52.

*Habitat.*—Hayti (Lw.)!

♀ Length, 13 to 16<sup>mm</sup>. Black, scutellum and the first two segments of the abdomen purplish, the remaining segments and the venter deep

steel-blue; head and dorsum of the thorax with pallid pile, on the rest of the body black; wings hyaline, with a large black median spot.

Head black, front and face, except the cheeks, yellow, occipital orbits whitish pollinose; pile of the front, of the face, of the eyes, and of the posterior orbits pallid; cheeks bare. Antennæ subfuscous, the first joint and the arista pitchy black. Thorax black shining; the dorsum with light yellowish pile, on the pleuræ and pectus black. Scutellum plane, purplish, or pitchy purplish, without bristles, clothed with black pile. Abdomen broad, somewhat flattened, shining, short black pilose; terminal segments of a deep steel-blue, or a purplish steel-blue, the anterior segments purplish. Venter deep steel-blue, short black pilose. Legs black, with short black pile; tibiæ, except the tip, red, near the immediate base infuscate. Head of the halteres white. Wings rather long, hyaline, with a large black spot, touching the middle of the costa and including the cross-veins; veins before this spot chiefly ochraceous-ferruginous, in the spot itself and on the outer part of the wing fuscous black, the costa itself and the first three longitudinal veins near the spot ochraceous-ferruginous.

Translation from the original, compared with the two type specimens in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Cambridge.

**Volucella apicalis.**

*Volucella apicalis* Loew, Centur., vi, 36.

*Habitat.*—Cuba (Loew)!

♂ Length, 6.5<sup>mm</sup>. Yellowish-reddish, base of the abdomen lighter, the tip more obscure, very obsoletely roughened. Dorsum of thorax with scoriaceous stripes, ultimate joints of the tarsi black, apical half of the wings blackish clouded.

Head luteous, face much produced, shining, the antennæ of the same color, the third joint above lightly concave. Thorax yellowish-reddish, with four dorsal, scoriaceous stripes, pectus piceous. Abdomen yellowish-red, the first two segments (except the hind margin of the second) pallid, terminal segments obsoletely subscoriaceous. Legs saturate luteous; third joint of the front tarsi black fuscous, last two joints of all the tarsi black. Halteres white. Wings dilutely snbltescent, near the costa luteous, posterior margin clouded with cinereous, veins of the apical half broadly and indeterminately clouded with fuscous black, the clouds of the second, third, and fourth veins confluent.

Description translated from the original and compared with the type specimen in the Museum of Comparative Zoology.

**Volucella chaetophora, n. sp.**

*Habitat.*—Mexico!

♂. Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Face, yellow translucent, lightly pollinose on the sides above; not much produced downward, the nearly straight lower border of the cheeks forming an angle of about 100°-110° with the plane

of the occiput; in the middle of the face, with a prominent tubercle, shallowly concave below the antennæ. Third joint of the antennæ not very elongate, slender, broader at the base, not at all emarginate, yellow; arista densely plumose. Frontal triangle small, black, pilose in the middle. Dorsum of thorax shining cobalt blue, with sparse black pile. Scutellum cobalt blue, but showing a translucent reddish cast; on its border with six strong bristles. Abdomen brownish black, shining. Legs reddish black. Wings hyaline.

♀. Front narrowed above, black, with light pile. Abdomen with a subopaque cross-band on the posterior part of the second and third segments.

Two specimens, Isthmus of Tehuantepec (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection).

*Volucella*, n. sp. ?

*Habitat*.—Mexico!

♂ Resembles the preceding closely, but the antennæ are darker, there is a black facial stripe, and a similar one on the cheeks, and the face is broadly pollinose on the sides. The second abdominal segment has a broad, luteous stripe on the sides, and the third segment has a narrow, broadly interrupted, cross-band of the same color. The wings are broadly brown on the outer part, especially in front. One specimen, with those of the preceding species.

#### ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

- Volucella abdominalis* Wiedemanu, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 196, 2; Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 25, 8.—Cuba.
- Volucella amethystina* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de France, 1875, 479.—Mexico.
- Volucella aperta* Walker, Trans. Ent. Soc., N. Ser., v, 292.—Mexico.
- Volucella castanea* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de France, 1875, 476.—Mexico.
- Volucella chalybescens* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw., ii, 204.—Brazil; Jaenicke, Neue Exot. Dipt., p. 4.—Cuba.
- Volucella fulvicornis* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de France, 1883, 1884.—Panama.
- Volucella lata* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 195.—Mexico.
- Volucella mellea* Jaenicke, Neue Exot. Dipt., 88.—Mexico.
- Volucella nigrifacies* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de France, 1875, 479.—Mexico.
- Volucella picta* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 201; Bigot, in R. de la Sagra, etc., 802.—Brazil (W.), Cuba (Big.).
- Volucella pulchripes* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de France, 1875, 480.—Mexico.
- Volucella postica* Say, J. Acad. Phil. vi, 166, 2; Compl. Wr., ii, 360.—Mexico.
- Volucella purpurifera* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de France, 1875, 477.—Mexico.
- Volucella tibialis* Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 1er Suppl., 123, 14.—Yucatan.
- Volucella tricineta* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. France, 1875, 477.—Mexico.
- Volucella tristis* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de France, 1875, 482.—Mexico.
- Volucella* (*Temnocera*) *unilecta* Walker, Trans. Ent. Soc. N. Ser. v, 292.—Mexico.
- Volucella varians* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de France, 1875, 481.—Mexico.
- Volucella variegata* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de France, 1875, 478.—Mexico.
- Volucella viridula* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. France, 1875, 481.—Mexico.
- Volucella* (*Temnocera*) *viridula* Walker, Trans. Ent. Soc. N. Ser. v, 292.—Mexico.
- Volucella violacea* Say, J. Acad. Phil., vi, 166, 1; Compl. Wr., ii, 360.—Mexico.

## COPESTYLUM.\*

*Copestylum* Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 1e Suppl., 124, 1846.

Wholly like some species of *Volucella* (e. g., *V. fasciata*, *V. satur*, etc.), except in the structure of the antennæ. Body short; abdomen short, broad, oval, fasciate; legs rather slender. Face produced directly downwards, obtusely conical below, pointed and notched at the tip, slightly tuberculate below the middle; front arched; antennæ situated near upper third of head in profile, slender, first joint very short, second joint a little elongate, third joint slender; arista inserted near the base, longer than the joint, thickened throughout its length, densely plumose with short, flattened, hair-like pile, appearing under a low-power glass like a solid mass, under a higher power (20–30 diameters) the arista shows a gradual thickening to near its end; the pile is fine near its insertion, but flattened beyond, in structure not unlike elongated scales from some lepidoptera. Eyes pilose, contiguous in male. Wings as in *Volucella*, marginal cell closed and petiolate, tip of fourth vein bent inward, small cross vein near middle of discal cell, oblique. Type of genus *C. marginatum* (Say) O. S., North America.

**Copestylum marginatum.** (Plate VII, figs. 1, 1a, 1b.)

*Volucella marginata* Say, Jour. Acad. Phil., vi. 167, 3; Compl. Wr., ii, 360; Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 333.

*Copestylum flaviventris* Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 1e Suppl., 125; pl. x, fig. 16.

*Copestylum marginatum* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 130.

**Habitat.**—Mexico (Say), Venezuela (Macq.), Texas, Arizona, Montana, California!

♂ ♀ Length, 9 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Face whitish yellow, with a black median stripe, reaching from, or near, the base of the antennæ to the oral margin; cheeks black, shining, with a narrow yellow stripe running from the eye to the oral margin, sometimes the yellow predominates, leaving only a black stripe; antennæ varying from a light yellowish-red to quite black, second joint about one-third the length of the third joint. Frontal triangle black, shining, or with two oblong yellow spots near the orbit (var. *lentum*, name new), pile usually light-colored, sometimes black; front in female black on the upper half, on the sides below the yellow of the face sometimes extends up, partly cut off by an expansion from the black at the base of the antennæ; near the middle of the front are two small, oval spots, that are sometimes wanting, at other times confluent with the yellow of the sides. Thorax black, shining, with whitish pile, which is longer on the pleuræ; sides of dorsum with a stripe, entire or interrupted, and two spots in front of the scutellum, yellowish. In other specimens the pile is longer, mixed with black, or wholly black, and the yellow of the dorsum is entirely wanting (var. *lentum*). Scutellum yellow, with white, blackish, or black pile. Abdomen black, with

\* Κορυφή, a striking, and στυλός, a style.

three interrupted bands; the first two pairs of spots large; the third narrow, either a light translucent yellow or an inconspicuous bluish; in some specimens the yellow becomes more or less confluent, so that the dorsum is chiefly yellow; venter wholly black, with a light yellow median transverse band, or wholly yellow, except the tip. Legs black; tibiæ on the proximal third yellowish, metatarsi and sometimes the second and third joints red; wings hyaline; stigma brownish.

Thirty specimens (Comstock, Coquillett, Morrison).

This species shows very great variation in color and markings. In isolated specimens one would scarcely consider the differences to be less than specific, but the variations are inconstant, and do not seem to be of more than varietal worth. Some specimens agree well with Macquart's description and figure, while others have still more yellow, as in Say's specimens. A very dark variety in which the thorax is clothed with black pile and wholly lacking the yellow of the sides and before the scutellum, the venter wholly without yellow and the antennæ black, may be distinguished as variety *lentum*.

In nine specimens from Montana (Professor Comstock) the size is distinctly smaller, the facial stripe is narrower and distinctly separated from the black at the base of the antennæ by a yellow interval, the frontal triangle is yellow along the eyes and the outer part of the second vein is less sinuous. These differences are possibly specific.

*Copestylum limbipennis*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Mexico!

♀ Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. Face black, clothed with short, white pile, with two rather narrow yellow stripes, convergent below. Front black, with short, white pile, and a small yellow spot on each side near the middle. Antennæ brown, second joint red; third joint not twice the length of the second, not one-half as long as the arista; arista long, black, gradually and symmetrically widened from the base to near the tip. Eyes with short, not abundant, white pile; in the middle with an elongate, vertical stripe of black pile. Thorax shining black, with short, white pile; a small spot behind the humeri, a slender intra-alar vittula, and two small spots in front of the scutellum, yellow; the pleuræ with a small, vertical yellow spot on the meso-pleuræ. Scutellum yellowish brown, subtranslucent. Abdomen black; an oval, oblique spot on each side of the second segment, toward the front, a larger semi-oval spot on each side of the third segment in front, and the fourth segment almost wholly yellowish red or reddish yellow; venter black, with a pair of large oval spots on the posterior part of the second segment. Legs deep mahogany-black. Wings hyaline, broadly brown in front, the brown beginning gradually from near the origin of the second vein, and filling out uniformly the costal, subcostal, marginal, and all of the submarginal cells, and clouding the posterior margin of the third vein, the anterior

cross-vein, the distal part of the fourth vein, the posterior cross-vein, and the veins at outer end of the second basal cell.

A single specimen, Isthmus of Tehuantepec (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection). This specimen, although I have but the one for comparison, offers most excellent structural differences from *C. marginatum* in the antennæ, in the front being considerably narrower above, and in the slender pilose stripe of the eyes. The pile on the eyes of *marginatum* is black in the middle, but does not present the distinct vittulate appearance; it is also throughout much longer in *marginatum*. The broad, brown marking of the outer anterior part of the wings is conspicuously different. The coloration of the body and legs is probably variable. On either side of the base of the antennæ there is a small, yellow spot, and the cheeks show an indication of a yellow stripe.

## SERICOMYIA.

*Sericomyia* Meigen in Illiger's Magaz., ii, 274, 1803.

Large, robust, thinly pilose species, black, with yellow interrupted fasciæ on the abdomen. Head hemispherical, somewhat flattened. Antennæ short, third joint rounded or subquadrate, arista feathery plumose. Face lightly excavated, or nearly straight below the antennæ, with a slight convexity near the middle, thence concave to the oral border, descending moderately below the eyes, in profile obtuse. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male. Abdomen elongate oval, broader than the thorax, gently arched, nearly twice as long as the thorax. Legs strong, hind femora sometimes somewhat thickened, hind tibiæ somewhat bent, at the tip sometimes with an angular protuberance. Marginal cell open, third vein slightly, sometimes considerably, curved, anterior cross-vein a little before or near the middle of the discal cell, a little oblique. Type of genus, *S. borealis* Fallen, Europe.

### TABLE OF SPECIES.

1.—Black facial stripe very broad; bands of abdomen yellowish white (?)	<i>lappona</i>
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2.—Second abdominal segment with two yellow dots, or wholly black; hind femora of male considerably thickened	<i>militaris</i>
Second abdominal segment with a median, interrupted fascia	3
3.—Yellow abdominal bands broadly interrupted, the spots more or less elongate hour-glass shaped.	<i>sexfasciata</i>
The yellow bands narrowly interrupted, the spots not constricted	4
4.—Fourth segment (in the male at least) without yellow cross-band	<i>bifasciata</i>
Fourth segment with cross-band like those of preceding segments	5
5.—Abdominal spots distinctly oblique	<i>chrysotoxoides</i>
Abdominal spots transverse	<i>chalcopyga</i>

**Sericomyia lappona.**

*Musca lappona* Linné, Fauna suecica, 1794.

*Syrphus lappona* Fabricius, Spec. Ins., ii, 422, 4; Entom. Syst., iv, 280; Syst. Antl., 226, 7; Fallen, Syrph., 20, 8.

*Sericomyia lappona* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 344, 3; Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 496, 3; Zetterstedt, Ins. Lapp., 590, 2; id. Dipt. Scand., ii, 646, 4, viii, 3110; Walker, Ins. Brit., i, 263, 2; Schiner, Fauna Austr. Dipt., i, 330; v. d. Wulp, Tijdschr. v. Entom., xxv, 126.

? *Volucella lappona* O. Fabricius, Fauna Groenl., 208, 169.

*Habitat.*—Europe, Canada (v. d. Wulp.), Greenland ? (O. Fabr.).

♂, ♀. Length, 10 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Black. Humeri white pollinose; pleuræ with a tuft of yellow pile; the pile elsewhere short, blackish brown or dark reddish yellow; scutellum yellowish red. The very narrow whitish yellow bands of the abdomen on the second, third, and fourth segments, narrowly interrupted, the last usually entire. Face black, on the sides broadly whitish yellow; front black; antennæ blackish brown, the third joint somewhat lighter. Legs dark reddish yellow, front femora at the base, and terminal joints of the tarsi, black. Wings at the base reddish yellow, on the anterior border grayish brownish, between the end of the marginal cell and the first posterior cell, sometimes a brownish spot.—Translation from Schiner, l. c.

This species is given on the authority of F. M. v. d. Wulp., who compared specimens collected in the vicinity of Quebec. He says: "Dat zij in Canada voorkomt, kann nu als zeker worden aangenomen." The synonymy is given from Schiner.

**Sericomyia bifasciata, n. sp.**

*Habitat.*—New Hampshire!

♂. Length, 11<sup>mm</sup>. Face yellow; cheeks and a broad median stripe shining black. Antennæ brownish red, third joint subquadrate; arista thinly plumose. Dorsum of thorax shining black, thinly dark pilose; on the inner side of each humerus with a spot of silvery pollen. Abdomen shining black; pile on the sides in front yellow; second and third segments each with a yellow cross-band, narrowly interrupted, and broadened on each side; fourth segment wholly shining metallic. Femora except the base, and the tip of tarsi, black; legs elsewhere reddish yellow, the tibiæ in the middle more luteous. Wings brownish in front, the base of the second vein and the middle cross-veins narrowly clouded with brown; third vein not at all curved into the first posterior cell.

Two specimens, Mt. Washington (Dr. Dimmock, National Museum, Professor Riley's collection). In one of these specimens the fourth abdominal segment is somewhat tubulate, in the other it is not differentiated and has less of the bronze lustre; in the same specimen the dorsum of the thorax shows a distinct blue reflection.



**Sericomyia sexfasciata.**

*Sericomyia sexfasciata* Walker, List, etc., iii, 596.

*Habitat.*—Hudson Bay Territory (Walk., Lw.)!

♂ Length, 14.5<sup>mm</sup>. Face light yellow, thickly whitish pollinose; a rather broad median stripe pitchy black; cheeks black. Antennæ obscurely yellow; the basal joints blackish; the third joint nearly square; frontal triangle black, white pollinose; pile of head light yellow. Dorsum of thorax shining metallic black; clothed with erect, rather abundant pile, in front and narrowly behind, and on the base and border of scutellum, yellow; across the disk of the dorsum and scutellum, black; pleuræ with light yellow pile. Abdomen black, nearly opaque, on the sides of the second segment, narrowly along the margins of the abdomen, and hypopygium, with yellow pile, elsewhere chiefly black pilose; second, third, and fourth segments each with a pair of yellow, elongate, moderately broad spots; the spots do not reach the lateral margins, and are rather broadly separated, and are most especially characterized by a constriction in the middle, especially on the front pair, where they are elongate hour-glass-shaped. Legs black; the base and tip of all the tibiæ, and the tarsi, except the tip, yellow; the tibiæ in the middle more of a deep brown. Wings yellowish hyaline, the immediate base and the stigma yellow; third vein with a gentle curvature into the first posterior cell.

One specimen, in the Loew type collection at Cambridge.

**Sericomyia militaris.** (Plate VII, figs. 3, 3a, 3b.)

*Sericomyia militaris* Walker, List., etc., iii, 595.

*Habitat.*—Hudson Bay Territory, Nova Scotia (Walk.), New York, New Hampshire, Colorado, New Mexico, Canada!, Red River.

♂ Length, 15<sup>mm</sup>. Face whitish yellow, shining; cheeks and broad median stripe black; pile whitish; face receding below the antennæ, then vertical and straight to the protuberance. Frontal triangle black; with black pile, white pollinose on the sides. Antennæ nearly black, third joint subquadrate, but little longer than wide; arista black. Orbit white dusted and with white pile. Thorax black, shining; the dorsum more bluish, clothed with rather abundant pile, darker between the wings; humeri whitish pollinose; on the upper part of the mesopleuræ, and immediately above the suture, with a tuft of whitish yellow pile, another smaller one on the post-alar callosity. Scutellum reddish black on the disk. Abdomen greenish black, somewhat shining, with black pile, whitish yellow on the lateral and posterior parts. Second segment with two small dots, sometimes wanting; third segment with two very narrow, a little oblique spots, acute at their outer ends; the fourth with two similar, a little broader, spots, yellow; the narrow posterior border of second, more broadly on the third, and the fourth wholly, metallic shining; hind margin of the third segment with a fringe of

whitish yellow pile. Femora black, their tip, the tibiae, and first two or three joints of the tarsi, reddish yellow; terminal joints of all the tarsi black. Hind femora thickened, their coxæ with an obtuse tubercle. Wings faintly brownish, anterior basal portion luteous, outer part brownish; third vein somewhat arcuate, cross vein near the middle of discal cell.

♀ Third joint of the antennæ a little larger; front black, with black pile, and a grayish dusted cross-band below the middle, slender in its middle part. The abdomen is wholly light yellowish pilose; the hind coxæ without a tubercle below, and the femora not thickened nor curved.

Six specimens, White Mountains, New Hampshire, July 15 (Dr. G. Dimmock), Canada (J. B. Caulfield, William Brodie), New York (Vanderzee), New Mexico (Gauger).

This species in its thickened femora, partially obsolete abdominal cross-bands, and distinctly curved third longitudinal vein, connects this genus with *Arctophila*.

*Sericomyia chalcopyga*. (Plate VII, figs. 2, 2a.)

*Sericomyia chalcopyga* Loew, Centur., iii, 20.

*Habitat*.—Sitka (Lw.), Washington, Oregon!

♂, ♀ Length, 12 to 15<sup>mm</sup> Front in female black, whitish pollinose on the sides below, clothed with black pile; frontal triangle black pilose. Antennæ reddish black or black, third joint subquadrate, scarcely longer than wide, a little broader at the end; arista blackish, twice as long as the joint. Face yellow, with whitish pile; broad median stripe and cheeks shining black; scarcely at all excavated below the antennæ. Occiput black; orbits yellowish white pollinose, and with similar colored pile, more or less black above. Thorax black, bluish shining, with blackish pile, more or less yellowish in front and behind; on the mesopleuræ with a yellow tuft, and just above the suture a smaller one. Scutellum more or less reddish on the disk; pile mostly black. Abdomen black, opaque, with short black pile, and with three narrow yellow fasciæ, nearly transverse, narrowly interrupted; second segment on its sides with yellow pile; third segment very narrowly shining on its posterior border; fourth segment broadly behind; fifth segment wholly, shining metallic green, clothed with longer reddish-yellow pile; the lateral margin of the abdomen with a fringe of similar reddish-yellow pile. All the femora slender; black at the base, or nearly entirely so; their outer half or tip, the tibiae, and first two or three joints of the tarsi, reddish-yellow; terminal joints of all the tarsi black. Wings a little fuscous; in front as far as the cross-vein brownish yellow, beyond faintly blackish; the veins in the yellowish part are mostly yellowish or reddish; third vein very slightly concave, almost straight, cross-vein distinctly before the middle of discal cell, oblique.

Fifteen specimens.

***Sericomyia chysotoxoides*.** (Plate VII, figs. 4, 4a.)

*Sericomyia chrysotoxoides* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 19. 1; pl. iii, fig. 3 bis. (male).

*Sericomyia limbipennis* Macquart, ibid., 2e Suppl. 58, 2 (female).

*Sericomyia filia* Walker, List, etc., iii, 596.

*Habitat*.—Atlantic States, Canada.

♂, ♀ Length, 10 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face shining, whitish pollinose on the sides; yellowish white, with similar colored pile; cheeks and a median stripe (which is broadest in its middle, and scarcely reaches the antennæ), black; in profile considerably concave below the antennæ. Antennæ black; third joint about twice as long as broad, rounded on its outer angles; arista black. Front black, shining, opaque across the middle, on the sides below with yellowish-gray dust; pile black. Occiput black, whitish pollinose on the lateral orbits, and with white pile. Thorax black, shining; dorsum with two faint, median, slender, posteriorly abbreviated, opaque stripes; pile sparse, obscurely yellowish or blackish, on the sides with a tuft of yellow pile. Scutellum shining black; pile in large part yellow. Abdomen black, opaque, with the fasciæ more oblique, a little broader and more distinctly interrupted than in *S. chalcopyga*; second segment narrowly; third segment more broadly and the fourth for nearly half its width on the posterior part; the fifth wholly, shining greenish-black; pile whitish-yellow on the sides in front, the lateral margins, and the posterior portion. Legs yellow; anterior and middle femora black on the basal half, the posterior pair either not at all or a spot near the middle in front; in the male all the femora except their end black, the last two joints of all the tarsi also black. Wings a little clouded on the inner part; in front yellowish-brown with yellowish veins; on the outer part from the first to the third veins blackish; cross-vein before the middle of the discal cell.

Twelve specimens.

The antennæ in the male have the third joint broader toward the end, whereas in the female it is a little narrowed. There can seem to be no doubt of the synonymy of *S. limbipennis*, described from a female, with *S. chysotoxoides*, described from a male.

## ARCTOPHILA.\*

*Arctophila* Schiner, Wien. Entom. Monatschr., iv, 215, 1860; Fauna Austr., i, 331.

Large, thickly pilose species: black, but through the pile light in appearance. Very similar in structure to *Sericomyia*, but distinguishable by the thick pilosity, by the form of the face, which is straight, conical, descending much below the eyes, not truncate, but pointed at the tip; the abdomen is shorter, broader, and more convex above; the

\**ἄρκτος*, bear, and *φίλος*, dear.

hind femora are thickened, and both the femora and the tibiæ are bent. Wings with a brownish spot: the third longitudinal vein considerably bent. Type of genus *A. bombiformis*, Europe.

*Arctophila flagrans*. (Plate VII, figs. 5, 5a, 5b.)

*Arctophila flagrans* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci., iii, 69; West. Dipt., 335.

*Habitat*.—Colorado (O. S.), New Mexico!

♂ Length, 13<sup>mm</sup>. Face wax yellow. Cheeks black. Antennæ: basal joint brownish; third joint reddish, the plumose arista black. Thoracic dorsum densely clothed with yellowish hair, through which, however, the metallic, brownish, coppery, ground-color is apparent; pleuræ black, in the middle with a stripe formed by yellow pile. Abdomen with long yellow pile at the base and on the sides, with reddish hair in the middle and at the tip; between the hairs the black metallescent ground-color is apparent. Legs black; front tibiæ beset on the inside with short golden yellow hairs; three basal joints of the four posterior tarsi brownish-red. Wings with a slight grayish tinge; a brown spot limited by the fourth longitudinal vein, the costa, the small cross-vein, and the origin of the third vein; the latter vein is more deeply sinuate than in *A. bombiformis*.—Osten Sacken, l. c.

Seven male specimens from New Mexico (G. F. Gaumer, E. Keen) are sufficiently well described by the above. The species is easily recognizable.

## ERISTALIS.\*

*Eristalis* Latreille, Hist. Nat. des Crust. et Ins., xiv, 363, 1804.

*Eristalinus* Rondani, Dipt. Ital. Prodr., ii, 40, 1857.

*Eristalomyia* Rondani, *ibid.*

Moderate sized to large species, often more or less thickly pilose, frequently nearly bare, of a prevailing black or brownish-black color, usually with more or less yellow on the abdomen. Head hemispherical, but little broader than the thorax. Antennæ short, situated upon a slight convexity of the front, first two joints short, third joint oval; arista basal, bare, pubescent or loosely plumose. Face more or less pilose and pollinose, but slightly excavated in profile below the antennæ, straight, obtuse below, not produced, near the middle with a small prominence. Cheeks broad. Eyes more or less pilose, rarely nearly wholly bare, contiguous in the male, or at least only separated by a sutural space (in some exotic species separated by a distinct interval). Thorax large. Scutellum usually more or less translucent. Abdomen convex, elliptical, longer and broader than the thorax. Legs strong, the hind femora sometimes considerably thickened or dilated, the hind tibiæ more or less, sometimes considerably arcuated. Marginal cell of wing closed; third

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\**Eristalis*, a precious stone.

longitudinal vein strongly bent into the first posterior cell; anterior cross-vein near the middle of discal cell, oblique.

- 1.—Scutellum of the same color as the thorax, abdomen without light markings, wholly shining; eyes bare (except on uppermost part) with small round dark spots; dorsum of thorax in female distinctly vittate; arista bare, **aeneus**  
 Scutellum more or less yellowish or reddish; eyes distinctly pilose, not so spotted 2
- 2.—Third segment of abdomen wholly shining, without opaque spots or bands 3  
 Third abdominal segment with opaque markings 6
- 3.—Third joint of antennæ large, red; arista bare. Thinly pilose species; second segment of abdomen with reddish side spots and a shining cross-band; wings on the basal two-thirds in front brown **compactus**  
 Third joint of antennæ of usual size; wings with or without brown 4
- 4.—Pile of eyes not confined to a vertical stripe; the black of second abdominal segment, at least, in part opaque 17  
 Pile of eyes mostly confined to a vertical stripe; abdomen wholly shining; large species 5
- 5.—Honey-bee like in appearance; moderately pilose; base of tibiæ yellowish, posterior tarsi blackish; arista nearly bare **tenax**  
 Humble-bee like in appearance; thorax and abdomen with thick long pile (on the dorsum of thorax sometimes blackish pilose, var. *melanostomus*); arista plumose, hind tarsi red **flavipes** L
- 6.—Thorax with one or more distinct light dusted bands; front in female narrow above 7  
 Thorax without such transverse bands 11
- 7.—Hind femora slender; frontal triangle, and front below (♀), with black pile 8  
 Hind femora dilated or thickened 9
- 8.—Arista bare; yellow spots of second segment touching the front border in their whole extent **atrimanus**  
 Arista briefly pilose; the opaque black extends nearly the whole width of the front border **transversus** ✓
- 9.—Third segment of abdomen with a shining cross-band; dorsum of thorax, besides the front border, with two complete light cross-bands; arista bare 10  
 The black of the third abdominal segment wholly opaque; dorsum of thorax with one complete cross-band along the suture; frontal triangle thickly white pilose **albiceps** ♂
- 10.—Second abdominal segment broadly opaque black in the middle; lower part of front not wholly white pilose **albiceps** ♀ ✓  
 Second abdominal segment narrowly black in the middle; pile of lower part of the front, or the frontal triangle, wholly white **vinetorum** ✓
- 11.—Thickly pilose species 19  
 Moderately pilose species 12
- 12.—Third abdominal segment with a posterior velvety black cross-band not interrupted in the middle 13  
 Third abdominal segment with an interrupted band, or none 16
- 13.—Third segment of abdomen broadly and conspicuously yellow on the sides, joining the yellow of the second segment, the black of the second segment wholly opaque, not extending outwards on the sides behind; the third segment with an opaque spot in front, and an abbreviated cross-band behind; fourth segment metallic; eyes briefly contiguous in male. **Brousi**  
 Third segment not conspicuously yellow, the posterior opaque fascia of second segment behind reaching toward the lateral margin; eyes broadly contiguous in male 14

- 14.—Front of female narrow. Deep bluish black; scutellum but very little lighter; second segment of abdomen with inconspicuous side spots; third and fourth segments with a narrow anterior velvety fascia **saxorum** ✓  
Front of female broad; dorsum of thorax not shining steel-blue 15
- 15.—Lighter markings of abdomen usually quite distinct; third and fourth segments with a small, elongate, opaque black spot in front **hirtus** ✓  
Light markings obsolete, third and fourth segments without opaque anterior spot { **obscurus**  
**inornatus**
- 16.—Third segment of abdomen with an anterior spot and a posterior, opaque cross-band; the opaque of second segment with a small triangular shining spot behind; fourth segment with an oval spot in front **dimidiatus** ✓  
Third segment with one or two small opaque spots only, without posterior cross-band; or wholly shining 17
- 17.—Wings conspicuously dark colored on the outer part in front; hind femora thickened **hortorum**  
Wings hyaline, femora not thickened 18
- 18.—Second segment of abdomen with yellow lateral triangles and a posterior, interrupted or subinterrupted velvety cross-band; posterior margin of segments 2-4 yellowish white with a fringe of pale golden pile **latifrons** ✓  
Second segment, except the obsolete or metallic side spots, which extend the whole length of the segment, velvety black; third usually with a velvety triangle in front, the fourth with a similar, but very small one; the yellowish white hind borders fringed less conspicuously with light colored pile **Brousi**
- 19.—Second, third, and fourth segments of abdomen broadly reddish yellow on the sides, leaving a narrow black stripe, which is wholly opaque on the second segment, and in front, at least, on the third segment; eyes narrowly separated (♂) **montanus**  
Second, third, and fourth segments not broadly yellow on the sides 20
- 20.—Third segment with two opaque circular spots near the middle of the segment, **pilosus**  
Third segment with a posterior opaque cross-band 21
- 21.—Posterior opaque cross-band of third segment narrow; fourth segment usually with a small opaque spot in front **occidentalis**  
Posterior cross-band broad; fourth segment wholly shining; more thickly pilose species **Bastardi**

For other species, see descriptions.

**Eristalis tenax.** (Plate VII, figs. 7, 7a, 7b, 7c.)

*Musca tenax* Linné, Fauna Suecica, 1799 (1761).

*Musca porcina* Degeer, Ins., vi, 45, 1.

*Conops vulgaris* Scopoli, Entom. Carn., 354, 960.

*Conops fuscus* Scopoli, l. c., 355, 961.

*Elophilus tenax* Latreille, Gen. Crust., iv, 324.

*Syrphus tenax* Fabricius, Spec. Insect., ii, 425; id. Entom. Syst., iv, 288, 36; Fallen, Syrph., 26, 17; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 661, 7; id. ibid., viii, 3113, 7.

*Eristalis tenax* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 238, 24; Meigen, Syst. Besch. iii, 385, 4; Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., 1, 504, 21; Schiner, Fauna Austr., i, 334; Burgess, Psyche.

**Habitat.**—Europe, Asia, Africa (Auct.), North America, Japan!

♂, ♀. Length, 12 to 14<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes with dark pile, more abundant near the middle, in the form of an elongated vertical stripe or ellipse, the

middle of which is less pilose. Face and front mostly concealed beneath dense yellowish pollen and similar colored pile; a broad median facial stripe and the cheeks shining black; the upper part of the front in the female and a spot above the antennæ in both sexes black, with black pile. Antennæ brownish black; arista reddish, darker at the base, nearly bare. Thorax black, but little shining; dorsum covered with yellowish pollen and moderately abundant yellow pile. Abdomen brownish black, nearly bare, wholly shining; the second segment, and sometimes the third, with narrow posterior reddish margins; the usual triangle slender, inconspicuous, obscurely reddish yellow; third segment sometimes with a similar, small, less distinct spot on the sides. Legs brownish black, or black, with yellow pile; tip of femora and basal third of anterior and middle tibiæ light yellow, the distal portion of these tibiæ and all of the hind tibiæ blackish or brownish; middle metatarsi yellow. Wings hyaline, a small spot at tip of auxiliary vein; the disk sometimes broadly but faintly clouded.

Numerous specimens.

The most remarkable thing in connection with this insect is the date of its first discovery in America. Prior to 1874 or 1875 the species had never been recognized by dipterologists, although such an able collector as Baron Osten Sacken had spent many years in the study of our dipterous fauna. At present it is very abundant in New England, and I have seen specimens from the Central and Pacific States. In Professor Riley's collection, however, there is a specimen bearing the date of 1870, and presumably captured in the Western States somewhere. Upon calling this gentleman's attention to the specimen he assured me that the species had long been familiar to him about privies and out-houses, where they are known to breed. It seems probable to me that the species has been in this country for many years, but had never been recognized.

#### *Eristalis æneus*.

*Syrphus æneus* Fabricius, Ent. Syst., iv, 302, 38; Fallen, Syrph., 28, 22; Panzer, Fauna Germ., 82, 15; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 668, 14.

*Conops æneus* Scopoli, Ent. Carn., 356, fig. 967.

*Eristalis æneus* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 244, 57; Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 384, 2; Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 506, 16; Schiner, Fauna Austr. Dipt., i, 333.

*Eristalis cuprovittatus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 190, 54.

*Eristalis sincerus* Harris, Ins. Injur. to Veget., 3rd ed., 609; Walker, List, iii, 611.

*Habitat*.—Europe, North America!, Algiers, Canary Islands, Malta, Syria.

♂, ♀ Length 8 to 10<sup>mm</sup> Dark metallic green, wholly shining. Eyes spotted with small round dots, nearly bare, very slightly pilose near the top. Face and front with grayish pile and pollen, a small spot on the tubercle and the cheeks narrowly shining. Antennæ brown: the third joint yellowish, often the first two joints likewise; arista bare. Thorax and abdomen with obscure yellowish pile. Dorsum of the thorax in the female with five grayish-white stripes, the middle one slender, linear. Scutellum of the same dark metallic green. Tibiæ at the base, some-

times for nearly half their length, light yellow; middle, sometimes all the metatarsi, yellowish; the femora, except the tip, black; distal portion of tibiae blackish brown. Wings hyaline.

Numerous specimens.

**Eristalis hirtus.**

*Eristalis hirtus* Loew, Centur., vi, 66; Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 335; Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., 1882, 319.

*Eristalis temporalis* Thomson, Dipt. Eug. Resa, 490, 77.

*Habitat.*—Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Western Kansas!

♂, ♀ Length, 10 to 15<sup>mm</sup>. Face black, more or less concealed beneath a sometimes dense grayish or reddish pollen, the pile whitish. A narrow stripe in the middle and the cheeks bare, shining. Below the antennal process the face is nearly vertical to the tip of the tubercle. Frontal triangle convex, with obscure yellowish pile. Eyes in the male broadly contiguous; in the female the front is convex and very broad, the sides converging but very slightly on the upper half; thickly yellowish pollinose, less dense in the middle and upper part, so that the shining ground color appears; thickly clothed with yellowish pile. Antennae black; arista reddish, briefly pilose near the base. Thorax black, shining, rather thickly clothed with the same obscure yellowish pile. Scutellum sub-translucent yellow, black at the base. Abdomen black; the sides of the second segment with a large triangular spot, usually yellowish, sometimes quite yellow, in others only metallic; the segment elsewhere opaque; third segment with an opaque black fascia behind, not interrupted, and a small triangular spot in front; remainder of the third, and the following segments, shining black, except that the fourth segment usually has a very small triangular opaque spot in front; pile short, obscure yellowish, black on the opaque portions; second, third, and fourth segments usually margined behind with light yellow, in some specimens almost wholly wanting. Legs black; tip of femora and base of tibiae, the middle tibiae almost wholly, and the first two joints of the middle tarsi, yellow. Wings hyaline; in some specimens with a large faint brownish spot in the middle of the wing. Thirty specimens.

This species varies much in the yellow coloration of the abdomen. According to Osten Sacken, the specimens with obsolete and sub-obsolete yellow spots on the sides of the second segment seem to come from higher altitudes.

**Eristalis dimidiatus.** ✓

*Eristalis dimidiatus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 180, 41.

*Eristalis inflexus* Walker, List., etc., iii, 617.

*Eristalis niger* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 505, 15.

*Eristalis L'Herminierii* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 55, 38 (male).

*Eristalis chalybeus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 55, 39 (female).

*Eristalis incisuralis* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 4e Suppl., 139, 64 (male).

*Habitat.*—Atlantic States, Kansas!



♂, ♀ Length, 10 to 13<sup>mm</sup>. Face densely clothed with whitish pollen and pile, when denuded the ground color somewhat reddish, in the middle with a large oval shining spot on the tubercle, and the cheeks also, shining black; in profile concave below the antennæ, the tubercle large. Antennæ black, the third joint a little brownish or reddish; arista reddish, very briefly pilose near the base. Front in female clothed with yellowish-whitish pollen and pile, leaving a median stripe brown; on the upper part a small vittula in the middle, a larger oval spot near the eyes, and the ocellar spot, black with black pile. Eyes pilose on the upper part; frontal triangle not much longer than the suture between the male's eyes, a little shining in the middle. Thorax with short, not abundant, light colored pile; shining greenish black with two or three indistinct, somewhat opaque stripes. Scutellum yellowish; pile mostly blackish above, yellowish on the border. Pleuræ with more abundant yellowish pile. Abdomen shining greenish black; the usual triangular spots on the second segment sometimes yellowish, usually metallic shining, not contiguous in the middle, elsewhere the color is opaque velvety black with a shining metallic spot in the middle behind; third segment with three opaque spots, an elongate one on each side behind, and an oval median one in front, sometimes there is a yellowish spot on the sides; fourth segment with an oval median opaque spot in front; hind margin of the second, third, and fourth segments yellow, sometimes nearly obsolete; pile very short, on the first segment longer, whitish, on the opaque portion black, elsewhere more yellowish. Legs black; basal portion of all the tibiæ yellowish white. Wings hyaline, small stigmatic spot brown, a brownish tint often near the middle of the wing.

Fifteen specimens, Connecticut, District of Columbia (Patton), White Mountains (Dimmock, 1447), Kansas.

About the synonymy of *L'Herminieri* and *chalybeus* there can be no doubt, the descriptions agree perfectly, and Osten Sacken, who examined the types, pronounced them to be the same. *E. niger* and *incisuralis* of the same author differ only in that the opaque spots of the third abdominal segment are not mentioned; nevertheless, the synonymy is not doubtful.

***Eristalis saxorum*.** ✓

*Eristalis saxorum* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 158; Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 33, 5.

*Eristalis pervagus* Walker (Harris), List, etc., iii, 618.

*Habitat*.—Massachusetts, Connecticut, North Carolina, Pennsylvania! Georgia.

♂, ♀ Length 10 to 13<sup>mm</sup>. Resembles *dimidiatus*, but is at once distinguishable by the third segment of the abdomen having an entire posterior, velvety cross-band, by the front in the female being narrowed above, and by the presence of a distinct brown spot on the wings.

Face concealed beneath dense whitish or yellowish pollen and whitish pile, concave below the antennæ; a large oval spot connected with the narrow oral margin, and the cheeks, shining black. Front in female distinctly narrowed toward the vertex, at the narrowest part only a little more than half as wide as at the base of the antennæ; in well-preserved specimens dusted on the sides, more lightly in the middle, leaving the vertex and just above the antennæ shining, in the middle a slender brown stripe and above on each side an oval black spot; pile above blackish, below whitish. Frontal triangle with longer yellowish pile; shining in the middle. Eyes nearly bare, the pile being short and confined to the upper part. Antennæ brownish black, third joint somewhat reddish; arista red, briefly pilose toward the base. Thorax a deep blue black, shining; pile light yellowish, short, not abundant, but more so on the pleuræ. Scutellum scarcely reddish above. Abdomen shining bluish black; the second segment on the sides sometimes yellowish, and in the same specimens similar, but more faintly colored spots on the sides of the third segment; the shining fascia of the second segment interrupted in the male, entire in the female, in front narrowly, behind broadly opaque black, without a shining triangular spot; third segment very narrowly in front, more broadly behind with entire velvety fasciæ; fourth segment with a black fascia behind; fifth segment in female and the hypopygium in male wholly shining; the second, third, and fourth segments very narrowly yellow behind. Legs black; the base of hind femora in the female and sometimes so in the male, the basal half of anterior and posterior tibiæ, rather more than half of the middle tibiæ, and the basal joints of the middle tarsi, yellow. Wings hyaline, the immediate base, and a large spot near the middle covering the cross-veins, brown; in some specimens the brown of the middle is confined to a narrow fascia across the base of the discal cell and origin of the third vein.

Thirty specimens.

***Eristalis latifrons*** ✓

*Eristalis latifrons* Loew, Centur., vi, 65.

*Eristalis stipator* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 336; Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 319.

*Habitat*.—California, Kansas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas! ♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 14<sup>mm</sup>. Face a little concave below the antennæ, concealed beneath dense yellowish-white pollen, and the pile of the same color; in the middle with a rather broad shining bare stripe; the cheeks also bare and shining black. Antennæ black, third joint brownish-black; arista reddish yellow, bare. Eyes pilose, contiguous in the male, the suture between them rather short (about half as long as the interval between the apex of the frontal triangle and the root of the antennæ); front in female rather broad, the sides a little convergent above, grayish pollinose, beset with dense grayish-white pile, shining along

the middle, especially below, the vertex darker. Thorax greenish-black, unicolorous, shining, beset with yellow or yellowish pile, sometimes more orange-colored, denser on the pleuræ. Scutellum reddish-brown, translucent; second abdominal segment with a yellow triangle of the usual shape on each side, sometimes brownish-yellow; an opaque black cross band on the anterior margin, another one along the posterior side of the yellow triangles; the latter is interrupted or subinterrupted in the middle, oblique on each side, and not reaching the lateral margins; a smooth bluish-black space is inclosed between the two cross-bands and the triangles; a narrow shining triangular space between the hind cross-band and the yellowish-white posterior margin of the segment, which bears a fringe of pale golden-yellow pile; the third and fourth segments have the same pale-yellowish posterior margin and fringe of pale-golden pile; on the fourth segment, however, the fringe is broader, and takes in the whole posterior half of the segment; on the posterior half of the third segment there is on each side in the male usually an elongated opaque black streak; the anterior margin of the third segment has a narrow pale border, as if prolonging the hind margin of the preceding segment. Hypopygium black. Legs black; tip of the femora and basal half of the tibiæ yellowish-white; on the middle pair three-fourths of the tibiæ and the base of the tarsi are of a pale color. Wings hyaline; stigma small, brown.

Six specimens from California (Morrison), the male of which lacks the velvety lateral spots on the third segment; a single male from Western Kansas and a female from Topeka, Kans. (Popenoe); also, seven males and three females from Colorado and five from Arizona (Professor Comstock). Since writing the above I have found the species very abundant on the Kansas plains in August.

**Eristalis Brousi.**

*Eristalis Androclus* Osten Sacken (not Walker), West. Dipt., 337; Cat. Dipt., note 223, p. 249.

*Eristalis? Meigenii* (Wied.) Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., 319 (male).

*Eristalis Brousi* Williston, *ibid.*, 323 (female).

*Habitat.*—Canada, New England, Washington Territory!, Utah, Alaska (O. S.).

♂, ♀ Length, 10 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face black, shining, thickly clothed with yellow pollen and pile, leaving the tubercle, the oral margin, and the cheeks shining black. Frontal triangle a little shining along the middle; in the female the front reddish pollinose, more shining above the antennæ. Antennæ black, third joint somewhat reddish; arista reddish, briefly pilose near the base. Eyes pilose, in the male contiguous for a short distance only; posterior lateral orbits white-pollinose. Thorax black, shining, on the dorsum with a coppery luster, leaving two opaque, lighter colored, rather broad stripes, reaching from the front to the scutellum, limited by three narrow, opaque, black stripes; pile of dor-

sum light reddish yellowish, scarcely apparent from above; pile of the pleura whitish. Scutellum subtranslucent yellowish or reddish on the outer part. Abdomen in the male as follows: first segment black; second segment orange-yellow, broadly on the sides and narrowly across on the hind border, elsewhere opaque black; on the posterior part the black includes nearly a third of the width of the segment; the sides approach each other a little towards the front and then at nearly right angles extend outward along the anterior margin of the segment; the lateral prolongations are convex on their hind borders and reach acutely nearly to the lateral margins; third segment with large, similar colored spots, confluent with the yellow in front, but rounded on the internal posterior angles and usually not quite reaching the yellow of the hind margins; across the middle of the segment a shining metallic band interrupted in the middle, elsewhere the black is opaque; fourth segment wholly shining, with a narrow yellow hind margin and sometimes with a small spot of opaque black in front; hypopygium shining black. In the female the markings are rarely like those of the male, chiefly shining black; the second segment sometimes with a small reddish spot on the side, the opaque marking as in the male; the third and fourth segments sometimes with a small opaque spot in front; second, third, and fourth segments sometimes rather broadly whitish pollinose on the hind border; the hind margins more narrowly reddish-yellow. Legs black, a little stout; tip of femora and base of tibiæ reddish or whitish yellow. Wings hyaline; stigma minutely brownish; in the female with a large faint brownish spot.

Twelve male and six female specimens from Connecticut and an equal number from New York and Pennsylvania; also one male from Toronto (Brodie) and one from Washington Territory (Professor Hagen).

This species is remarkably like *E. arbustorum* from Europe in size, shape, and coloration, but a careful examination discloses differences which are evidently specific. With *E. Meigenii* Wied. (Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 177; pl. xv, fig. 15), from South America, the resemblance must be even greater; the full description applies almost perfectly.

Osten Sacken observes that the specimens from Yukon River, Alaska, have the arista dark and the velvety spots on the abdomen somewhat different.

#### ***Eristalis montanus*.**

*Eristalis montanus* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 322.

*Habitat*.—Wyoming!

♂ Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face reddish-yellow pollinose, and white pilose, on the sides; the median stripe and broadly on the cheeks shining black. Frontal triangle black in the middle, with yellowish pile. Antennæ black; arista reddish, pubescent near the base. Eyes wholly pilose; approaching each other in front of the ocelli, but not quite con-

tigious. Face distinctly concave below the antennæ. Thorax clothed with long and dense sulphur-yellow pile; from above, the ground color appears black. Scutellum wholly yellow, densely yellow pilose. Abdomen with abundant, long, reddish yellow pile; first segment black, second segment broadly shining reddish-yellow, in the middle opaque black, the black is broad in front, behind it occupies less than a fourth of the width of the segment; third segment of the same reddish-yellow color, shining; the median broad black stripe, continuous with the black of the second segment, is opaque in front, shining behind; fourth segment similar to the third, but the black wholly shining; hypopygium shining black. Legs black, with black pile; tibiæ yellowish at the base. Wings nearly hyaline; stigmatic spot dark brown; a broad, distinct, brownish spot in the middle of the wing.

One specimen, Como, Wyoming, altitude 7,000 feet.

It is probable that the amount of yellow on the abdomen may vary, especially on the third and fourth segments.

***Eristalis occidentalis.***

*Eristalis occidentalis* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 322.

*Habitat.*—Washington Territory!

♂ ♀ Length, 10 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Allied to *Bastardi* and *montanus*. Face clothed with reddish-yellow pile and pollen, not at all concave below the antennal process; median stripe and cheeks bare, shining black. Antennæ black; arista red, pubescent near the base. Eyes pilose; contiguous for a short distance (♂). Front in the female a little narrowed above; thickly yellowish pollinose and with abundant yellow pile, near the vertex black. Thorax opaque black, with long yellow pile, apparently more abundant in the male, but not concealing the ground color when seen from above; in the female on the front part in the middle with two narrow grayish stripes, abbreviated posteriorly. Scutellum yellow, with more abundant yellow pile. Abdomen black, with abundant, rather long, yellow pile; first segment black; second broadly yellow on the sides, the black opaque portion broadly along the front margin, a third of the width of the segment behind; third segment yellow on the sides, with a shining interrupted transverse fascia, the black elsewhere opaque; fourth segment shining black with a small opaque spot in front, sometimes reddish on the sides in front; second, third, and fourth segments with a narrow yellow hind margin. In the female the yellow is apparently less extensive; on the second segment forming large triangular spots; on the third nearly or quite wanting, the shining fascia entire. Legs black; base of all the tibiæ whitish-yellow, the first two joints of the middle tarsi yellowish. Wings hyaline; a distinct brownish spot at the middle.

Six specimens, Washington Territory.

This species is evidently variable in the abdominal markings. It must be allied to *pilosus* from Greenland, though certainly different.

**Eristalis Bastardi.**

*Eristalis Bastardii* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 35, 7; pl. ix, fig. 1.

*Eristalis semimetallicus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 4e suppl., 140, 65.

*Eristalis nebulosus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 616.

*Habitat.*—New England, Canada, Labrador!

♂, ♀ Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes pilose, contiguous in the male. Face and front concealed beneath reddish-yellow pollen and yellow pile, the facial stripe and cheeks shining black. Vertex with black pile. Antennæ black; arista shortly and thinly pilose. Thorax with abundant bright yellow pile, sparser across the disk, where it is sometimes mixed with black; the deep opaque black ground color is apparent from above in large part. Scutellum light yellow, with pile like that of the thoracic dorsum. Abdomen: first segment black with yellow pile; second segment on the sides with a rather small red spot, sometimes obscure and not quite reaching the lateral margin; clothed on the sides with yellow pile; the black wholly opaque with thick black pile, often more or less intermixed with yellow. Third segment usually wholly black, but in some northern specimens broadly red on the sides, across the middle with a shining fascia, in front and behind opaque, but not readily perceived, owing to the dense black pile, which is not infrequently intermixed more or less with yellow, especially on the sides; remainder of the abdomen wholly bright shining, usually clothed with longer yellow pile, but sometimes the yellow is mainly confined to the sides. Legs black with black pile; basal portion of all the tibiæ yellow. Wings hyaline with a large brown spot in both sexes, sometimes rather faint. Numerous specimens.

A common species in the New England States. Osten Saeken gives the synonymy of *nebulosus* from an examination of the type. The type of *semimetallicus* he also examined and believed it to be the same; though it might possibly be an allied species. Macquart's description certainly applies closely to some individuals, and it seems to me that it is unquestionably a *Bastardi*.

✓ **Eristalis flavipes.**

*Eristalis flavipes* Walker, List, etc., iii, 633.

*Eristalis melanostomus* Loew, Centur., vi, 69.

*Milesia barda* Say, J. Acad. Phil., vi, 163; Compl. Wr., ii, 357 (female).

*Habitat.*—Canada, New England, Washington Territory!, Minnesota (Loew).

♂, ♀ Length, 13 to 17<sup>mm</sup>. Large, shining, robust, black, thickly pilose. Face and cheeks shining black, a little yellowish dusted near the antennæ, on the sides very sparsely whitish pilose. Eyes broadly contiguous in the male, their pile chiefly confined to a dense vertical stripe. Frontal triangle yellow pollinose and with abundant yellow pile; in the female the front is broad above, thickly reddish-yellow pollinose and with abundant yellow pile, above the base of the antennæ somewhat shining. Antennæ brownish-black, often somewhat reddish, arista thin-

ly plumose on the basal portion. Dorsum of thorax, pleuræ, and scutellum, with very abundant and long bright yellow pile, less abundant on the disk of the dorsum, where the deep black ground color is apparent, and the pile also frequently more or less intermixed with black, sometimes broadly and conspicuously black (var. *melanostomus* Lw.). Scutellum wholly light yellow. Abdomen deep black, everywhere shining; on each side of the middle of the second segment frequently the ground color is deep reddish; pile dense, in color black and yellow variable, usually on the first segment, and more or less on the second, longer yellow; sometimes the yellow, with a reddish cast, covers the entire abdomen except the tip, the fifth segment usually yellow pilose. Legs deep black, with black pile; knees reddish, anterior tarsi brown, middle and posterior pairs conspicuously light reddish-yellow, except their tip, hind femora somewhat elongate, hind tibiæ bent. Wings hyaline, veins luteous, in the female with a large brown spot.

A very common and fine species, in appearance strikingly resembling *Mallota posticata*. Thirty specimens.

**Eristalis compactus.** (Plate VII, fig. 9.)

*Eristalis compactus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 619.

*Eristalis atriceps* Loew, Centur., vi, 64.

*Habitat.*—Hudson Bay Territory (Walk.), White Mountains, Canada (Lw.), Connecticut!

♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Black, shining. Face on the sides lightly covered with whitish pollen and thin whitish pile. Front in female yellow pilose below; on the sides lightly pollinose above, clothed with black pile. Antennæ red, third joint unusually large; arista bare. Eyes wholly lightly pilose. Dorsum of thorax shining, with reddish pile on the sides, more obscure in the middle. Pleuræ mostly black pilose; scutellum brownish red with black pile, along the border the pile is reddish. Second segment of the abdomen on the sides with the usual triangle red, or brownish red, and, extending across between, a shining fascia, not interrupted in the middle, the black elsewhere deep opaque, hind border yellow; third segment and also the fourth, except their yellow hind border, wholly shining, the posterior part of the third segment, however, less distinctly so, subopaque; hypopygium, or fifth segment, wholly shining. Pile on the sides of the segments reddish, along the lateral margins on the front part of the segments whitish, and at the tip of the abdomen intermixed with light-colored pile, on the black portions short, thick, black. Venter black, shining, with long, whitish pile, the posterior margins of the segments whitish. Legs reddish, black pilose, hind femora not thickened, basal part of femora and last three joints of tarsi black, the distal end of anterior and posterior tibiæ more or less brownish, the tibiæ at the base yellow. Wings hyaline, veins black: the anterior part as far as the cross-vein, and reaching a little into the base of the second basal cell, brown.

A single specimen, taken June 15 in Connecticut, agrees quite with Loew's description, except that the femora are in a greater degree reddish. In Walker's specimen that he described, the legs were wholly ferruginous, except the tip of tarsi. The color of the femora is evidently variable, and I have no doubt that the present is, as Baron Osten Sacken suspected, Walker's species. The species will be easily recognized by the blackish marking along the fore border of the wing.

*Eristalis transversus*. (Plate VII, fig. 8.) ✓

*Eristalis transversus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 188, 51.

*Eristalis philadelphicus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 34, 6; pl. viii, fig. 4.

*Eristalis pumilus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 57, 43.

*Eristalis vittatus* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 307, 19.

*Eristalis zonatus* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. France, 1880, 217.

*Habitat*.—Atlantic States!

♂, ♀. Length, 7 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes pilose on upper half, broadly contiguous in the male. Frontal triangle black, shining in the middle, pollinose on the sides, the pile black; front in female with black pile, narrowed above, on the lower two-thirds reddish pollinose, just above the base of the antennæ shining black, around the ocelli also somewhat pollinose, below the ocelli velvety black, extending downwards into three points, one along each eye and one in the middle. Antennæ reddish yellow, the first two joints and the upper part of the third often brownish or blackish; arista reddish, the basal portion sparsely plumose. Face concealed on the sides beneath dense whitish pollen and whitish pile, the median stripe and cheeks shining black. Dorsum of thorax opaque black, with three grayish olivaceous transverse bands, the first along the front border, the second just before the suture, the third midway between this and the scutellum; pile not at all abundant, lutescent, on the pleuræ more abundant, yellow. Scutellum bright yellow, along its base narrowly black. Abdomen in the male as follows: first segment black; second segment with large lateral triangles, and narrow posterior border, bright yellow, elsewhere wholly opaque black, extending narrowly to the lateral margins; third segment with a large quadrilateral spot on each side in front, and posterior border, yellow, the black is opaque, except a narrow shining cross-band that cuts off a small opaque spot in front; fourth segment with a small yellow spot on each anterior angle, and a posterior yellow border, broader than on the preceding, remainder of the segment opaque black with an entire shining cross-band before the middle of the segment; hypopygium shining black. In the female the lateral spots of the second segment are smaller, the second, third, fourth, and fifth segments with a narrow yellow hind border and an entire, or subinterrupted shining cross-band on the anterior part of each segment; on the third and fourth segments sometimes with a small yellow spot on the sides in front. Legs variable; usually black with the tip of femora and base of tibiæ yellow; at other times the distal half of all the femora and the



base of hind tibiæ, femora, and the larger portion of the tarsi yellow; more rarely the front and middle legs may be almost wholly yellow and the black confined to outer part of hind femora, tip of hind tibiæ, and tip of all the tarsi. Wings hyaline, the basal portion a little yellowish.

I have examined a large number of specimens of this species collected mostly in New England, and believe the synonyms as given to be correct. Small specimens corresponding to *pumilus* were taken late in October, and, upon first sight, certainly seemed a different species, but a further study showed the impracticability of separating them from the more typical *transversus*. Altogether I have examined about 75 specimens, collected from Canada to Florida.

***Eristalis vinetorum*.** (Plate VII, fig. 8a.)

*Syrphus vinetorum* Fabricius, Ent. Syst., Suppl., 562.

*Eristalis vinetorum* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 235, 13; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 163, 15; Macqart Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 41, 16.

*Eristalis trifasciatus* Say, J. Acad. Phil., vi, 165; Compl. Wr., ii, 359.

*Eristalis uvarum* Walker, List, etc., iii, 623.

*Eristalis thoracicus* Jaenicke, Neue Exot. Dipt., 91.

**Habitat.**—Cuba, Florida, Georgia, Mexico!, Indiana (Say), Pennsylvania (O. S.), Brazil (Schiner).

♂, ♀. Length, 11 to 14<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ reddish-yellow; arista bare. Face reddish-yellow; on the sides with whitish pollen and pile; the median stripe and cheeks shining, more or less brownish. Frontal triangle, like the face, clothed wholly with white pile; front in female narrow above, more yellowish than the face, in the middle with a brownish stripe; above with blackish pile near the ocelli, below yellowish-white. Dorsum of thorax opaque black, with three distinct grayish-olivaceous fasciæ, the first on the front border, the second just before the suture, and the third, the broadest, just in front of the scutellum, the intervals between them crescentic; pile short, yellowish; pleuræ grayish pollinose. Scutellum reddish-yellow, lighter along its border. Abdomen in the male as follows: first segment black, on the sides reddish-yellow; second segment with large lateral spots, not reaching the hind border, the opaque black very narrow between the tips of the side spots, broader in front, and reaching across the segment in front of the narrow yellow hind border; third segment with a large spot in front on the sides, usually more reddish, and a narrow yellowish hind border; across the middle a shining entire band, leaving an opaque black spot in front and a similar colored fascia behind; fourth segment with a shining cross-band in front, opaque behind, posterior border more broadly yellow; hypopygium shining black. In the female the yellow spots on the third segment are usually smaller or wanting. Pile on the opaque portions black, elsewhere yellowish. In some specimens the abdomen is ferruginous on the shining parts, and the opaque portions of a deeper color. Legs: anterior and middle pairs yellowish or reddish, the base of femora and tip of tibiæ brownish, hind femora considerably dilated, usually broadly blackish, sometimes deep red,

distal half of hind tibiæ blackish. Wings hyaline, basal portion a little yellowish.

Ten specimens, Florida (Professor Riley), Georgia, Cuba.

**Eristalis albiceps.**

*Eristalis albiceps* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 56, 41; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 131, note 221.

*Eristalis senitulus* Loew, Centur., vi, 63.

*Habitat.*—Carolina (Macq.), Cuba (Loew), Florida, San Domingo!

♂ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Black, opaque. Eyes pilose, contiguous in male. Face concealed beneath white pollen and thick pure white pile, more abundant and conspicuous on the frontal triangle. Facial stripe and cheeks shining black. Antennæ obscurely reddish or ferruginous; arista bare. Dorsum of thorax clothed with yellowish-white pile in front, intermixed with blackish behind; in front of the suture with a conspicuous grayish pollinose fascia, and on each side with an oblique spot reaching from the root of the wing backward toward the scutellum. Scutellum yellow, base narrowly black, pile black. First segment of abdomen black, outer angles yellow; second segment light yellow, with a narrow median opaque black stripe not quite reaching the hind margin, a little broader in front, where it connects with the semicircular black below the scutellum; third segment with an oval reddish yellow spot on each side, confluent with the yellow of the preceding segment, the hind border yellow, the black deep opaque without any shining spot or fascia; fourth segment with a yellow hind border, and a narrow interrupted shining fascia dilated on the sides; hypopygium shining black with light pile; pile on the opaque portions black, on the yellow spots yellow. Legs black; hind femora dilated; knees, basal third of front and hind tibiæ, basal half of the intermediate tibiæ, and the middle metatarsi, light yellow, the extreme base of the anterior metatarsi luteous. Wings hyaline, sometimes faintly clouded in the middle and outer parts; near the end of the marginal cell there is a distinct curvature of the second vein into the submarginal cell.

♀ Differs in the presence of a complete grayish band on the dorsum of the thorax in front of the scutellum, in the second segment of the abdomen being broadly opaque black in the middle, narrower in front and extending as a fascia to the lateral margin of the abdomen behind; the third and fourth segments have each, also, a narrow, interrupted shining fascia, and the lower part of the front is not wholly white pilose.

Baron Osten Sacken, after an examination of the type of *albiceps*, states that it looked like *senitulus* of Loew. Macquart's description applies sufficiently closely, except the "yex nus," which is probably an error, such as he has also made in regard to other North American species of this genus. The description of *senitulus* applies fully to the specimens which I have from Florida (two, Dr. Whitfield), Georgia (two, Professor Riley), and San Domingo (three, Mr. G. F. Frazer).

**Eristalis hortorum.** (Plate VII, fig. 10.)

*Musca surinamensis* Degeer, vi, 145; tab. xxix, fig. 1.

*Syrphus hortorum* Fabricius, Syst. Ent., 764, 11; Ent. Syst., iv, 256, 29.

*Eristalis hortorum* Fabricius, Syst. Anth., 236, 16; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 169.

*Habitat.*—West Indies!

♂ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ orange-yellow, arista bare. Face and front orange-yellow, thickly covered with yellow pollen and pile; face with a shining yellowish red stripe, not very broad; cheeks with a shining black stripe. Eyes pilose, contiguous. Thoracic dorsum black, shining behind; front margin grayish pollinose, separated by a black band from the rather slender yellowish-grayish band on the suture; in front of the scutellum rather broadly yellowish-grayish pollinose, separated, or nearly so, from a similarly colored spot along the post-alar callus. Pleurae thickly white pollinose below, above with golden yellow pile. Scutellum wholly yellowish-red. Second segment of abdomen on each side with a large yellowish-red triangle, broadly separated by opaque black, which extends out narrowly nearly to the lateral margin behind; posterior margin yellow; pile behind black, elsewhere yellow. Third segment wholly shining, with black pile, except on the lateral margins; fifth segment shining metallic, with golden-yellow pile, posterior margin yellow, and just before it a narrow transverse opaque black fascia. Hypopygium wholly shining black, with golden-yellow pile. Legs yellowish-red, base of four front tibiæ light yellow; hind femora considerably thickened, hind tibiæ compressed, in front and behind with a fringe of black pile. Wings on the posterior portion hyaline, in front on the basal portion yellow, from before the cross-veins to near the tip and beyond the middle dark brown.

Four specimens, San Domingo (G. F. Frazar).

**Eristalis atrimanus.**

*Eristalis atrimanus* Loew, Centur., vi, 62.

*Habitat.*—Cuba (Lw.), San Domingo!

♂. Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Black, opaque. Eyes pilose, broadly contiguous. Face thickly clothed with yellowish-white pollen and pile, median stripe and the cheeks bare, black and shining. Antennæ blackish, arista bare. Frontal triangle black, shining in the middle and clothed with black pile, along the edge narrowly white pollinose. Dorsum of thorax on the anterior margin cinerescens, across the suture with a transverse, yellowish-white pollinose band; anterior part of the dorsum with yellow pile, posterior part with black pile. Scutellum ochraceous yellow; pile chiefly yellow, the remainder black. First abdominal segment black, the lateral angles yellow; second, with two large yellow spots touching the front margin in their whole length, rather narrowly separated in the middle and extending on the sides nearly to the hind margin, their inner ends convex from the front border of the segment; the black is

wholly opaque, extending narrowly to the lateral margins; third segment with two large yellow spots, leaving the black similar to that of the preceding segment, but extending a little more broadly to the lateral margins, and more rounded in front; fourth segment opaque black, with a slender, narrowly interrupted, metallic cross-band; hind margins of the second, third, and fourth segments yellow; hypopygium shining black, with yellow pile; elsewhere the pile on the black portions is black, on the yellow parts yellow. Legs black; tip of four front femora, basal third of four front tibiæ, and narrow base of hind tibiæ, yellow; hind femora but slightly thickened. Wings hyaline.

♀ Front with a broad median black stripe, entire, black pilose, on the sides concealed beneath yellowish pollen and whitish pile. Second segment of the abdomen with the yellow not extending so far backward and more narrowly separated; third segment wholly without yellow, on each side with a shining spot.

Three males and one female, San Domingo (G. F. Frazer). I believe my identification of this species is correct, but I do not observe any pollinose spot near the post-alar callus as Loew describes.

#### **Eristalis pilosus.**

*Eristalis pilosus* Loew, Centur., vi, 70.

*Habitat.*—Greenland (Lw.)!

♂, ♀ Length, 11 to 13<sup>mm</sup>. Black, thickly clothed with long yellow pile; eyes black pilose; antennæ black, arista bare; face black; thorax unicolorous, opaque; scutellum luteous; first two abdominal segments opaque; the second on each side with a dilutely lutescent spot; third black, with two opaque spots, confluent in an abbreviated fascia; two ultimate segments bronze-black, shining, with a minute triangular spot opaque; pile of the dorsum reddish, on the sides of the middle black, remainder yellow; wings pure hyaline, veins fuscous-black, in the female with a blackish spot.

Black, clothed with long yellow pile, sometimes lighter. Head black, yellow pilose; face of the same color, and, except the very broad median stripe, is thinly covered with yellowish pollen; eyes in both sexes black pilose, in the male contiguous, in the female broadly separated. Antennæ black, arista bare. Thorax unicolorous, opaque; pile wholly yellow. Scutellum dilutely lutescent, very thickly yellow pilose. First two segments of the abdomen opaque; second on each side with a subrotund spot, very dilutely lutescent, on the posterior margin smooth. Third segment shining, with two opaque spots, forming an abbreviated fascia. The remaining segments are bronze-black, shining, except a minute triangular spot, situated near the margin of the fourth segment. Pile of the abdomen yellow, in the middle of the abdomen reddish, near the tip sometimes pallid, on the posterior angles of the second segment, and the lateral margins of the third segment, except the angles, black. Legs black, black pilose; hind femora slender, narrow

base of the tibiæ fuscous. Wings pure hyaline, veins fuscous-black, veins of the disk in the female clouded with blackish.

Translation from original, compared with the types.

***Eristalis obscurus*.**

*Eristalis obscurus* Loew, Centur., vi, 67.

*Habitat*.—Red River of the North (Loew)!

♂ Length 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Bronze-black, shining, clothed with rather long, dilutely lutescent-cinereous pile; front broad, above black pilose; eyes pilose. Antennæ reddish-ferruginous, first two joints black; arista pilose; face, except the usual stripes, yellowish-red, white pollinose and white pilose. Scutellum brown, black near the base. Each abdominal segment, except the first, with a posterior black fascia, not emarginate, and with a very slender posterior yellow margin. Legs black; tip of all, and base of hind, femora, the basal third of front and hind tibiæ, middle tibiæ, except the tip, and the first two joints of all the tarsi, light yellowish. Wings pure hyaline, veins of the disk clouded with fuscous.

Similar to *E. dimidiatus*. Bronze-black, shining, clothed with rather dilutely lutescent-cinereous pile. Front broad, concolorous, above black pilose, a median spot on the front margin reddish, the lateral margins in front white pollinose. Face yellowish-red or red, white pollinose and white pilose, median stripe black, rarely pitchy, oral margin and the cheeks always black. First two joints of the antennæ black, third red or ferruginous-red, rarely obscurely fuscous; arista pilose. Thoracic dorsum neither striped nor fasciate. Scutellum pitchy or brown, near the base always metallic black. First segment of the abdomen glaucous, white pilose; second segment with two velvety fasciæ, separated by a shining fascia which is much dilated on the sides; the posterior margin yellow. In the following segments, besides the very slender yellow hind margin, with a posterior opaque black fascia, that on the third segment velvety, on the remaining segments moderately shining. Pile on the posterior part of each segment black, on the front portions in great part cinerescent. Legs black, pallidly pilose; hind femora slender, near the base yellow; tip of all the femora, basal third of front and hind, and the middle tibiæ except the tip, and the first two joints of all the tarsi, light yellow, the second joint near its tip blackish. Wings pure hyaline, the disk clouded with fuscous, stigma and immediate base fuscous.

Translation from the original, compared with the type at Cambridge.

***Eristalis inornatus*.**

*Eristalis inornatus* Loew, Centur., vi, 68.

*Habitat*.—Red River of the North (Lw.)!

♀ Length 13<sup>mm</sup>. Submetallic black, shining, clothed with rather long lutescent pile; front broad, near the ocelli black pilose, but the vertex itself with luteous pile. Eyes pilose. Antennæ reddish-ferruginous, the first two joints black; arista pilose. Face, except the usual

stripe, yellow, with dilutely lutescent pile and pollen. Scutellum wholly reddish. Each segment of the abdomen, except the first, with a black posterior fascia, on the second and third emarginate and velvety opaque, on the following sub-shining; posterior margins of the segments very narrowly yellow. Legs black; extreme tip of the femora, the basal half of front and hind tibiæ, the middle tibiæ except the distal third and the first joint of the middle tarsi, light yellowish. Wings hyaline, the veins of the disk broadly subfuscous clouded.

Somewhat bronze-black, shining, clothed with rather long lutescent pile. Front broad, concolorous, with thick luteous pile, near the ocelli black pilose, on the sides anteriorly luteous pollinose, the anterior margin above the antennæ reddish. Face longer than in *E. obscurus* and the tubercle smaller, concealed beneath dilutely lutescent pollen, and clothed with the same colored pile, a rather slender median stripe and the cheeks black. First two joints of antennæ black, third reddish-ferruginous; arista pilose. Thorax unicolorous, moderately shining, wholly luteous pilose, the pile of the pleuræ, however, lighter colored. Scutellum reddish, luteous pilose. First abdominal segment glaucous, remaining segments shining, posterior margins of the second, third, and fourth segments narrowly yellow. On the second segment there are two velvety-black fasciæ, one on the anterior margin and attenuated on the sides, the other touching the posterior margin and emarginate; third segment with similar fasciæ, but the anterior one is more slender. Last two segments wholly shining, near their posterior margins a deeper black. Pile of the abdomen chiefly black, on the first segment white, on the front half of the second segment and near the anterior angles of the intermediate segments pallid lutescent, on the ultimate segments pallid, intermixed with black. Legs black, light yellow pilose, hind femora slender; tip of the femora, front and hind tibiæ at their base, middle tibiæ, except the tip, and the first joint of the middle tarsi with the base of the second joint, light yellowish. Wings hyaline, veins black-fuscous, near the base of the wings reddish, a large, dilutely subfuscous spot on the disk, stigma minutely black-fuscous.

“The type specimen has the abdomen somewhat rubbed, so that it is difficult to judge correctly of the pile.”—Loew.

Translation from the original. The single type specimen at Cambridge is in poor preservation. The species is allied to *dimidiatus*.

#### *Eristalis oestriformis*.

*Syrphus oestriformis* Walker, List, etc., iii, 573.

*Eristalis oestriformis* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 131, note 227, p. 249.

*Habitat*.—Hudson's Bay Territory (Walk.).

“Mas. Niger, thoracis pilis anticis nigris posticis fulvis, scutello fulvo, abdomine pilis albis nigris fulvisque fasciato, antennis piceis, pedibus nigris, alis limpidis fusco unimaculatis.

“Body black: head clothed with dull tawny hairs, shining and promi-

ment in front: mouth pitchy: feelers pitchy: bristle ferruginous, downy: eyes pitchy, each with a broad stripe of short black hairs: all the facets very small: chest clothed with short black hairs, and on the hinder part with pale tawny hairs; scutcheon tawny, very thickly clothed with pale tawny hairs: abdomen nearly oval, broader and a little longer than the chest, clothed with white hairs at the base, with black hairs in the middle, and with bright tawny hairs towards the tip: legs black, clothed with short black hair: knees pitchy: shanks and feet clothed beneath with tawny down: hind feet tawny: claws and foot cushions tawny: tips of claws black: wings colorless: large dark brown spot in the disk: wing ribs pitchy: veins black, ferruginous towards the base and along the free borders: poisers ferruginous. Length of the body 7 lines; of the wings [spread] 14 lines."—Walker.

"*Syrphus oestriformis* Walker is a rather peculiar *Eristalis*, represented by a single specimen in the British Museum."—Osten Sacken.

***Eristalis parens*.**

*Eristalis parens*, Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1880, 216.

**Habitat.**—North America (Bigot).

♂. Long. 13<sup>mm</sup>. Oculis hirtis, cæto basi breviter villosa (*E. arbustorum* simillimo). Antennis castaneis; facie nigra, utrinque cinereo obscuro villosa; thorace nigro, dense fulvo velutino; scutello fulvo; calyptris testaceis; abdomine, segmento secundo, utrinque, macula lata, trigona, fulva, tertio maculis simillinis, sed angustioribus, cunctis anguste fulvo marginatis; femoribus obscure castaneis, geniculis et tibiis pallide testaceis, apice late castaneis, tarsis obscure rufis, apice parum infuscatis; alis fere hyalinis, basi, et, extrinsecus, dilute et pallidissime infuscatis.

Resemble à l'*arbustorum*. Yeux velus, chète brièvement velu à sa base. Antennes brunâtres; face noire, couverte, de chaque côté, par un duvet grisâtre; thorax noirâtre, couvert d'un duvet roussâtre assez dense, flancs à poils roussâtres; écusson d'un testacé foncé; cuillerons testacés; abdomen d'un noir luisant, presque nu, tous les segments finement bordés de fauve, base du 1<sup>er</sup> à poils grisâtres, 2<sup>e</sup> et 3<sup>e</sup>, de chaque côté, avec une macule fauve, triangulaire, beaucoup plus étroite sur le 3<sup>e</sup>, ventre d'un gris jaunâtre; pieds d'un brun rougeâtre avec un fin duvet gris, genoux et tibias, à la base, d'un testacé blanchâtre devenant plus foncé vers leurs extrémités; ailes presque hyalines, nervures, base, bord externe, d'un roussâtre très-clair.—Bigot.

ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

***Eristalis agrorum*** Fabricius, Ent. Syst., iv. 255, 27 (*Syrphus*); Syst. antl., 235, 12; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 172, 28.—Guadeloupe.

***Eristalis albifrons*** Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 189; Röder, Stett. Ent. Zeit., 1855, 340.—Porto Rico.

***Eristalis Bellardii***, Jænnicke, Neue Exot. Dipt., 92.—Mexico.

***Eristalis cubensis*** Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii. 2. 42, 19.—Cuba.

- Eristalis diminutus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 622.—Mexico.  
*Eristalis expictus* Walker, Trans. Ent. Soc. N. Ser., v, 291.—Mexico.  
*Eristalis familiaris* Walker, Trans. Ent. Soc. N. Ser., v, 200.—Mexico.  
*Eristalis fulvipes* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1880, 225.—Mexico.  
*Eristalis furcatus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 176, 34.—Brazil, Columbia, Yucatan.  
*E. femoratus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 40, 15; tab., ix, fig. 6.  
*Eristalis guadalupensis* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2.—Guadeloupe.  
*Eristalis Gundlachi* Loew, Centur., vi, 61.—Cuba.  
*Eristalis impositus* Walker, Trans. Ent. Soc. N. Ser., v, 289.—Hayti.  
*Eristalis lateralis* Walker, Linn. Trans., xvii, 347, 42; List, etc., iii, 622.—Brazil, Chili, Guiana, Mexico, Jamaica.  
*Eristalis mexicanus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 2<sup>e</sup> Suppl., 59, 54.—Mexico.  
*Eristalis pachypoda* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1880, 224.—Mexico.  
*Eristalis pusio* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 192; Röder, Stett. Ent. Zeit., 1885, 341.—Porto Rico.  
*Eristalis Sacken* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1880, 224.—Mexico.  
*Eristalis semicirculus* Walker, Dipt. Saund., 249.—Honduras.  
*Eristalis Soulouquensis* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1880, 228.—Hayti.  
*Eristalis testaceicornis* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 4<sup>e</sup> Suppl., 138, 62.—Mexico.  
*Eristalis tricolor* Jænnicke, Neue Exot. Dipt., 92.—Mexico.  
*Eristalis unicolor* v. d. Wulp, Tijdschr. v. Entom., xxv, 131.—Guadeloupe.  
*Eristalis basilaris* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 502, 4.—North America.  
*Eristalis inflatus* Macquart, l. c., 507, 18.—North America.  
 "I did not find the types of these species either in Lille or in Paris, and the descriptions do not apply to any of the known species." (O. Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 133.)  
*Eristalis everes* Walker, Dipt., Saunders., 246.—North America.  
 Osten Sacken could not find the type of this species in the British Museum; the description will not permit identification.

## DOLIOSYRPHUS.\*

- Doliosyrphus* Bigot, Bullet. Soc. Ent. de France, No. 13, 1882.  
 ? *Priomerus* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 511, 1834.

Allied to *Eristalis*, but differs chiefly in the structure of the head and abdomen. Large, black and yellow, thinly pilose species. Head large, globose. Eyes pilose. Frontal triangle of the male large, projecting, in profile forming an obtuse angle near the middle. Antennæ small, arista bare. Abdomen broadest at base of second segment; narrowed to the tip of the fourth segment, concave on the sides, the tip of fourth segment less than a half of the width of the second segment. Hind femora much swollen and elongate, hind tibiæ compressed and arcuate. Otherwise as in *Eristalis*. Type of genus *D. scutellatus* Bigot.

This description is drawn from males of *D. Rileyi*. I have seen three other species from Mexico, all agreeing essentially in these characters, and I believe the genus is a well-founded one.

*Doliosyrphus Rileyi*, n. sp. (Plate VIII, fig. 8.)

*Habitat*.—New Mexico!

♂. Length, 14 to 15<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes pilose. Antennæ blackish brown; arista thin, bare. Face concealed beneath dense gray pollen, on the sides

\* Δόλιος, deceitful; σύρφος, a small winged insect.



more ochraceous, an elongate median spot, and the cheeks in front, shining black; in profile gently concave below the antennæ, the tubercle nose-like. Frontal triangle very projecting in profile, obtusely angulated in the middle; shining black, with black pile; the white dust of the face extends up narrowly along the eyes. Dorsum of thorax opaque black, the anterior border and a narrow transverse band on the suture grayish-yellowish pollinose, in front of the scutellum a broad subquadrate area shining, deep metallic blue. Pleuræ thickly grayish pollinose below; on the mesopleuræ with yellow pile, which extends up to the end of the transverse band. Scutellum light opaque yellow with short sparse black pile; at the base rather narrowly opaque black. Abdomen brownish black, opaque, with two pairs of large quadrilateral yellow spots; the black of the second segment is a little broader in front, and extends outward behind rather narrowly and acutely to the lateral margin; spots on the third segment subquadrate, touching the anterior margin, and separated by about their own width; fourth segment with a bluish, metallic, subinterrupted, shining cross-band; second, third, and fourth segments with a narrow yellow hind margin. Hypopygium wholly shining black. Legs black, tibiæ and tarsi reddish brown. Wings lightly infuscate on distal half, and with an obscure brownish spot.

Four specimens, New Mexico (Mr. G. F. Gaumer). I take pleasure in dedicating this beautiful species to Prof. C. V. Riley.

#### ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

*Doliosyrphus hirtipes* Bigot, Bull. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1882; Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1883, 343. Panama.

*Doliosyrphus scutellatus* Bigot, Bulletin Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1882; Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1883, 342. Panama.

### PTEROPTILA.\*

*Plagiocera* Macquart (non Klug), Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 59, 1842.

*Pteroptila* Loew, Centur., vi, 59, 1865.

Large, robust, nearly bare species, with bright yellow markings of very short pile on thorax and abdomen. Head hemispherical, a little broader than the thorax. Eyes in male contiguous, bare; antennæ small, third joint oval, first two joints short. Face nearly perpendicular, below the antennæ a little receding, not much produced below the eyes, very slightly tuberculate. Thorax somewhat narrowed in front; scutellum broad. Abdomen moderately longer than the thorax, the hypopygium large, unsymmetrical. Legs moderately stout, the hind femora considerably thickened, without spines or protuberances below. Wings dark colored in front, clothed with microscopic pile; the third vein bent deeply into the first posterior cell; marginal cell closed and petiolate; anterior cross-vein beyond the middle of discal cell.

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Πτερόν, wing, and πτερόν, plumage.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

- 1.—Legs black ; third abdominal segment with an entire yellow cross-band, the first segment without yellow spots cincta  
 The four front legs, at least, not black ; third segment with a pair of spots, first segment also with yellow 2
- 2.—Terminal joints of the tarsi black ; the dorsal suture with four distinct spots. decora  
 Tarsi wholly light colored ; spots on suture coalescent into an interrupted band 3
- 3.—Black species ; hind femora in part black ; abdomen considerably narrowed posteriorly crucigera  
 Abdomen and head yellowish reddish ; legs without black ; abdomen moderately narrowed posteriorly ruficornis

**Pteroptila crucigera.** (Plate VIII, figs. 1, 1a, 1b, 1c.)

? *Milesia acuta* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 189, 7 ; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 110, 8 (translation from Fabricius).

*Milesia crucigera* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 105, 2.

*Mallota milesiformis* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 500.

*Plagiocera crucigera* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 60, 1 ; pl. x, fig. 7.

*Habitat.*—Georgia, Florida, Texas! Yucatan (Macq.).

♂, ♀ Length, 14 to 15<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ reddish brown. Face yellowish red, thickly clothed on the sides with whitish pollen and bright yellow pile ; a broad median stripe and the cheeks shining black, sometimes reddish. Front in female narrow above, with a broad black stripe, yellow pilose on the sides below the ocelli ; frontal triangle with a slender triangular black spot ; posterior orbits with abundant short yellow pile. Thorax black, but little shining, in front with two opaque black stripes, not reaching the suture ; clothed with very short black pile and with markings of short, thick, bright-yellow pile as follows : an oval spot on each side of the middle in front ; a fascia extending along the suture, broadly interrupted in the middle and continued outwardly to a spot on the sternopleuræ ; another transverse fascia extends across in front of the scutellum, narrowed on the sides before reaching the spots on the post-alar callosities ; the anterior spiracles just below the humeri are light yellow, and the posterior pair on the sides of the mentanotum white. Scutellum yellowish on its border. Abdomen black, somewhat shining ; the first segment and anterior part of second opaque ; first segment with a pair of oval spots of yellow pile on the hind part ; second segment with narrow posterior yellow margin ; third segment with a yellow pilose spot on each side in front, and a quite narrow yellow hind margin ; fourth segment similar, but the spots smaller, and the hind margin very narrow or obsolete. Hypopygium shining reddish brown, slightly yellowish pollinose. Legs light reddish yellow, the hind femora in large part blackish. Wings on the basal portion in front as far as the cross-veins yellowish ; beyond dark brown, filling out the sub-costal, the marginal, submarginal, outer part of first basal, and the anterior part of first posterior cells.

Five specimens.

In specimens illy preserved the yellow pile markings of the abdomen or thorax may be wholly rubbed off, leaving only indistinct whitish spots in their place. The second segment may also show an elongate reddish spot on each side near the middle.

**Pteroptila decora.**

*Pteroptila decora* Loew, Centur., vi, 59.

*Habitat.*—Cuba!

♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Black. Head of the same color, posterior orbits thickly fringed with yellow pile, or tomentum. Front yellow pilose; vertex, and median stripe black. Antennæ ferruginous; third joint short ovate, above blackish. Face thickly clothed with white pollen and yellow pile, leaving a median shining black stripe; cheeks broadly shining black, except the posterior part. Dorsum of thorax with nine yellow spots as follows: Two on the front margin, four on the transverse suture, and three sub-coalescent ones on the posterior margin. Scutellum reddish or reddish-black, black at the base. Abdomen with six yellow spots, namely, two subarcuate ones on the first segment, and two larger ones on the anterior angles of the third and fourth segments. Hypopygium brown. Legs luteous, or brownish-luteous; outer part of the hind femora subfuscous or fuscous, the extreme tip, however, always lighter colored; last three or four joints of all the tarsi black. Wings hyaline, brown on the front part; as far as the tip of the auxiliary vein the color is more yellowish, the costal cell especially so.

Two specimens.

**Pteroptila ruficrus.**

*Milesia ruficrus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 105, 3.

*Habitat.*—Cuba!

♂, ♀ Length, 12 to 13<sup>mm</sup>. Brownish-yellowish, the dorsum of thorax blackish brown. Vertical triangle of male elongate. Stripe of front and face shining brownish-yellow, the pile on the sides and posterior orbits light yellow; cheeks like the facial stripe. Antennæ yellow, the third joint somewhat brownish. Yellow pilose markings of the thorax as in *P. crucigera*; that is, with two anterior spots, an interrupted sutural cross-band, and three sub-coalescent spots on the hind border. Scutellum yellowish-brown. Abdomen with a pair of coalescent, arcuate, yellow pilose spots on the first segment, a slender, nearly contiguous, pair on the anterior border of the third segment, and a smaller pair on the sides of the fourth; second, third, and fourth segments each with a slender yellow hind margin; in color the abdomen is dark ferruginous or yellowish-red. Legs yellow, or somewhat reddish-yellow, the hind femora, except the basal portion and tip, reddish or brownish-red. Wings light-brown on the anterior part, hyaline behind; on the basal portion the brown is much more dilute or yellowish, the costal cell light yellow.

Two specimens (G. F. Gaumer).

This species chiefly differs from *P. crucigera* in its more yellowish-reddish color throughout (most noticeable in the abdomen, facial stripe, hind femora, etc.), in the yellow pollinose spots of the first abdominal segment being united, and in the female abdomen being less narrowed behind.

**Pteroptila cincta.**

*Musca cincta* Drury, Ins., i, 109; pl., xlv, fig. 6.

*Syrphus pinguis* Fabricius, Syst. Ent., 763, 6; Ent. Syst., iv, 282, 16.

*Eristalis pinguis* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 233, 6; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., II, 193, 61.

*Milesia Ania* Walker, List, etc., iii, 564; Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 5er Suppl., 94, 9.

*Habitat.*—San Domingo!

♀, ♂ Length, 17 to 19<sup>mm</sup>. Black. Eyes of male broadly contiguous. Front of female black, shining, narrowly white pollinose on the sides below. Cheeks and a broad facial stripe shining black; the sides of the face densely white pollinose and thinly white pilose. Antennæ black. Posterior orbits white pollinose and pilose. Thorax opaque black, with bright yellow markings of short dense pile, as follows: Two rounded spots on the front margin, one on each side at the outer ends of the transverse suture, coalescing with larger one on the mesopleuræ, one of longer pile on each post-alar callus, connected by a transverse one in front of the scutellum. Tegulæ light yellow, fringed with yellow pile. Scutellum deep brownish-red, black at the base. Abdomen opaque black, sometimes tinged with red; second segment with a pair of large, deeply opaque, red triangles; third segment in front with an entire cross-band of bright yellow pile, very slightly emarginate in the middle behind; fourth segment with a small spot on each side of the same colored pile; in the female a small triangle on the third segment behind, two-thirds of the fourth segment, and the fifth segment wholly, deep shining bluish-green; in the male the larger part of the fourth segment and the very large hypopygium are shining brownish-red. Legs deep black, the pulvilli light yellow; in the male on the posterior sides of the front and middle femora with thick black pile. Wings hyaline, rather narrowly brownish along the front border.

Five specimens (Frazar.)

**Pteroptila zonata.**

*Pteroptila zonata* Loew, Centur., vi, 60.

*Habitat.*—Mexico (Lw.)!

♂ Length, 13.5<sup>mm</sup>. Black, opaque, sides of the face white pollinose; two spots on the anterior margin of the thorax, the transverse suture, the posterior margin of the thorax, and a basal abdominal fascia, white tomentose; fascia of the second abdominal segment livid; on each of the following segments a basal, yellow tomentose fascia; hypopygium yellow pollinose; wings hyaline, stigma and the marginal and submarginal cells blackish.

Black, opaque. Head of the same color, the lateral margins of the front, and the face, except the median stripe, white pollinose. Antennæ black, third joint ovate. Scutellum livid, near the base black. First segment of the abdomen, except the base, white pollinose; second segment with a livid fascia, narrowly interrupted, toward the sides strongly dilated, but abruptly cut off before reaching the margin, hind margin yellow; the two following segments, each with a narrow basal fascia yellow tomentose, and the posterior margin vitelline yellow. Hypopygium thickly clothed with vitelline pollen. Legs vitelline yellow; front femora wholly, the base of the middle femora, and the hind femora, except the distal third, black; the hind femora black setulose below, elsewhere the legs wholly clothed with light pile. Wings pure hyaline, all the veins fuscous-black, stigmatic cell, the marginal and submarginal cells blackish.—Translation.

## ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

**Pteroptila pratorum.**

*Syrphus pratorum* Fabricius, Syst. Ent., 765, 13; Ent. Syst., iv, 286, 31. West Indies.

*Eristalis pratorum* Fabricius, Syst. Ant., 236, 18; Wiedemann, A. Z., ii, 166.

**Pteroptila opulentus** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 336 (*Eristalis*). Cuba.

HELOPHILUS.\* *Calliph. 1*

*Elophilus* Meigen in Illigers Magazine, ii, 274, 1803.

*Aemosyrphus* Bigot, Bull. Soc. Ent. de Fr., No. 13, 1882.

*Eurhimyia* Bigot, Bull. Soc. Ent. de Fr., No. 2, 1883.

Mostly large, nearly bare species, black or blackish brown, with yellow spots or bands, usually readily distinguished by the presence of light pollinose stripes on the dorsum of the thorax; head hemispherical, not flattened. Antennæ short, the third joint oval; arista basal, bare. Face below the antennæ in profile gently or considerably excavated, the lower part sometimes strongly produced, usually with a tubercle; eyes bare, rarely pilose, separated by a rather broad interval in the male. Scutellum usually more or less translucent. Abdomen sometimes rather broadly oval, often more or less narrowed, sometimes cylindrical. Legs rather stout; the hind femora more or less thickened, and the hind tibiæ arcuate; hind coxæ in the male rarely with a spinous tubercle below. Marginal cell of the wings open; the third longitudinal vein deeply bent into the first posterior cell; small cross-vein oblique, beyond the middle of the discal cell.

See Appendix.

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\* Ἡλιος, the sun, and φίλος, a lover.

***Helophilus glacialis*.**

*Helophilus glacialis* Loew, Stett. Ent. Zeit., 1843, 120.

*Habitat*.—Labrador (Lw.)!

♀. Length, 12.5 to 13<sup>mm</sup>. Face deeply concave below the antennæ, below strongly produced, tubercle large, in profile much receding; the lower border forms with the posterior border of the head an obtuse angle; in the middle a broad shining black stripe, gray dusted above, but reaching to the base of the antennæ; elsewhere as on the greater part of the front covered with whitish-yellow, sometimes more grayish-yellow, pollen; cheeks shining black. Antennæ black; immediately above their base a shining black spot; vertex blackish, the middle line of the front sometimes dark; pile of the front black, on the vertex in moderate extent yellowish. Thorax opaque black, the usual light stripes grayish-white, the front half of the lateral ones and the posterior part of the middle ones indistinct; pile of the dorsum wholly yellow. Scutellum yellowish-brownish, shining; wholly yellowish pilose. Abdomen black, wholly shining on the dorsum; on the second segment on each side there is a large yellow—usually three-cornered—spot, of which the point that is directed inward is usually somewhat whitish colored, and is narrowly separated from the opposite one; on the third segment on each side a narrow whitish arcuate band, which starts from a small yellow spot on the anterior angle of the segment; on the fourth segment the same whitish semi-fascia, but no indication of the yellow spot; on the last segment the bands also present, but somewhat shorter and less distinct; the pile on each segment in front is whitish, behind the bands, blackish; on the lateral margins of each segment the whitish-yellow pile reaches farther back, so that on the posterior angles only a trace of the blackish pile remains. Venter shining black, beset with sparse, obscure whitish pile. Femora black, the hind pair of moderate breadth, the tip of all yellow; tibiæ black, basal third of the hind pair, and rather more than a third of the front and middle pairs yellow, the hind pair moderately bent, and not thickened at the end, the tarsi throughout black. Wings hyaline, somewhat grayish-brownish; stigma light brown, scarcely darker at the base; the longitudinal vein behind the anal cell is somewhat strongly arcuate near its end, the last section of the same vein strongly bent.

Is intermediate in position between *H. groenlandicus* and *H. borealis*. From the former is distinguished (1) by the much more retreating face, (2) by the lack of black pile on the posterior end of the black thoracic stripes and the fore part of the scutellum, (3) by the indistinctness of the light-colored thoracic stripes, and the somewhat more distant position of the two middle ones, (4) by the shining color of the abdomen, which in *groenlandicus* is confined to the posterior part of the segments, (5) by the greater slenderness of the abdominal bands, (6) by the somewhat less width of the hind femora, and the yellow tips.—Loew, l. c.

**Helophilus groenlandicus.**

*Tabanus groenlandicus* O. Fabricius, Fauna Groenland., 208, 170.

*Helophilus arcticus* Zetterstedt, Ins. Lapp., 595, 2; Dipt. Scand, 678, 2; Staeger, Kroyer's Tidsskrif. N. R., i, 359, 24; Loew, Stett. Ent. Zeit., vi, 119, 1843.

*Habitat.*—Greenland, Lapland (Lw.)!

♂, ♀ Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face below the antennæ lightly excavated, below only a little produced, the tubercle slight, in profile nearly perpendicular; the lower line of the head forms with the occiput but little more than a right angle; in the middle of the face with a shining black stripe, which in well-preserved examples does not reach quite to the antennæ; elsewhere on the face, as also on the greater portion of the front, covered with whitish-yellow, sometimes somewhat darker, pollen; cheeks shining black. Antennæ black, immediately above their base with a shining black spot; a median stripe of the front and the region of the vertex dark, nearly blackish; pile of the front black, at the vertex yellowish. Thorax opaque black, the usual light-colored stripes nearly whitish, the lateral ones only distinct at the humeri, behind indistinct; the median ones very narrow, linear, very distinct, in all the specimens broken off before reaching the scutellum; the pile of the thorax is yellow, blackish only on the posterior part of the dark stripes. Scutellum brownish, shining, in front with black, behind with yellow, pile. Abdomen black, opaque, only a little shining on the hind margins of the segments, successively a little broader towards the hind part; on the second segment with a large, yellow, nearly a three-cornered spot on each side, the inner angles of which are usually whitish and approach each other moderately near; on the third segment there is on each side a narrow, yellowish-whitish curved semi-fascia which terminates in a small yellow spot in the anterior angle of the segment, which often in the male has a greater extent; on the fourth segment are seen the same yellowish-whitish semi-fasciæ but no trace of the yellow spots; on the last segments the spots are smaller and less fasciate. The pile in front of the hind margin of the fasciæ is yellowish, from thence to the hind margin of each segment blackish; on the lateral margins the yellow pile extends somewhat farther back, the hind angles, however, always more or less black pilose. Femora black, hind pair moderately dilated; front pair at the extreme tip brownish-yellow, on the hind pair there is a trace of the same color on the under side of the tip; tibiæ black, with the base brownish-yellow; hind pair moderately bent and not thickened at the extremity; tarsi black throughout. Wings hyaline with a grayish-brownish tinge; stigma light brown, darker at its beginning; distal portion of sixth vein moderately strongly arcuate, its terminal portion strongly bent.

**Helophilus borealis.**

*Helophilus borealis* Staeger, Kroyer's, Tidsskrift, N. R., i, 359, 25. Loew, Stett. Ent. Zeit., vi, 1843, p. 123.

*Habitat.*—Greenland (Lw.)!

♀ Length, 12 to 13<sup>mm</sup>. Face strongly excavated in profile below the

antennæ, below strongly produced forwards, the tubercle very large; in the middle with a broad, shining black stripe, reaching to the base of the antennæ and on the lower half only slightly grayish dusted; elsewhere, as on the greater part of the front, clothed with whitish-yellow dust; cheeks shining black; the lower border of the cheeks forms with the plane of the occiput an obtuse angle. Antennæ black; immediately above their base a shining black spot; the vicinity of the ocelli black; the middle line of the front also somewhat darker; pile of the front black; at the vertex in moderate extent yellowish. Thorax opaque black, the usual stripes grayish, very narrow and indistinct, in the middle interrupted, the median ones obsolete behind. The pile of the thorax is yellowish throughout, without any intermixture of black. Scutellum brownish, shining, on the middle with blackish, on the border with yellow pile. Abdomen black, opaque, the hind margins of the segments, successively wider posteriorly, moderately shining; second segment on each side with a large, yellow, three-cornered spot, the inner angles of which show only a trace of whitish color, and do not approach each other very closely; third segment on each side with a curved, narrow, semi-fascia, not quite reaching the lateral margin, at which there is no trace of a yellow spot; fourth segment with similar whitish semi-fasciæ, which attain the lateral margins; on the last segment they are shorter and less distinct. The pile of the abdomen is thick, erect, noticeably longer than in the related species, of a yellow color, on the hind margin of the second segment somewhat darker, on the hind borders of the following segments in moderate extent blackish; on the lateral margins of the abdomen the pile is throughout yellowish, only on the posterior angle of the posterior segments is there any blackish pile. Femora black, the hind pair of moderate width; in all the tip is brownish-yellow, in the hind pair, however, only at the extreme tip; tibiæ black, base brownish-yellow, the hind pair but little arcuate, at their end slightly yet distinctly thickened; tarsi black throughout. Wings hyaline, somewhat grayish-brownish tinged; stigma dark brown, sharply bordered at each end.

*H. borealis* is distinguished from *H. grænländicus* by the more oblique profile of the face, by the greater length of the pile on the thorax, scutellum and abdomen, by the absence of black pile on the hind part of the black dorsal stripes, by the greater indistinctness and more remote position of the median light-colored stripes, by the less dilatation of the hind femora, which in the females on the distal half on the outer side has a distinct longitudinal groove, while in *H. grænländicus* there is only a large flat impression.—Loew, l. c., translation.

**Helophilus mexicanus.** (Plate VIII, fig. 7.)

*Helophilus mexicanus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 64, 6; tab. ii, fig 2; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., p. 267.

*Helophilus polygrammus* Loew, Centur., x, 55; Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 338.

*Asemosyrphus oculiferus* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1883, p. 350. (Male.)

? *Asemosyrphus nigroscutatus* Bigot, ibid., p. 351.

**Habitat.**—Washington Territory, California!, Mexico (Macq., O. S.).



♂, ♀ Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup> Face with a short deep convexity below the antennæ to tip of tubercle, thence receding in a nearly straight line to the oral margin; median stripe and cheeks bare, black and shining; the sides of the face concealed beneath dense whitish-yellowish pollen and pile. Antennæ black, the arista reddish-yellow. Front in both sexes very broad, in the male narrowed a little before the ocelli, in the female broader, only a little narrowed toward the vertex; the ocelli in both sexes are remote from each other; the color is shining black above and in the middle below near the antennæ, yellowish pollinose on the sides and across broadly below the ocelli; the pile is yellowish, except across below the ocelli, and at the vertex, where it is black. Dorsum of thorax grayish-olivaceous-black, but little shining, leaving in the middle part six slender opaque black lines, that inclose three slender whitish stripes, all of which are obsolete before the scutellum; the outer black lines are a little dilated before, and interrupted at the suture; in addition, on each side behind there is a slender opaque black stripe, which runs from the scutellum towards the outer end of the suture. Pile of thorax yellowish, rather abundant; more whitish on the pleuræ. Scutellum obscurely reddish on the outer part. Abdomen broad, not extending beyond the wings; in the female black, the first segment shining, with an opaque spot on each side; second segment on each side with a broad, nearly opaque spot, extending across the front margin, bordered behind on the sides by a light reddish-yellow spot that reaches from the anterior angle to the middle of the segment, extending as a narrow whitish pollinose cross-band inwards and separated from that of the other side by a not very broad opaque black interval; posterior part of the second segment shining, the narrow hind margin gray, as on the following segments; third segment with two slender, gray pollinose spots, beginning at the front angles and curving backwards, inwards, and then a little forwards, broader at the inner ends, and separated from each other by a narrow, partially opaque, interval; in front of these spots the black is sub-opaque, elsewhere shining; fourth segment similar, but the spots more slender and nearly touching the front margin on their inner ends, thus leaving on each side in front a small, opaque, semi-lunar spot. In the male the abdomen is in large part dark-reddish; on the third segment the color is almost wholly red, brownish behind, the gray spots nearly obsolete, leaving only the beginnings and tips; the fourth segment like that in the female, but the opaque parts are more brown, and the shining part red. Hypopygium wholly reddish. Legs black; the base and tip of four front tibiæ narrowly red, the hind tibiæ variegated black and red; all the tarsi more brown; metatarsi of the hind feet distinctly swollen. Wings nearly hyaline.

Six male and seven female specimens, California (O. T. Baron), Washington Territory (H. K. Morrison).

***Helophilus latifrons*.**

*Helophilus latifrons* Loew, Centur., iv, 73; Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 337.

*Habitat*.—Massachusetts, Connecticut, Western Kansas, Wyoming, Washington Territory, Montana, Oregon, California!, Red River of the North (O. S.)

♂, ♀. Length, 13 to 15<sup>mm</sup>. Face yellow, thickly covered with light yellow pollen and pile, leaving in the middle a moderately broad, shining, reddish-yellow stripe, which ends acutely a little below the antennæ; the lower end at the oral margin black. Cheek black, shining, pollinose behind. In profile the face is moderately concave above, from the tubercle to the oral margin nearly perpendicular and straight; the lower border of the cheeks forms with the plane of the occiput but little more than a right angle. The front in the male is broad above, in width fully equal to half the distance between the foremost ocellus and the base of the antennæ; across the ocelli black, a little shining, with black pile; below the front ocellus the black color is concealed beneath dense yellow pollen, and wholly yellow pile, a small triangle above the base of the antennæ shining, reddish or brownish yellow. Scutellum wholly translucent yellow, on the outer part sparsely and shortly black pilose, but chiefly yellow pilose. First abdominal segment grayish pollinose, with a black spot near the outer part, and the sides yellow. In the male the remaining segments as follows: Second segment with a broad light-yellow cross-band, interrupted in the middle, leaving a broad flattened triangle in front, opaque black, connected by a median stripe with a narrow posterior shining black cross-band; third segment with a similar yellow band, more narrowly interrupted, touching the front margin, rounded on the inner angles behind, and leaving a broader posterior shining black band; the opaque black is confined to a semi-circular or semioval spot in the middle in front, separated from a smaller one behind by two intervening, oblique, yellowish pollinose, transverse, nearly contiguous spots; fourth segment narrowly yellow on the sides, across the middle a grayish-yellowish pollinose cross band, convex in the middle in front, broadly emarginate behind; the black shining; the posterior margin yellowish; hypopygium black, concealed beneath dense yellowish pollen. In the female the shining black cross-bands on the posterior part of the second and third segments is broader; the yellow cross-band of the third segment is narrower and more broadly separated, connected in the middle or nearly so by yellowish pollen; the black spot in front is usually not oval, but forming a more or less elongate band, attenuated on the sides, but not reaching the lateral margins; the next segment similar to that in the male, but the yellow pollinose band narrower and more gently bi-concave; fifth segment shining black, with a yellowish pollinose cross-band; the yellow on the sides of the fourth segment in both sexes may encroach on the ground of the cross-bands, and also similarly in the fifth segment in the female. Legs yellow; base of front and middle femora, distal end of the front tibiæ

and the whole of the front tarsi, the tip of middle tarsi and the whole of the hind legs, except the distal end of the femora and the base of tibiæ, black; the extreme tip of hind femora also black. Wings hyaline; stigma yellowish. Dorsum of thorax densely light yellow or ochraceous opaque, with three sub-opaque black stripes, of nearly equal width throughout, the middle one a little broader; pile yellow; pleuræ densely gray pollinose.

Twenty male and as many female specimens, collected chiefly from New England, where it is the most common species. In addition, fifteen specimens from the Rocky Mountain and Pacific regions, and twenty-four from Montana (Professor Comstock), do not differ from the eastern ones. Both this and the following are closely allied to *H. trivittatus*, *hybridus*, and *pendulus* from Europe.

**Helophilus similis.** (Plate VIII, fig. 2.)

*Helophilus similis* Macquart (non Curtis), Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 64, 7. 1842.

*Helophilus fasciatus* Walker, List., etc., iii, 605.

*Eristalis decius* Walker, List., etc., iii, 614.

*Helophilus susurrans* Jaennicke, Neue Exot. Dipt., 94.

*Habitat.*—New England, Canada, Indiana, Kansas, California!

♂, ♀ Length, 13 to 15<sup>mm</sup>. Very closely allied to *H. latifrons*, with which it may be readily confounded. It will, however, be at once distinguished by the front of the male being much narrower above, not more than a third or fourth as wide as the distance from the ocelli to the base of the antennæ, and in the female by the front being wholly black pilose; in the male the front is black pilose on the upper half; the antennæ are lighter colored, red, or yellowish red, except on the upper part of the third joint, where it is blackish; the yellow cross-bands of the second and third abdominal segments are not as broad, and the posterior black portion is broader; the hind tibiæ are usually red, or brownish red, with the basal third yellow; the pile of the scutellum is in larger part, sometimes almost wholly, blackish. Otherwise the species scarcely differs from *latifrons*.

Ten specimens from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Indiana, Kansas, Canada, and a single male from California. At the time Macquart named the species there existed another *H. similis* Curtis (Brit. Ent. 429, 5), now considered a synonym of *H. pendulus*, and hence need not interfere with the present.

**Helophilus laetus.** (Plate VIII, fig. 6.)

*Helophilus laetus* Loew, Centur., iv, 77.

*Habitat.*—Connecticut, New York!, Wisconsin, Illinois (O. S.).

♀. Length, 8.5 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Face concave below the antennæ and then gently convex to the oral margin, wholly yellow, grayish-yellowish pollinose, on the lower part, in the middle, a narrow shining spot; cheeks black but not extending forward. Front black, thickly yellowish pollinose and wholly black pilose, except on the vertex. Antennæ yellowish red; arista black at the tip. Dorsum of thorax opaque black,

with four grayish-yellowish stripes; the middle pair not very broad, gradually dilated on the hind part, the median black stripe has in the middle a very slender grayish pollinose stripe, obsolete in front and behind. Scutellum yellow, narrowly black at the base and on the sides. Abdomen: First segment pollinose, except a black spot on each side; second segment with a broad, widely interrupted, yellowish-red cross-band, the posterior margin narrowly shining, in the middle with a yellowish spot; third segment similar, the cross-band very narrowly interrupted, with a moderately broad, biarcuate, opaque black cross-band behind the yellow, posterior margin of the segment narrowly yellow, broadly and angularly dilated in the middle and yellowish pollinose; on the fourth segment the yellow band is less wide, entire, touching the front margin on the whole length, narrowed in the middle, behind it an entire black cross-band, the sides of which are oblique; posterior margin more broadly yellow, behind the black an entire pollinose cross-band, narrow at the sides, broad in the middle; fifth segment wholly pollinose, the margins yellow. Legs reddish-yellow; base of front and middle femora, an incomplete median ring on the hind femora, tip of front tibiæ on the inner side, end of hind tibiæ and an incomplete sub-basal ring, and the hind tarsi, black or blackish. Wings nearly hyaline.

♂. Face and lower part of front brighter yellow; front above, between the parallel orbits, black, lightly pollinose, with black pile, below on the yellow part the pile is yellow. Stripes of grayish pollen on the dorsum of the thorax narrowed, almost linear, the slender line in the middle of the median black stripe almost indistinguishable. Pile of thorax moderately long, yellow, across the disk of the scutellum somewhat intermixed with black. Abdomen: first and second segments as in the female, except that the yellow cross-band is broader and a little less widely interrupted; third segment with two large yellow spots, narrowly separated at the tips, leaving a slender, biarcuate cross-band of opaque black behind, narrower than in the female, connecting at their inner ends with the triangular or semi-oval spot in front, which is less transverse than in the female; the fourth segment wholly grayish pollinose, except a very slender, biarcuate black cross-band, connecting in the middle with a small spot in front, hind margin yellow; hypopygium black, wholly pollinose. Front and middle femora more broadly black at their base; hind femora black, except narrowly at the base, and a broad, preapical ring.

A single male specimen from Saratoga, N. Y., August 30, on meadow land, and a female from New Haven, which undoubtedly belongs to the same species, although the black of the femora is different in extent, and which in the male does not agree so well with Loew's description.

**Helophilus chrysostomus.** (Plate VIII, fig. 5.)

*Eristalis chrysostomus* Wiedemann, *Auss. Zw. Ins.*, ii, 174, 30.

*Helophilus chrysostomus* Osten Sacken, *Cat. Dipt.*, 133.

*Habitat.*—New England, New York!, Georgia (Wied).

♂, ♀ Length, 9.5 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Front of male not broad, the sides parallel on upper half; on the lower half, like the face, of a fine light golden-yellow, with yellow dust and pile, not at all shining; on the upper half, in front of the ocelli, thickly covered with a brownish-yellow dust, the ocelli and vertex black, shining, and narrowly black pilose. In the female the front is broader, and wholly clothed with black pile, more abundant across the middle; the ground color is shining black, obscured by the pollen, which is less abundant and less yellow than in the male. Antennæ yellowish red; arista red at base. Face gently concave below the antennæ, then gently convex to the tip, the lower part considerably produced downwards and forwards; below shining black on the sides, back below the eyes on the cheeks obscured by pollen. In the female the yellow color of the face is concealed beneath more whitish pile, so that it does not have the bright color of the male. Dorsum of thorax light yellowish-olivaceous, with three broad, black, opaque, velvety stripes, rather narrowly separated, but more broadly so in the male than in the female; the outer stripes do not reach quite to the front and back margins; pleuræ pollinose. Scutellum shining black, the border red, pile yellowish. Abdomen in the male slender, narrowed at hind part of the second segment, yellowish and ferruginous-red; first segment grayish pollinose, except a small spot near the outer sides behind, continuous with the anterior angles of the black on the next segment; second segment broadly velvety black, extending nearly the whole width of the segment in front, thence narrowed so that at the middle of the segment it does not occupy more than one-third the width; then again expanding, usually of a less deep color (sometimes only brown or ferruginous); the broad hind margin of the segment shining red, the long lateral triangles are yellowish, along the black in front often white pollinose; third segment sometimes wholly and uniformly red, but more usually with a brownish or blackish spot in front in the middle, and a diffuse, indistinct, brownish cross-band before the broad shining hind margin, the sides in front, and two spots near the middle, of white pollen, are often present; fourth segment with a pair of small slender spots in the middle in front, and the anterior angles whitish pollinose, the extreme hind border of the fourth and fifth segments yellow. In the female the abdomen is broader, wholly black, with grayish-white cross-bands; first segment wholly dusted; second segment with a broad shining cross-band behind, elsewhere velvety black, except the oblique, pollinose, yellow side-spots; these spots reach along the sides to the front angle of the segment, obliquely concave in front; third and fourth segments similar, but the spots are very narrowly separated, beginning at the anterior angles, concave in front, convex behind, the shining part of the fourth segment is somewhat dusted; fifth segment wholly pollinose, except a narrow black cross-band in front. Basal half of the front and middle femora, hind femora, except the base and a preapical ring, the distal part of hind

tibiæ and the last four joints of hind tarsi black, the base of hind tibiæ and their metatarsi more brown; elsewhere the legs are reddish yellow, lighter on the front and middle pairs. Hind coxæ of the male with a long stout obtuse process below, the hind femora below near the base with a slight protuberance, hind tibiæ with a sharp spur at the tip; all wanting in the female. Wings lightly tinged with brownish.

This description is based on twelve males and nearly as many females that I caught about the blossoms of *Cornus paniculata* in the latter part of June, in Connecticut. From the color of the legs and feet and head I do not doubt but that it is Wiedemann's species; he must have been, however, mistaken in the sex of his specimen; he does not mention the process on the hind coxæ. In the female there is but a slight indication of this process, but his description of "rost gelb" will not apply.

*Helophilus distinctus*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Connecticut, Virginia, Pennsylvania!

♂, ♀ Length, 7.5 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Very closely allied to *H. chrysostomus* Wied., but easily distinguished in the male by the absence of the mammiform process on the hind coxæ below, and in the female by the black dorsal thoracic stripes being considerably narrower than the intervening gray ones; the middle black stripe may be dilated in front by a grayish line. The face in the male is less yellow, in the female the ground color is almost wholly black. The antennæ are darker in color, the first two joints blackish. The black stripes on the dorsum of the thorax are narrower; in the female very narrow; in the female the pollinose spots on the third and fourth segments of the abdomen are a little broader and a little more widely separated. In the male on the hind coxæ below there is a small obtuse projection, similar to that of the female of *H. chrysostomus*; in the female they are rounded below; the spur on the end of the hind tibiæ is less acute. The species is, moreover, smaller in size.

Four specimens, two of each sex, from Connecticut. The species I found common on a meadow near New Haven, but, unfortunately, not recognizing it as distinct from *H. chrysostomus*, I neglected to collect a greater number of specimens. The color of the face not being "vergoldet" and the antennæ darker, not "rost gelb," I do not think that this can be Wiedemann's species.

*Helophilus modestus*, n. sp. (Plate VIII, fig. 4.)

*Habitat*.—Wyoming!

♂ ♀ Length, 6 to 8<sup>mm</sup>. Front in both sexes broad, narrowed but little in the male, the ocelli not remote from each other; black, with a broad band of yellowish pollen across the middle, pile chiefly blackish. Antennæ black, the arista of the same color. Face deeply concave below the antennæ, a little below the middle with a large protuberant tubercle, between which and the mouth receding and gently concave;

shining black on the tubercle and below along the mouth, on the sides above with yellowish dust and pile. Cheeks below the eyes moderately broad, whitish dusted. Dorsum of thorax nearly bare, opaque black, shining on the sides, in the middle with a slender, on each side with a broader grayish-olivaceous stripe, a little broader than the intervening black space, all confluent in front of the scutellum. Pleurae grayish pollinose. Scutellum yellowish-red on the margin and with yellowish pile. Abdomen oval, shorter than the wings, wholly black, except a narrow yellow hind border on the last segments; shining; in the female on the sides of the first segment, second segment along the base and extending back narrowly in the middle to nearly the hind border, opaque black, narrowed on the sides as though by an interrupted cross-band: in the male the first segment, except the sides, the second segment, except the lateral and posterior margins (on the sides in the middle and behind more broadly), and the third segment with a large triangle in front, its apex near the hind margin, and nearly truncated by a slender interrupted cross-band, opaque black. Legs black; the distal end of all the femora (the hind femora at the tip above, however, black), and narrow base of all the tibiæ and a rather broad ring near middle of hind tibiæ, yellow; sometimes rings near the middle of front and middle tibiæ less distinctly yellow. Wings faintly tinged with blackish.

Three male and one female specimens from Como, Wyoming (alt. 7,000 feet), June 20.

*Helophilus conostomus*, n. sp. (Plate VIII, fig. 3.)

? *Helophilus stipatus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 602.

*Helophilus Anaasis* Walker, List, etc., iii, 603.

*Helophilus lineatus* Osten Sacken (non Fabr.), Cat. Dipt., 134.

*Habitat*.—Connecticut!, Massachusetts, Illinois, Canada (O. S.).

♂ ♀ Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Front yellowish-brown, above the antennæ more yellow; pile black, more yellowish above and below. First two joints of the antennæ blackish-brown, third joint reddish-brown or red. Face light yellow, with similar colored pollen, concave for a short distance below the antennæ, and then nearly straight to the tip, the lower part of the face much produced downward and forward into a slender nearly regular cone, pointed at the tip. Cheeks black, extending more narrowly along the oral margin to the tip. Dorsum of thorax opaque black, with a broader, lateral, grayish pollinose stripe and two narrow dorsal ones, linear in the male; a little broader in the female, and expanded in front of the scutellum so as to touch each other at the tips. Pleurae thickly dusted like the dorsal stripes. Scutellum brownish-yellow or yellowish, translucent, usually more or less black along the base; pile, like that of the thorax, grayish-yellow. Abdomen black, with yellow and grayish pollinose markings. In the male the first segment opaque, except the lateral margins; second segment with a large yellow spot on the sides, extending from the anterior angles nearly to the posterior part, inclosing the opaque in the shape of a goblet, of which the stem is short, square, and rectangular, the base forming a narrow complete

cross-band: the inner ends of the yellow spots are a little whitish-dusted; third segment with two large yellowish-red, subtriangular spots, the posterior margin straight, more or less indistinct, their inner end whitish pollinose, separated by about the same width as the preceding, the inner anterior sides a little convex, the front ends slightly encroaching on the second segment, the narrow hind margin yellow, dusted with whitish pollen, which expands somewhat in the middle; elsewhere the black is opaque; fourth segment on the front half shining, on each side with a moderately broad, arcuated, pollinose spot, the outer end attaining the anterior angle, posterior border yellow, and before it with a cross-band of about the same width, subopaque black; the yellow is pollinose, encroaching somewhat on the black in the middle. In the female the color of the abdomen is less opaque, with pollinose markings as follows: First segment, except an oval spot on the sides; second segment with a slender convex spot on each side near the middle, the inner end widened, expanded on the sides in a slender triangle, the ground color of which is reddish yellow, posterior border in the middle also pollinose; third and fourth segments similar, the spots not so slender, the lateral reddish yellow spots smaller, and the posterior pollinose margin broadly dilated in the middle, so that in the fourth segment it is more than a third of the width of the segment; fifth segment wholly pollinose, except narrowly at the base. Legs reddish-yellow; a spot above on the front and middle femora, the tip of front tibiae, and the distal joints of their tarsi, a large oval spot on the upper part of the hind femora, and the extreme tip black; a sub-basal and a preapical ring on the hind tibiae, and the hind tarsi brown. Wings nearly hyaline.

Although I have but two specimens (♂, ♀), from Connecticut, yet from comparison with European specimens and also with the full description of *H. lineatus* given by Loew (Stett. Ent. Zeit., vii), I am satisfied that this is not the same. The male differs in the much larger extent of yellow on the abdomen, and the thoracic stripes being more distinct; in the female by the greater extent of pollen on the abdomen, and especially by the thoracic stripes, which are broad and distinct, a third of the width of the intervening black stripe; they are not diffuse on the posterior part, but are well defined quite to the scutellum; the intervening black stripe is narrowed in a lanceolate form at the tip, merely touching the scutellum in an acute point. In *H. lineatus*, on the posterior third, the stripes are widened in a more grayish color so as to leave only a slender line between them, apparent in well-preserved examples. The lower part of the face is less brownish in *H. conostomus*, and the legs have a less extent of black. I am not sure that all these differences, especially the latter ones, are constant.

Should the genus *Eurhymia* Bigot be deemed admissible (I do not think that it is) this species would belong in it.

A single specimen without a head, of this species is in the Loew type collection, bearing the label "Spec. indescr."



**Helophilus hamatus.**

*Helophilus hamatus* Loew, Centur., iv, 79.

*Habitat.*—Hudson's Bay Territory (Lw.)!

♀ Length, 8.5<sup>mm</sup>. Face strongly produced, subconic, cheeks black, no median stripe. Antennæ subochraceous. Front blackish, thinly clothed with ochraceous pollen near the antennæ, short black pilose. Dorsum of the thorax with four rather broad, ochraceous pollinose stripes, the intermediate ones cinerescens. Scutellum reddish. Abdomen with nearly parallel sides; first segment whitish-cinereous; the three following segments black, opaque, each with two whitish lunulate spots, the posterior margin shining; last segment cinereous pollinose. Legs luteous-brownish; femora with black markings, hind tibiæ with two fuscous rings, the front and hind tarsi wholly and the tip of the middle tarsi fuscous-black. Wings cinereous hyaline, stigmatic spot subfuscous.

Translation from the original, compared with the type specimen at Cambridge.

**Helophilus divisus.**

*Helophilus divisus* Loew, Centur., iv, 78.

*Habitat.*—District of Columbia (Lw.)!

♀ Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. Face less projecting than in *H. obsoletus*, *integer*, and *lætus*, the antennal arista black, the abdominal lunules narrow, the cinereous wings and the markings of the legs are all different. Pile of the front black, above rather long, at the vertex luteous. Dorsum of the thorax with very short luteous pile, that of the scutellum longer. Four broad stripes and a narrow median stripe, attenuated at each end, luteous pollinose. Basal margin of the scutellum black. Luteous fasciæ of the abdomen very narrow, broadly interrupted, so that each is divided into two moderately curved lunules; posterior margins of the second, third, and fourth segments obsoletely lutescent, fasciate with subcinereous pollen. Pile of the abdomen nearly wholly black. Legs luteous; the hind ones more obscure, the femora, except the base and tip, fuscous, at the base with a small black spot; basal half of the four front femora black; tip of front tibiæ and last two joints of the four front tarsi blackish; hind tibiæ near the base with a subfuscous ring, and the apical third black, hind tarsi black. Wings cinereous.

Translation from the original, compared with the type specimen at Cambridge.

**Helophilus integer.**

*Helophilus integer* Loew, Centur., iv, 76.

*Habitat.*—New York (Lw.)!

♀ Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Very similar to *H. obsoletus*, but the pile of the whole body much shorter, and the four dorsal luteous pollinose stripes rather broad and very distinct. Scutellum at the base black. Luteous fasciæ of the abdomen broad, the first narrowly interrupted, the

remainder entire; each segment, except the first, with a median subtriangular spot ochraceous pollinose and contiguous with the hind margin; hind margin of the third segment narrow, of the fourth segment broad, luteous. Legs luteous; front femora near the base with a black spot; hind femora near the base with a minute blackish spot, above in large part black and near the tip on each side with a fuscous spot; hind tibiae near the base with a fuscous ring, at the tip blackish fuscous; hind tarsi wholly blackish fuscous.

Translation of the original, compared with the type specimen at Cambridge.

**Helophilus obscurus.**

*Helophilus obscurus* Loew, Centur., iv, 74.

*Habitat.*—Colorado (O. S.)!

♀. Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Black and yellow varied. Face somewhat projecting, with the cheeks and a rather broad median stripe black. First two joints of the antennæ brownish-black, third joint red, more obscure on the upper portion. Dorsum of thorax with four yellow stripes, the intermediate ones slender. Scutellum yellowish testaceous. Abdomen black, opaque, the posterior margins of the segments moderately shining; with four yellow, interrupted cross-bands, the anterior ones of moderate width, the posterior ones narrow. Femora black, the tip of the front and middle pairs and a subapical ring on the hind pair luteous; front tibiae and tarsi wanting; middle tibiae and metatarsi luteous, remaining joints of the tarsi black; hind tibiae black, base luteous, and a median ring brown, tarsi wholly black. Wings cinereous hyaline, near the costa very dilutely brownish, stigma subfuscous.

Translation from the original, compared with the type specimen at Cambridge. A second specimen has the front and middle femora black, except the tip, and their tibiae and tarsi yellow, except that the front tibiae are brownish in the middle.

**Helophilus obsoletus.**

*Helophilus obsoletus* Loew, Centur., iv, 75.

*Habitat.*—Hudson's Bay Territory (Lw.)!

♀. Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. Two slender stripes of the dorsum of the thorax luteous pollinose, obsolete. Basal margin of the scutellum black. Luteous fasciae of the abdomen of moderate width, the first broadly, the second narrowly interrupted, the third entire; each segment, except the first, with a posterior luteous margin, and a triangular spot contiguous with it of the same color. Legs luteous, the color of the hind pair darker; front femora near the base with two minute black spots, hind femora on the posterior side with a large black spot; hind tibiae near the base with a brownish ring, and at the tip blackish; hind tarsi wholly black. Pile of the whole body a little longer than in the female of *H. integer* or *laetus*.

Translation from the original, compared with the type specimen at Cambridge.

**Helophilus porcus.**

*Eumerus porcus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 551.

*Habitat.*—Hudson's Bay Territory (Walker).

♀ Length of the body 3–4 lines; of the wings [spread] 6–7 lines. Niger, thorace cinereo quadrivittato, abdomine maculis nigris nitentibus canisque ornato, antennis piceis, pedibus nigris, genibus tarsisque ferrugineis, alis subcinereis.

♂ Body black, clothed with black hairs; head covered with white bloom, and clothed with white hairs beneath, pale yellow in front and around the base of the feelers; mouth black; feelers pitchy; bristle black; eyes brassy black; all the facets small; chest adorned with four gray stripes; breast tinged with gray; abdomen elliptical, deep velvet-like black, longer and a little broader than the chest; each segment adorned with a triangular, black, shining spot in the middle, and with a hoary spot on each side; hind borders shining; legs black; knees and feet ferruginous, the latter pitchy towards the tips; foot-cushions and claws tawney; tips of the claws black; hind thighs thick, unarmed; hind shanks curved; wings pale gray; wing-ribs and veins black; veins pitchy towards the base; poisers yellow.—Walker, l. c.

“Is a very peculiar species; it is represented in the British Museum by two (♂ and ♀) well-preserved specimens. I have never seen it elsewhere.”—Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 250, note 235.

**Helophilus flavifacies.**

*Helophilus flavifacies* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1883, 344.

*Habitat.*—Maryland (Bigot).

♂. Long. 9<sup>mm</sup>. Antennis testaceis; facie pallide flava, fronte superne fusca; thorace nigro, vittis quatuor flavis; scutello fulvo; abdomine nigro, utrinque tribus maculis trigonis, marginibus segmentorum 3 et 4, 5<sup>o</sup> toto, flavo pictis; calyptris et halteribus testaceis; pedibus pallide fulvis, femoribus posticorum apice, tibiis id. basi et apice, fusco annulatis, tarsis posticis obscure fulvis; alis pallidissime flavis.

Antennes fauves; face d'un jaune blanchâtre; front de même couleur, la moitié supérieure brune; thorax d'un noir opaque avec quatre bandes longitudinales jaunes, flancs couverts d'un duvet jaunâtre; écusson fauve, légèrement teint de noirâtre à la base et sur les côtés; abdomen d'un noir opaque, les segments 2<sup>e</sup>, 3<sup>e</sup> et 4<sup>e</sup> avec, de chaque côté, une macule triangulaire, la moins grande au 3<sup>e</sup>, fauves, bords postérieurs des 3<sup>e</sup> et 4<sup>e</sup> segments testacés, 5<sup>e</sup> entièrement d'un jaune testacé; pieds d'un fauve pâle, les postérieurs avec trois anneaux bruns, l'un, sis à l'extrémité des cuisses, les deux autres, sur les tibias, tarses postérieurs d'un fauve brunâtre; ailes très légèrement jaunâtres. 1 specim.—Bigot, l. c.

**Helophilus Novæ Scotiæ.**

*Helophilus Nova Scotia* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 2<sup>e</sup> Suppl., 60, 10.

*Habitat.*—Nova Scotia (Macq.).

♀. Long. 12.5<sup>mm</sup>. *Ater. Thorace vittis flavis. Abdomine fasciis albidis. Antennis pedibusque nigris; tibiis basi rufis.*

Face et front jaunes, à duvet blanchâtre et bande noire; style des antennes brun. Côtés du thorax noirs; écnsson brun. Les bandes de l'abdomen étroites: celles des premier et deuxième segments élargies et fauves sur les côtés; ventre noir, à incisions blanchâtres. Jambes intermédiaires fauves, à extrémité brunâtre. Ailes assez claires; première nervure transversale située au-delà de la moitié de la cellule discoidale.

#### ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

*Helophilus formalis* [*femoralis*] Walker, List, etc., iii, 603.—Mexico.

*Helophilus Androclus* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 250, note 230; Walker, List, etc., iii, 612 (*Eristalis*).—British Possessions.

*Helophilus frater* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 250, note 230; Walker, List, etc., iii, 613 (*Eristalis*).—Hudson's Bay Territory.

*Helophilus chalepus* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 250, note 230; Walker, Dipt. Saund., 247 (*Eristalis*).—Canada.

Baron Osten Sacken from an examination of the types of these species, described as *Eristalis*, ascertained that they belong to the group of *H. borealis*, *groenlandicus*, and *glacialis*. They cannot be recognized from the descriptions.

#### PTERALLASTES.

*Pterallastes* Loew, Centur., iv, 80, 1863.

Head broader than the thorax, much flattened. Eyes bare, broadly contiguous in the male. Frontal triangle small, antennal prominence short, obtuse. Antennæ inserted rather below the middle of the head in profile, rather small; first two joints short, third joint rounded; arista basal, bare. Face in the male nearly perpendicular, not descending far below the eyes, in profile gently concave above and more gently convex below, arched, not carinate; in the female concave; obliquely truncate below; cheeks narrow, the lower border forming with the plane of the occiput a little more than a right angle. Scutellum wholly yellowish opaque like the dorsum of the thorax. Abdomen elongate oval, nearly twice as long and broader than the thorax, broadest at tip of second segment, thence gently narrowed to the tip of the fourth. Legs wholly unarmed, rather stout; hind femora moderately thickened, elongate, below with short bristly hairs; hind tibiæ considerably arcuate, flattened. Marginal cell of wing open, third vein with a deep sinuosity into the first posterior cell; anterior cross-vein very oblique, near outer third of discal cell, last section of fourth vein strongly sinuate, terminating near the tip of third vein; sixth vein nearly straight.

Large, rather thickly pilose, moderately elongate species. Thorax densely yellowish pollinose; abdomen black, shining. Type of genus, *P. thoracicus* Loew, North America.

*Pterallastes thoracicus*. (Plate VIII, figs. 9, 9a.)

*Pterallastes thoracicus* Loew, Centur., iv, 80.

*Habitat*.—Pennsylvania!

♂ Length, 9 to 12.5<sup>mm</sup>. Face black, rather thickly covered with gray-

ish pollen, the cheeks bare and shining. Antennæ reddish-brown. Frontal triangle more thickly clothed with yellowish dust. Thorax and scutellum very thickly clothed with opaque, ochraceous pollen, leaving only a faint, slightly brownish, median stripe; pile abundant, not very long, wholly yellow. Pleuræ black, lightly dusted, moderately shining, except a brown stripe down the middle, which is thickly gray pollinose and gray pilose. Abdomen brownish-black, wholly shining; pile yellow, broadly black pilose on the middle of the fourth segment behind. Legs black; coxæ rather thickly gray pollinose, the knees narrowly on the front legs, knees and base of tibiæ on the middle and hind legs and their tarsi, light yellow, the extreme tip of four hind tibiæ sometimes yellow, and the front tarsi somewhat reddish below. Wings distinctly infuscated, especially beyond the anterior cross-vein: faint clouds on all the cross-veins.

♀ Face concave; front of moderate width, thickly luteous pollinose a large black spot above the antennæ black, shining, vertex black. Loew, l. c.

I have two male specimens from Mr. E. Keen, of Philadelphia. Loew describes the abdomen as "shining black, obsoletely bluish."

### TEUCHOCNEMIS.\*

*Teuchocnemis* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci., iii, 58, 1876; Cat. Dipt., note 237, p. 250.

Rather large, elongate, moderately pilose species, black and yellow. Head short; face not tuberculate, not produced; the margin of the cheeks forming not much more than a right angle with the plane of the occiput. Antennæ short, third joint transverse; arista bare. Legs stout, hind femora thickened, especially in the male. Hind tibiæ arcuate and provided with a stout, internal, median spur in the male. Marginal cell of wings open, third vein with a moderately deep curve into the first posterior cell.

Type of genus, *T. lituratus* Loew, North America.

This genus cannot be separated easily from *Mallota*, and may have to be abandoned. The character upon which Osten Sacken based it, was the peculiar spur on the internal part of the hind tibiæ; but, as will be seen, this character occurs, apparently as only a dimorphism, in *Mallota cimbiciformis*, and hence has no value here as a distinguishing mark. The species are much more bare than in our species of *Mallota*, and the general habitus, especially of *T. bacuntius*, is very different. The last species reminds one forcibly of the more *Milesia*-like forms.

#### TABLE OF SPECIES.

Abdomen wholly black	<i>lituratus</i>
Abdomen in large part yellow or luteous	<i>Bacuntias</i>

\* Τεῦχος, armor: κνημη, tibia.

**Teuchocnemis lituratus.** (Plate VIII, figs. 12, 12a.)*Pterallastes lituratus* Loew, Centur., iv, 81.*Teuchocnemis lituratus* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci., 58, 1876; Cat. Dipt., 250.*Habitat.*—Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Missouri!

♂, ♀ Length, 10 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Black, moderately shining. Head dilutely luteous or yellow; occiput, except the margin, cinereous, opaque; cheeks black, shining. Antennæ scarcely darker than the face. Dorsum of thorax with grayish or yellowish-gray pollen and thin obscure yellowish pile, subopaque; on each side of the middle a slender opaque black stripe, abbreviated both in front and behind; just above the wing a reddish elongate spot, and the humeri also sometimes of the same color. Scutellum luteous, the base blackish. Abdomen black, somewhat shining, with short, thin, white pile. Legs black; front femora at the ends and more or less below, base of their tibiæ, middle tibiæ for the larger part, and the middle tarsi, except the tip, hind femora at base, along the under sides, the tibiæ at base and tip, and the tarsi except the tip, light yellow; in the female the hind legs may be wholly reddish-yellow, except the tip of tarsi. Wings brownish, with an elongate hyaline spot in the first and second basal cells; narrow clouds along the base of the first and fifth veins.

Two specimens, New Haven, Conn., and Missouri (Mr. Theo Pergande).

**Teuchocnemis Bacuntius.** (Plate VII, fig. 6.)*Milesia Bacuntius* Walker, List, etc., iii, 563.*Teuchocnemis Bacuntius* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci., iii, 58; Cat. Dipt., 135, notes 237, 238, p. 250.*Habitat.*—Georgia, Texas!

♂ ♀ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face light yellow, thinly light-yellow pollinose. Antennæ reddish yellow; cheeks and occiput reddish yellow, narrowly whitish pollinose along the orbits. Front of female like the face; pile light yellow. Dorsum of thorax black, the broad lateral margin extending a little inwards at each humerus, and a large triangular spot in front of the scutellum, the scutellum and a large spot on the mesopleuræ yellowish red; pile of dorsum moderately abundant, erect, yellow. Abdomen brownish black, the lateral angles of the first segment, the second, third, and fourth segments with two very large coalescent spots, extending from the posterior nearly to the anterior margin, but broadly connected behind, and the fifth segment wholly reddish yellow; in some specimens the picture is not distinct, and the yellow more or less broken up in brown, in part perhaps due to the effect of drying. Legs reddish yellow, the base of all the tibiæ pure yellow. Hind femora in the male very much swollen; in the same sex the coxæ are provided with an obtuse tubercle, and the tibiæ on the front side, near the middle, have a strong projecting tubercle; in the female the femora are only a little thickened, and the tibiæ are not provided with the spine. Wings strongly tinged with brownish, especially in front, a streak along the first basal cell nearly hyaline; third longitudinal vein with a rather deep curvature into the first posterior cell.

Two specimens (♂ and ♀) in Baron Osten Sacken's collection at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, bearing the label "Dallas, Tex., Boll.," and a specimen in Professor Riley's collection.

## MALLOTA.\*

*Mallota* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 377, 1-22.

Head somewhat flattened, broader than the thorax. Face concave below antennæ and with a large obtuse tubercle; antennæ short, third joint broader than long, arista bare. Eyes in the male contiguous or separated only by a sutural space; pilose or naked. Scutellum large. Abdomen short, much convex above. Legs strong, hind femora extraordinarily thickened and bent, the hind tibiæ sometimes with a stout spur in the middle in front in the male. Wings with the marginal cell open; third longitudinal vein deeply bent into the first posterior cell; the fourth vein terminates near the tip of the third; anterior cross-vein oblique, situated near the middle of discal cell. Large, black, shining species, densely pilose.

### TABLE OF SPECIES.

- 1.—Eyes pilose; more or less of the base of the abdomen with yellow pile, posticata  
 Eyes bare; abdomen wholly black pilose 2
- 2.—Eyes of male separated by a narrow suture in front of the ocelli; wings with a distinct brown spot Sackeni  
 Eyes of male quite contiguous; wings indistinctly, or not at all spotted. Hind tibiæ of the male with a stout spur in the middle (form *Bautias*), or wholly without such spur cimbiciformis

***Mallota posticata***. (Plate VIII, fig. 13.)

*Eristalis posticatus* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 237, 21; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 194, 62 (translation from Fabricius).

*Milesia barda* Say, J. Acad. Phil., vi, 163; Compl. Wr., ii, 357 (male, not female).

*Eristalis coactus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 165.

*Imatisma posticata* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 68 (male, not female).

*Merodon Balanus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 600.

*Merodon bardus* Packard, Guide Study Ins., 399, fig. 319; Amer. Nat., ii, Jan., 1869, 593; pl. 12, figs. 10, 10a; Glover, MS. notes Jour. Dipt., 1874, p. 32; pl., viii, fig. 30.

*Mallota barda* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt, 135, 249.

*Mallota posticata* Williston, Berl. Ent. Zeit., xxvii, 170; Lintner, First An. Rep., 211, fig. 64.

**Habitat.**—New England, Canada, New York, Kansas!, Indiana (Say).

♂, ♀ Length, 11 to 15<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes pilose, contiguous in the male for a little longer distance than in *M. cimbiciformis*. Face black, with light yellowish-white dust and pile, median stripe and cheeks shining; frontal triangle clothed with the same dust as the face, except just below the base of the antennæ, where it is shining, pile yellowish or blackish; vertex black, with black pile. Front in female clothed with black pile, more or less intermixed with yellow; pile of occiput yellow, blackish

\* Μαλλωτός, woolly.

towards the top. Antennæ brown or blackish, third joint nearly orbicular. Thorax black, opaque on the disk, in front and on the sides brownish when denuded; dorsum thickly covered with bright yellow furry pile, less abundant on the middle, where it is sometimes intermixed with black, or not seldom quite black. Scutellum yellow, black at base; pile yellow. Abdomen black, with abundant black and yellow pile; the yellow pile varies much, usually it is confined to the first and basal part of the second segment, at other times comprising nearly the whole of the third segment. When denuded of pile the abdomen often shows considerable red on the second and third segments. Legs black; tips of femora, the tarsi, and sometimes a large portion of the tibiæ, red; pile chiefly black, but with more or less yellow, especially on the front and middle pairs; hind femora much swollen, arcuate in the male, hind tibiæ compressed, especially in the male. Wings nearly hyaline, usually with a small, faintly brownish spot opposite the tip of the auxiliary vein.

This fly shows a striking resemblance to *Eristalis flavipes*, with which, indeed, it was confounded by Say in his description of *Milesia barda*, the female of which belonged to the former, the male to the present species. They are not only strikingly similar in appearance, but they vary in the same way, namely, in the amount of yellow and black pile on the thorax and abdomen. Thus, as I have shown elsewhere, *Eristalis melanostomus* is a simple variety of *E. flavipes*, corresponding quite to *M. posticata*, variety *barda* of Say. I have found the species rather common in Connecticut. The description is based chiefly upon fifteen specimens collected in June, from about blossoms of the blackberry and dogwood (*Cornus paniculata*), in company with *M. cimbiciformis*. Other specimens I have compared from Canada (William Brodie), New York (Professor Lintner), Kansas (Professor Popenoe), and Pennsylvania (E. Keen).

For discussion of the synonymy of this species see the following:

**Mallota cimbiciformis.** (Plate VIII, fig. 11, and Plate IX, fig. 8.)

*Syrphus cimbiciformis* Fallen, Syrph., 27, 18.

*Eristalis cimbiciformis* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 385, 3.

*Imatisma posticata*, Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 68 (female only); tab. xii, fig. 2; Loew, Neue Beitr., iv, 17; id., Amer. Jour. Sci., 2nd series, xxxvii, 317.

*Mallota posticata* Schiner, Dipt. Austr. in Verh. Zool. Bot. Gesells., vii, 402; id., Fauna Austr., i, 343; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt.

*Mallota cimbiciformis* Schiner, Nov. Exped., 360; Williston, Berl. Ent. Zeitschrift, xxvii, 171.

*Merodon Bautias* Walker, List, etc., iii, 600.

*Mallota Bautias* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt. and note 239, p. 250; Karsch, Berlin Ent. Zeit., xxvii, 172.

*Mallota atrox* (Berlin Museum) Karsch, l. c.

*Mallota dentipes* (Williston) Lintner, First An. Rep. of the Entomologist, 211.

**Habitat.**—Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Canada!



♂ ♀ Length, 13 to 16<sup>mm</sup> Eyes bare, contiguous for a short distance below the ocelli in the male. Front in female narrowed above, black, shining, except on the sides below the ocelli, where it is narrowly but thickly dusted, like the face; pile black, intermixed with yellowish across the middle and at the vertex. In the male the frontal triangle is thickly dusted like the face, except just above the base of the antennæ; the pile is usually black, sometimes almost wholly yellowish. Face deeply concave below the antennæ to tip of tubercle, produced moderately downward, thickly covered on the sides with grayish or whitish pollen, leaving a broad median stripe and cheeks shining black. Antennæ brownish-black, the third joint somewhat reddish; arista reddish. Posterior orbits thickly dusted with whitish. Dorsum of thorax in its ground color moderately shining on the disk, pollinose in front, the color concealed beneath thick, furry, light-yellow pile. Scutellum light yellow, with similar colored pile; pile of pleuræ thicker and a little lighter colored. Abdomen short, convex, obtusely conical, deep shining black, with short, erect, black pile, longer towards the tip; the first segment is grayish pollinose, and the pile slightly intermixed with whitish; venter black, the basal segments more or less pale. Legs deep black, with black pile, the tarsi dark reddish, slightly or not all so, however, on the hind pair; posterior femora very much thickened; in the male extraordinarily so, and arcuated; posterior tibiæ compressed, especially in the male. Wings hyaline, sometimes with a distinct brown spot near the furcation of the second and third veins and the tip of the auxiliary vein.

Form *cimbiciformis*. Hind tibiæ in male moderately compressed, wholly without a spur in the middle; usually smaller specimens.

Form *Bautias*. Hind tibiæ in the male extraordinarily compressed, and with a stout angular projection in the middle, which, when the tibia is flexed, lies on the outer side of the femur; usually larger specimens.

A very singular species, which is apparently dimorphic in the male. Of the form without the spur I have two males taken in company with two other males of the spurred form, June 20, near New Haven, about the blossoms of *Cornus paniculata*. They are smaller than the smallest of all my spurred specimens, but otherwise I can see no differences whatever. With these four males just mentioned I captured four females, all of which were larger than the unspurred males. A single female from Indiana, however, agrees very well in size with these unspurred males, but shows no other differences from the other females. I have also six males and an equal number of females, all of them large and all of the males with spurs, collected near the base of Mount Washington, July 25-28. Another spurred male I have seen from Pennsylvania (E. Keen) and a female from Canada (William Brodie).

There are some minor differences in these specimens which it will be worth while to notice. The pile of the legs is usually wholly black, at

other times much intermixed with yellow; the same may be said of the black pile of the front. The black pile of the posterior part of the abdomen is sometimes a little intermixed with reddish, but in none do I find any but black pile on the second segment, a fact which will readily enable the species to be distinguished from *M. posticata*.

In the synonymy of the species there has been much confusion. The first one who published anything in regard to American specimens was Macquart. He, unfortunately, from their close resemblance, supposed the single female specimen which he examined to belong with the male type of Fabricius' *Eristalis posticatus*, at that time in Bosc's museum, at Paris, and which he used in describing the species. In the present species the eyes are bare, while in Fabricius' types the eyes are pilose, according to Macquart; this, together with the fact that the base of the abdomen is never yellow pilose (the sparse light hairs on the first segment are very inconspicuous), renders it certain that the present cannot be *Eristalis posticatus* Fabr., as has been supposed by later authors. On the other hand, there can hardly be any doubt that the species described by Say as *Milesia barda* (male) is the true *E. posticatus* of Fabricius.

The description of *cimbiciformis* as given by Fallen does not quite agree with this, and comparison is needed with European specimens before the identity can be actually settled or denied. Loew believed the species to be the same.

The flight of this fly is a little peculiar, and will enable one to readily distinguish it from its very near ally, *M. posticata*. It flies with a loud buzz, going here and there, in and about the patches of flowers.

**Mallota Sackeni.** (Plate VIII, fig. 14.)

*Mallota posticata* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 338.

*Mallota Sackeni* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 324.

*Habitat.*—Washington, Texas!

♂ Length, 14<sup>mm</sup>. Closely allied to *M. cimbiciformis*, but differs in the presence of a dark brown spot on the wings, and in the eyes of the males being distinctly separated.

Face black, covered with thick light yellow pollen and pile, a broad median stripe and the cheeks shining. Antennæ black, the third joint more brownish, the angles apparently less rounded than in the preceding species. Frontal triangle covered with the same dust and pile as on the face, except in the middle where it is shining. Eyes bare, convergent below the ocellar triangle, but separated by a very distinct interval. Thorax black, thickly covered on the dorsum, scutellum, and plenræ with erect, furry, light yellow pile; scutellum light yellow. Abdomen black, shining, clothed with black pile; on the first segment slightly intermixed with light colored. Legs black; extreme tip of femora, base of tibiæ, and the tarsi, obscure yellowish. Hind femora much swollen and bent, hind tibiæ compressed. Wings hyaline with a

large brown spot, extending from the furcation of the second and third veins to the anterior cross-vein and from the costa to the base of the third posterior cell. Marginal cell closed in the costa.

One specimen.

It is not impossible that more material will render these characters of less value in separating this species from the foregoing.

Four males from Waco, Texas, in the National Museum, since examined, all agree in the dichoptic character, and the brownish spot on the wings. The marginal cell is open. The body is more elongate, and the pile of the thorax more fulvous than in *M. cimbiciformis*.

#### **Mallota bipartita.**

*Merodon bipartitus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 599.

*Mallota bipartita* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 135.

*Habitat.*—Georgia (Walk.).

“♂ *Niger, antennis piecis setis fulvis, pedibus nigris tibiis basi pedibusque subtus ferrugineis, aliis subcinereis fusco ad costam unimaculatis.*

“Body black, head shining, clothed with tawny and black hairs, prominent about the mouth, which is black; feelers pitchy; bristle tawny; eyes black; all the facets very small; chest thickly clothed with yellowish-white hair; abdomen linear, shining, a little longer and broader than the chest, thinly clothed with short tawny hairs, covered more thickly toward the tip with black hairs; legs black, clothed with short black hairs; shanks ferruginous towards the base; feet ferruginous beneath; claws and foot-cushions tawny; tips of feet black; wings slightly gray with a small brown spot under the middle of the fore-border; wing-ribs and veins pitchy; veins tawny toward the base and along the fore-borders; poisers tawny. Length of the body,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lines; of the wings, 10 lines.” Walker, l. c.

“*Merodon Bautias* Walker is represented in the British Museum by a single male specimen; *M. bipartitus* by four specimens, two of which seem to be females of *M. Bautias*; the two others may be a different species.” Osten Sacken, l. c.

## TRIODONTA.

*Polydonta* Macquart (non Fischer), Dipt., Exot. 4<sup>e</sup> Suppl., 144, 1850.

*Triodonta* Williston, Bull. Brookl. Entom. Soc., vii, 136, 1885.

Differs from *Mallota* in the eyes of the male being broadly separated, bare; in the male hind coxæ, hind femora, and tip of hind tibiæ being provided with spurs or protuberances; in the abdomen of the male being narrowed posteriorly, and in the general pilosity being much less. In our single species the color of the abdomen in the two sexes is strikingly different.

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\* *Τριόδους*, with three teeth.

**Triodonta curvipes.** (Plate IX, figs. 1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d.)

*Merodon curripes* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 149, 3.

*Helophilus albiceps* Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 1er Suppl., 132, 9; pl. fig. 7.

*Polydonta bicolor* Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 4e Suppl., 144, 1; pl. xiii, fig 6.

*Polydonta curvipes* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 338; Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 324.

*Habitat.*—New England!, Colorado, California (O. S.).

♂, ♀ Length, 10 to 13<sup>mm</sup>. Face black, shining on the tubercle and the cheeks; elsewhere thickly covered with yellowish pollen and pile. Antennæ black; arista yellowish at the base and end. Front in male black on the upper part and above the base of the antennæ; elsewhere covered with yellowish dust. In the female the front is broad, shining in the middle below, blackish above, pile near the ocelli blackish; on the occiput white. Thorax black, covered thickly with a brownish dust, leaving faint indications of a slender median and lateral stripes, and with short, rather abundant, obscure, yellow pile. Pleuræ dusted with white; scutellum sub-translucent yellow. Abdomen with short pile; in the male as follows: First segment black; second segment black in front, except at the sides, dilated in the middle in a broad sub-triangular spot, reaching two thirds of the length of the segment; remainder of the abdomen yellowish red; in the female black, partly shining; first segment and second, except posterior part, thickly dusted with grayish; third and fourth segments on the front part with a broad interrupted band of the same dust; on the fourth sometimes only two rounded spots. Legs black; tip of femora and base of tibiæ yellowish red. Wings nearly hyaline.

Numerous specimens.

## TROPIDIA.

*Tropidia* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 346, 1822.

Medium sized, nearly bare species; black, with yellow markings on the abdomen. Head hemispherical, somewhat broader than the thorax. Antennæ short, third joint rather large, not much longer than broad, the anterior angles only a little rounded; arista bare. Face with a median keel-like ridge; not produced, obliquely truncate; cheeks narrow below the eyes. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male. Thorax short and rather broad. Scutellum large, its border thin; more or less yellow. Abdomen narrow, somewhat elongate, of nearly equal width, depressed. Wings folded together in rest; marginal cell open, third vein with a moderate curvature, sometimes deeply bent into the first posterior cell, anterior cross-vein beyond the middle of discal cell, oblique. Legs strong; hind femora extraordinarily thickened, below near the outer end with an angular projection; hind tibiæ bent.

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\* *Τροπιδία*, a keel.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

- a.**—Femora black, at the tip testaceous: the hind femora below, near the base, with a strong mammiform process (♂) **mamillata**  
**b.**—Front and middle femora yellow on distal end; hind femora without such process near the base **quadrata**  
**c.**—Antennæ large, reaching nearly to the oral margin; hind coxæ of male with a large obtuse spur **calcarata**

**Tropidia quadrata.** (Plate IX, figs. 2a, 2b.)

*Xylota quadrata* Say, Amer. Ent., i; tab. viii; Compl. Wr., i, 14; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 101, 6 (translation from Say).

*Tropidia quadrata* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 72.

? *Tropidia albistylum* Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 2e Suppl., 60, 1; tab. 2, fig. 10.

**Habitat.**—New England, Canada, Washington Territory!

♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Front in female narrow above, black, shining below and at the vertex, on the sides thickly yellowish gray-dusted; pile very short and sparse, yellowish. Vertical triangle small, black, with black pile; frontal triangle small, colored like the face. Face gently convex in profile in the male, a little concave near the middle in the female; in color reddish or brownish yellow, densely covered with yellowish gray pollen, leaving a slender median stripe shining black, a stripe or spot on the cheeks also black. Antennæ reddish yellow, the third joint nearly square. Dorsum of thorax shining, greenish black, with two rather distinct median pollinose stripes, narrowly separated, becoming obsolete near the middle; two spots of the same colored pollen in front of the scutellum, another in front of each post-alar callus, on the humeri, and a spot along the dorso-pleural suture immediately behind the humeri. Pleuræ wholly thickly whitish pollinose. Scutellum yellow along the border. Abdomen reddish-yellow; in the male the first segment black, whitish pollinose, yellow on the sides; second segment in front (but not reaching the sides) and a narrow median stripe black, behind extending narrowly to the sides, more brownish, or only slightly brownish, except at the outer ends, forming an inverted T, posterior margin of the segment yellow; third segment with a median narrower black or brown stripe, not reaching the front, and on the hind part more or less indistinctly brownish like the preceding; fourth segment on the disk mostly brownish-black with yellowish pollen. In the female the black on the second segment is broader; the third segment black, except a quadrangular spot in front on each side, and the hind margin, yellow. Front and middle legs, on the basal half or more of the femora, black, reddish yellow elsewhere, except that the tibiæ may be somewhat brownish before the tip. Hind legs black, the knees only yellow. Wings hyaline, third longitudinal vein moderately bent into the first posterior cell.

Twenty-nine specimens, Canada (Brodie), Washington Territory (Morrison), Connecticut.

The synonymy of *T. albistylum* seems probable; the only difference

that the description seems to indicate is that the front and middle femora are more broadly yellow. The third longitudinal vein of the wing is represented straight in his figure, but Macquart's figures generally are unreliable.

***Tropidia mamillata*.**

*Tropidia mamillata* Loew, Centur., i, 68.

*Habitat*.—Illinois!

♂ Length, 8<sup>mm</sup>. Face carinate, with whitish pollen. Antennæ light ochraceous. Dorsum of thorax blackish bronze, shining. Pleuræ cinereous pollinose. Abdomen near the base black, near the tip fuscous, with two interrupted reddish bands. Femora black, at the extreme tip testaceous; hind femora on the lower side near the base armed with a strong mammiform process. Front and middle tibiæ simple, reddish yellow; hind tibiæ dilated, arcuate, fuscous black, base and upper side reddish, the tip produced into a tooth. Tarsi reddish-yellow, fourth joint black, the fifth joint in the hind pair or in all fuscous. Halteres whitish. Wings cinereous hyaline; stigma yellow.

Translation, compared with the type. Will be very readily recognized by the mammillate tubercle on the under and inner side of the base of the hind femora; it is long and directed inwards and backwards.

***Tropidia calcarata*, n. sp.**

*Habitat*.—Michigan!

♀ Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. Head black; face and front lightly gray pollinose. Antennæ brownish yellow; third joint very large, reaching nearly to the oral margin, subquadrate; arista black. Face but little produced below the eyes, the lower margin of the cheeks nearly straight and perpendicular to the plane of the occiput. Thorax black, but little shining; humeri and pleuræ pollinose. Abdomen opaque, black, or dark brown, the lateral margins of the second and third segments (broader in front of each) yellow; both of these segments with linear hind margins; fourth segment almost wholly light-grayish pollinose, with a yellow hind margin. Legs dark-brown or black, the base of tibiæ, and the three basal joints of front and middle tarsi, yellow. Wings brownish, clouded on outer half.

♂ Third antennal joint smaller. The yellow margins of the second and third abdominal segments extend further inward. Hind coxæ with a large obtuse spur; hind tibiæ with a terminal spur.

One male, three females, Galesburg, Michigan (Dr. Dimmock, National Museum, Prof. Riley's collection).

The third joint of the antennæ is much larger, the face shorter, the dorsum of thorax apparently without the pollinose stripes, the yellow markings of the abdomen less extensive, and the hind coxal spur, at once distinguish this species from *T. quadrata*; from *T. mamillata* it is as readily separated by the absence of the basal femoral spur.

## CRIORHINA.\*

*Criorhina* Hoffmannsegg in litt.; subgenus, Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 236 (1822); St. Fargeau and Serville, Encycl. Meth., x, 518 (1825); genus, Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 497 (1834).

*Somula* Macquart, Dipt. Exot. 2e Suppl., 57, 1-17.

*Ervophora* Phillipi, Verh. Zool. Bot. Gesell., xv, 736, 1865.

*Eurhinomallota* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. France 1882; Bull., No. 6.

*Brachymyia* Williston, Can. Ent., xiv, 77, 1882.

Medium to large sized species, black or greenish black, with or without light ground markings. Head much flattened, broader than the thorax. Antennæ situated upon a prominent conical frontal process, third joint orbicular, or broader than long; arista bare. Face moderately produced below the eyes, downward or forward, in profile with a greater or less convexity in the middle. Eyes bare. Scutellum dark, not translucent. Abdomen elliptical or very short oval. Legs strong, hind femora not, or but little, thickened (*verbosa*), without projections or bristles below, hind tibiæ sometimes compressed and bent. Marginal cell of wings open, third vein nearly straight, cross-vein beyond the middle of discal cell, oblique.

Sub-genus CRIORHINA. Face produced downwards, and forwards, the proboscis more or less elongate. Eyes separated in the male. Large, thickly pilose species, the ground-color black, without light bands or spots.

Sub-genus CYNORHINA† (new). Face produced downwards, convex below, proboscis short. Eyes contiguous in the male. Moderately pilose species, the ground-color with yellow markings. Type *C. analis* Macq. (also *Cr. fallax* Linné, Europe).

Sub-genus SOMULA. Face produced downwards, convex below, proboscis short. Eyes well separated in the male. Moderately pilose species, in large part yellow. See page 216.

The genus *Criorhina* is much confused. Meigen in 1822 (Syst. Besch., iii, 236) divided the genus *Milesia* into two sub-sections, A and B. Section A was designated as "Fein haarige," and included the modern *Milesia*, *Spilomyia*, and *Temnostoma*. Section B he gave as "Wollige. (*Criorhina* Hgg.)", including in the following order the species, *M. apicata* Meig. (= *apiformis* Schrank), *berberina*, *oxacantha*, *flocosa*, *asilica*, *ruficauda*, and *raunucula*. The first of these was figured as typical. Macquart (Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 497) in 1834 defined the genus, retaining the species in the same order and adding several others, and also figuring the first as the typical species. Meanwhile St. Fargeau and Serville (Encycl. Meth., x, 518, 1825) had made *apiformis* Schrank, with which *apicata* was afterward shown to be synonymous, the type of a new genus, from the structure of the face (*Pocota*). The genus can only thus date from 1834, and be based upon Macquart's description rather than upon

\* Κρίος, a ram; and 'Ρίς, nose.

† Κύν, a dog; and 'Ρίς, nose.

his most typical species. His definition of the genus is as follows: "Corps epais, velu. Face prolongée inférieurement, à légère proéminence. Front étroit, non linéaire ♂ Antennes insérées sur une saillie du front, première article un peu allongé, troisième plus large que long. Jambes postérieures arquées et comprimées. Ailes écartées, première cellule postérieure à base oblique."

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

## CRIORHINA.

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| 1.—Legs wholly black; abdomen thickly black pilose in the middle; tip of fourth vein bent inwards             | <b>nigripes</b> |
| Legs in part red or yellow  | <b>2</b>        |
| 2.—First joint of antennæ only a little elongate; tibiæ, except a small ring, and the tarsi, red              | <b>verbosa</b>  |
| First joint of antennæ considerably elongate; proboscis long; base of tibiæ yellow; tarsi in large part black | <b>lupina</b>   |

## CYNORHINA.

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| 1.—Face without yellow produced somewhat forwards below, second segment of abdomen broadly and third and fourth narrowly on the sides yellow,          | <b>umbratilis</b>        |
| Face in large part yellow  | <b>2</b>                 |
| 2.—Face with a median shining black stripe; second segment of the abdomen on the sides, continued more narrowly on the third yellow                    | <b>intersistens</b>      |
| Face yellow, without a median black stripe   | <b>3</b>                 |
| 3.—Abdomen wholly black  | <b>armillata, nigra</b>  |
| Abdomen with yellow  | <b>4</b>                 |
| 4.—Front of female wholly yellow; abdomen black, except a large part of the fourth and the whole of the fifth segments, which are bright orange yellow | <b>analis</b>            |
| Front of female black on upper part; abdomen with yellow spots or bands  | <b>5</b>                 |
| 5.—Abdomen with two to four pairs of yellow side spots, touching the lateral margins   | <b>humeralis, notata</b> |
| Abdomen with cross-bands, the first interrupted, the others entire   | <b>scitula</b>           |

*Criorhina nigripes*. (Plate X, figs. 1, 1a.)

*Brachymyia (Eriophora) nigripes* Williston, Can. Ent., xiv, 78, 1882.

*Eurhinamallota nigripes* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 330, 1882.

*Habitat*.—California!

♀ Length, 13<sup>mm</sup> Antennæ nearly black, first joint scarcely longer than the second, third joint broader than long, the front border only gently convex. Face in the middle gently convex, thickly covered on the sides with yellowish-white pollen, the median stripe and broad cheeks shining, the latter thinly yellowish pilose. Front moderately broad, shining black, with black pile, on the vertex with yellow pile. Proboscis not very long. Posterior orbits rather broad, yellowish dusted and with long, yellowish white pile. Thorax with abundant, rather long yellowish pile in front, black across the middle between the wings, behind yellow, abundant and bushy on the post-alar callosities, quite long and thick on the scutellum. Pleuræ with dense yellow pile. Ab-



domen very short, broad, with abundant pile, shining black, the second segment opaque; an opaque, laterally abbreviated cross-band on the third segment; pile on the sides of the first and second segments and on the fourth and fifth, longer, yellow, elsewhere black. Legs wholly black, with long yellowish pile. Wings with a distinct blackish shade on outer part.

Five specimens (Morrison, Baron).

*Criorhina lupina*. (Plate IX, figs. 6, 6a, 6b.)

*Brachymyia lupina* Williston, Can. Ent., xiv, 77, 1882.

*Eurhinomallota lupina* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 330, 1882.

? *Eurhinomallota metallica* Bigot, Bullet. bi-mens. Soc. Ent. Fran. (diagnosis only), 1882.

*Habitat*.—California!

♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 12<sup>mm</sup> Black, shining. Antennæ brownish-black, third joint at the base sometimes, second joint at the tip, and first joint at the base, reddish; first joint twice the length of the second, third broader than long. Face thickly clothed with yellowish white pollen and pile, a broad median stripe and the cheeks shining. Front in female broad, dusted on the sides, pile long and yellowish on the sides; much produced downwards and forwards, conical; in the male the frontal process very prominent and the eyes well separated by the swollen ocellar callosity. Posterior orbits thickly light gray pollinose and pilose. Thorax shining metallic black; clothed with moderately abundant and very long light-reddish yellow pile, on the pleuræ whitish. Abdomen shining black, with long, rather sparse, light-colored pile. Legs with long light-colored pile; black, the extreme tip of femora, basal third of tibiæ and basal joints of tarsi, yellowish or luteous, the tibiæ otherwise more of a brown color. Wings sub-hyaline, with a blackish shade on the outer part, the cross-veins in some specimens lightly clouded.

Four specimens. The proboscis in the female is as long as the thorax, somewhat shorter in the male.

*Criorhina verbosa*. (Plate X, fig. 2.)

*Musca tomentosa* Swederus, Vetensk., Ak. Nya. Handl., 1787.

*Milesia verbosa* (Harris) Walker, List, etc., iii, 568.

*Brachypalpus verbosus* Osten Sacken, Catalogue Dipt., 136, 1878.

*Habitat*.—Eastern States, Canada!

♀ Length, 16<sup>mm</sup>. Large, black, shining, thickly pilose. Face thickly clothed on the side with yellowish-gray pollen, a median stripe from the base of the antennal process, and the cheeks, shining black. Front rather narrow, shining black, somewhat dusted on the sides, pile long, yellowish. Antennæ: first joint only a little elongate, nearly black; second joint red or brownish-red; third joint much broader than long, transversely oval, brownish-black, towards the base more or less reddish. Thorax a little shining above; densely pilose, in front and be-

hind yellow, across from the root of the wings black. Pile of pleuræ yellow. Scutellum black, with long yellow pile. Abdomen short, broad, shining black, pile yellow, somewhat intermixed with black behind; on the first, second, and part of the third segment the ground color is obscured by grayish dust and more abundant pile. Legs deep red; femora, except the tip, black; a ring in the middle of the tibiæ deeper in color, or black. Wings hyaline, a little clouded on outer part.

Three specimens, from Massachusetts (Mr. S. Henshaw), Maine.

## CYNORHINA.

*Cynorhina*, sub. gen. nov., ante, p. 209.

*Criorhina* (*Cynorhina*) *umbratilis*, n. sp. (Plate IX, fig. 7.)

*Habitat*.—Connecticut!

♀. Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Face black, thickly dusted with white on the sides, a median stripe and the cheeks shining. Antennal process rather small, the face considerably excavated below, produced downward and somewhat forwards. Antennæ reddish-brown, third joint large, orbicular. Front broader above than in the preceding species, mostly shining, with rather long yellowish pile; occiput black, with yellowish pile and gray pollen. Thorax shining black, with rather abundant, obscurely yellow pile, black across the middle, yellow on the scutellum and pleuræ. Abdomen short, oval; black, shining, with short black pile; sides of second segment broadly, the third less so, the fourth narrowly orange yellow; the ground color is, however, almost wholly obscured by thick woolly orange-yellow pile, extending less broadly on the sides of the third segment, and narrowly on the margin of the fourth; pile of second segment in the middle short, yellow. Legs black, with yellowish-white pile; base of middle femora, basal two-thirds of hind femora, basal end of front and middle tibiæ, and all the tarsi, except the last two joints and hind metatarsi, yellow. Wings somewhat brownish, lighter at the base, a darker cloud near the furcation of second and third veins.

One specimen, obtained from the blossoms of *Prunus virginianus*, in June, Connecticut.

*Criorhina* (*Cynorhina*) *intersistens*.

? *Xylota Badia* Walker, List, etc., iii, 559.

*Eristalis intersistens* Walker, List, etc., iii, 615.

*Genus novum, badia* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 138; note 248, p. 253, 1878.

*Habitat*.—White Mountains, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Minnesota!, New Jersey (Walk.).

♂ ♀ Length, 9 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Face yellowish white, thickly covered with silvery dust, in the middle a shining black stripe, reaching from or near base of antennal process to oral margin; cheeks black, shining; antennæ black, third joint orbicular, brown. Front in female shining black, with dust on the sides. Frontal triangle black, shining, with dust near the orbits. Occiput black, with whitish pile and thickly covered

with grayish dust. Thorax greenish-black, shining, with rather long dusky pile, more abundant and whitish on the pleuræ. Abdomen deep shining greenish-black, with short erect black pile, on the sides and on the last segment longer, yellowish white; second segment on the sides with a large yellow triangle, reaching the whole length of the segment and continuous on the side of the third, narrowly in the male, more broadly in the female, clothed with abundant yellow pile. Legs chiefly yellow, with light yellowish pile; front femora, except the tip, middle, except base and end, and the hind pair, except a broad preapical ring, and last three joints of all the tarsi, black; front tibiæ with a moderate, middle with a narrow ring beyond the middle, hind tibiæ, except base and tip, and hind metatarsi, except the tip, brownish or brownish-black.

Two specimens (Nos. 1510, 1511), from near Glen House, White Mountains, New Hampshire (Dr. George Dimmock). A single male specimen from Minnesota (from Mr. E. Keen) differs in the third joint of the antennæ being more yellowish and the front femora at the very base, yellow.

I do not doubt that this is Walker's *Eristalis intersistens*; nothing is said of the black facial stripe in *X. badia*. "The synonymy is doubtful, as the description of the face does not quite agree; it is principally based on my recollection of the types at the British Museum."—O. Sacken, l. c.

Three specimens (♂, ♀), from Fairmount Park, Pennsylvania, May 23, from Mr. E. Keen.

**Criorhina (Cynorhina) armillata.**

*Criorhina armillata* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. N. Sci., iii, 68; Cat. Dipt., 251, 1878.

*Habitat*.—Quebec (O. S.)!

♀ Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face and front above the antennæ honey-yellow; upper part of front and vertex blackish-bronze color, with fulvous pile; a black spot on the cheeks; antennæ yellow ferruginous, arista black; thoracic dorsum and scutellum greenish-bronze color, clothed with erect fulvous pile: pleuræ and pectus black. Abdomen black, shining, clothed with black pile; a [small] tuft of yellow pile on each side at the base. Halteres yellow. Coxæ and about two-thirds of the femora black; the end of the latter, the tibiæ, except a black ring in the middle of each, and the three basal joints of the tarsi are of a saturate yellow; the last two tarsal joints black. The proximal two-thirds of the wings are tinged with yellowish, the remainder is gray; the latter color extends along the posterior margin as far as the axillary incision; within the yellow portion there is a hyaline spot in the angle between the first and second veins (at the proximal end of the marginal cell); the veins near the root of the wings are all tinged with yellow.

"A single female specimen."—O. Sacken.

Description compared with the type specimen at Cambridge.

*Criorhina* (*Cynorhina*) *nigra*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—New Hampshire!

♀. Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Lower part of the front, antennæ, and face, reddish yellow; front above, black; cheeks shining, black; dorsum of thorax black, shining, with a bronze reflection; pile short and not abundant, yellow. Abdomen wholly black, shining, nearly bare; pile on the sides in front rather abundant and long, light yellow. Legs black; knees, tip of tibiæ and of tarsal joints, luteous. Wings lightly infuscated; base yellow.

One specimen, White Mountains (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection). This species is closely allied, evidently, with *C. armillata*; but will be readily distinguished by the black legs.

*Criorhina* (*Cynorhina*)  *analis*. (Plate IX, fig. 3.)

*Milesia analis* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 79; tab. 15, fig. 2.

*Criorhina analis* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 136; Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 330.

*Habitat*.—Eastern States!

♂ ♀ Length, 9 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face light reddish yellow, the sides lightly dusted with white, nearly perpendicular below the prominent antennal process, gently convex on the middle; cheeks black, or with a blackish stripe. Antennæ of the same color as the face, the first two joints with short black pile above, third joint large, rounded. Front in female nearly of the same color, shining below, dusted and with short yellowish pile above; on the vertex or upper third blackish; frontal triangle shining, of the same color as face. Occiput black, dusted with white near the orbits. Eyes of male contiguous for a short distance. Thorax shining, greenish black, with moderately abundant light-colored pile; humeri and pleuræ dusted with whitish and with more whitish pile. Abdomen bluish black, shining, with short black pile, on the sides of the second segment, longer, whitish; the black encroaches more or less on the fourth segment, usually forming a more or less triangular dilatation; remainder of the abdomen conspicuously orange-yellow, with the same colored pile. Legs chiefly black, with black and light yellow pile; tip of femora, the base and end of the front and middle tibiæ, and the narrow base and abrupt end of hind tibiæ, and all the tarsi, except the last two joints, light yellow; the front and middle tibiæ more brownish in the middle. Wings hyaline, a little yellowish in front.

Numerous specimens.

*Criorhina* (*Cynorhina*) *humeralis*. (Plate IX, figs. 4, 4a.)

*Criorhina humeralis* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 330.

*Habitat*.—Washington Territory, California!

♂ ♀ Length, 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Face light yellow, with whitish dust on the sides, shining in the middle; cheeks blackish. Antennæ more reddish yellow, third joint orbicular. Frontal triangle, and the front in female on the lower part, colored like the face, upper half of front black; pile yellowish, short. Thorax shining black, pile yellowish; humeri

and a spot on the upper part of meso pleuræ, opaque yellow. Margin of scutellum yellow. Abdomen black, second segment on the sides with a large triangular yellow spot; in the female the third and fourth segments on the sides in front with a rectangular spot, broadly separated, and the fifth segment yellow, except the black tip, which is prolonged narrowly to the front in the middle; in the single male specimen the yellow spots on the third segment are smaller, and the fourth and fifth segments are wholly black. Legs yellow, front and middle femora at the base, a ring before the tip of hind femora, and likewise of the hind tibiæ, brownish black; posterior metatarsi infuscate, last three joints of all the tarsi black. Wings hyaline, somewhat clouded on the outer part, the veins at the base and in front yellow.

Two specimens. An additional female in the M. C. Z. (Loew's collection) from California.

This may be the same species as the following:

**Criorhina (Cynorhina) notata.**

*Milesia notata* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 109, 7; Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 80, 2; tab. xv, fig. 5.

*Syrphus profusus* Walker, List, etc., iii, 578.

*Habitat.*—Savannah (Wied.).

*Ænea*, abdomine nigro, maculis duabus, scutelli apice, geniculisque ferrugineis. Rückenschild erzfarben; Hinterleib schwarz, zwei Flecken, Spitze des Schildchens und Kniee rostgelb.—Lange  $5\frac{1}{2}$  Linien, ♂

Antennæ blackish-brown, hind border of third joint ferruginous yellow. Face yellow, like half bleached wax, in some reflections nearly brassy-yellow shining; lowest part of front, on which the antennæ are situated, similar. Thorax yellowish metallic with yellow pile, base of scutellum blackish, tip yellow. Pleuræ blackish, with a broad yellowish metallic stripe covered with yellow pile. Abdomen black with yellowish pile; base of second and third segments on each side with a small ferruginous spot, on the second the inner end crescentic, on the third the spot is shorter, nearly quadrate. Wings nearly hyaline, the costa strongly yellowish, towards the end a little brownish, the basal veins, the stigma and the halteres yellowish. Legs pitchy-blackish brown, base and tip of the femora ferruginous yellow, tibiæ the same, in some reflections a little whitish; hind tibiæ in the middle broadly brown; anterior tarsi ferruginous yellow with brown tip, hind ones nearly wholly brown.—Translation from Wiedemann, l. c.

This species must be very similar to the preceding; it *may* be the same, but comparison is needed with Eastern specimens before suppressing *humeralis*. See *Criorhina pietipes*, Appendix.

**Criorhina (Cynorhina) scitula.**

*Criorhina scitula* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 331.

*Habitat.*—Washington Territory!

♂ ♀ Length. 10 to 13<sup>mm</sup> Face yellow, with whitish dust on the sides, considerably concave below the antennæ in the male, in the female less

so; produced downwards. Front in female black on upper part, with short blackish pile, below like the face; frontal triangle in male yellow, eyes rather more contiguous than in *analis*, the frontal process rather less projecting. Antennæ yellowish brown, or blackish brown, the second joint sometimes yellow with black above, the third joint always of a lighter color below. Thorax shining greenish-black; dorsum with blackish pile across the middle, in front and on the scutellum, yellow; humeri yellow with a small confluent spot below, meso-pleuræ yellowish gray pollinose and pilose. Scutellum black, the edge sometimes narrowly luteous. Abdomen black; second segment opaque, with two large yellow spots, narrowly separated, rounded on their inner ends and narrowed toward the margin; third segment with a yellow cross-band on the anterior part, doubly convex behind (the greatest convexity being toward the middle), with a sharp, median angular incision behind, and attenuated nearly to a point on the sides of the abdomen; fourth segment similar in female, in male wholly black, or with a triangular spot in front and reddish behind; hypopygium reddish or yellow; fifth segment in female yellow in front; black at tip. Front coxæ white pollinose in front; all the femora black, except the tip; front and middle tibiæ and metatarsi yellow or reddish yellow; hind tibiæ yellow at the base and tip, a broad ring in their middle, and the hind tarsi, blackish brown. Wings yellowish hyaline.

Four specimens.

### SOMULA.\*

*Criorhina* (*Somula*) *decora*. (Plate X, figs. 3, 3a, 3b.)

*Somula decorata* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 2<sup>e</sup> Suppl., 57, 1; tab. ii, fig. 11; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 138.

*Habitat*.—Eastern and Middle States!

♂, ♀ Length, 14 to 16<sup>mm</sup>. Antennal process conical, very prominent. Antennæ brownish-black. Face below the antennal process very slightly concave, descending perpendicularly considerably below the eyes; gently convex, light yellow, shining, except near the eyes a small spot is whitish dusted. Cheeks shining black. Front in the female black on the upper part; below in both sexes the upper part of the antennal process is black, the yellow of the face extends up on each side, cutting off the black of the upper portion from that below; pile of the front and the upper part of the occiput black, on the narrow orbits below light yellow. Thorax deeply shining metallic greenish-black, with short, sparse, and obscurely yellowish and black pile; humeri opaque yellow, with yellow pile, meso-pleuræ with a large oval yellow spot and abundant yellow pile. Scutellum like the thorax. Tegulæ yellow. Abdomen black, with three or four pairs of conspicuous, oblique, large, oval, bright yellow, opaque spots; the first pair on the second segment,

\* For the definition of this genus see page 209.

broader towards the middle, concave in front and directed backwards and outwards, but not reaching the sides, the sides of the segment narrowly yellow, with yellow pile, the black opaque, except a posterior metallic cross-band, broadest in the middle; third segment similar, except that the spots are less narrowed outward, and the anterior margin is narrowly shining; fourth segment like the third, except that the yellow spots are broader, shorter, and more oval, the metallic of the front border narrower and confined mostly to the sides; fifth segment in the female with the spots small and nearly rounded. The posterior segments margined with yellow behind and clothed with yellow pile, most abundant on the last segment. Venter black, shining, with narrow yellow hind margins to the segments. Legs light yellow, the immediate base of all the femora (on the hind pair the inner side for nearly a third of their length) and the last three joints of all the tarsi black; the fore and hind tarsi on their first two joints and the tip of the hind tibiæ red. Wings dark brown in front, lighter beyond the cross-vein the posterior part hyaline.

Twelve specimens, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania.

### CRIOPRORA.\*

*Crioprora* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 251, note 241, 1878.

Large, black species, thickly or long pilose. Head not broader than the thorax. Eyes bare, sub-contiguous. Antennæ situated below the middle of the head in profile, the first two joints a little elongated, the third obliquely oval; arista bare. Face laterally compressed, forming a rounded ridge in the middle, on the upper part sometimes sharply ridged, produced nearly forwards, more or less snout like, gently concave from antennæ to tip, the end notched. Cheeks not broad, the lower border nearly at right angles to the plane of the occiput. Thorax rather short and broad. Abdomen oval. Legs stout, the hind femora more or less thickened, with spines below; in the male the hind coxæ sometimes tuberculate and the femora and the tibiæ bent. Marginal cell of wings open; third longitudinal vein nearly straight; cross-vein beyond the middle of the discal cell and oblique. Type of genus *C. alopex* O. S., North America.

#### TABLE OF SPECIES.

- 1.—Dorsum of thorax clothed with thick yellow, or reddish-yellow pile, on the pleura black; wings with brownish clouds along the veins 2  
 Dorsum of thorax clothed with long, grayish or yellowish-gray pile, on the pleura yellowish-white; abdomen deep bluish-metallic } cyanogaster  
} cyanella
- 2.—Front in female broad, with yellow pile: hind femora somewhat incrassate, alopex  
 Front in female clothed with black pile; hind femora thickened, in male much more so and curved femorata

*Κρίβος*, a ram: *τρυφον*, front.

**Crioprora cyanogaster.***Brachypalpus cyanogaster* Loew, Centur., x, 51.*Crioprora cyanogaster* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 136, note 241, p. 251.*Habitat.*—Pennsylvania (Loew), Colorado!

♀ Length, 11<sup>mm</sup>. Black, white pilose. Abdomen violaceous. Black, shining, white pilose. Head of the same color. Antennæ fuscous black, first two joints rather long, third oblique. Dorsum of thorax and scutellum bronze-black. Abdomen rather broad and short lightly violaceous, white pilose, the third segment, except the lateral margins and the fourth segment, except some white pile on the disk, clothed with shorter black pile. Legs wholly black, white pilose; hind femora stout, but not incrassate, near the tip below sub-excised, and provided with rigid black setulæ. Head of the halteres dilutely yellowish, stem fuscous; tegulæ white. Wings cinereous, hyaline, near the tip more saturate cinereous. Tip of costal cell and stigma wholly dilutely infuscate. Veins fuscous-black, the transversal ones slenderly clouded with fuscous.—Translation from original.

♂ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Head in profile like that of *C. femorata*. Eyes narrowly separated below the ocelli; frontal triangle light yellowish-gray pollinose, except a median shining stripe, the ground-color on each side below luteous. Antennæ yellowish-brown. Dorsum of thorax and scutellum rather thickly clothed with light yellowish gray pile; on the pleuræ of the same color. Abdomen elongate, not broader than the thorax, shining. First segment and base of second bronzy; remainder violaceous. Third and fourth segments wholly black pilose. No opaque black cross-bands. Tarsi dark reddish brown; pile of femora in large part black; hind femora incrassate and arcuate; hind tibiæ dilated and with an obtuse angle on the inner side above.

One specimen, Colorado (Morrison), altitude 8,000 feet. There are some discrepancies from the original description, but I would not consider them more than individual or varietal without comparison of Eastern specimens in both sexes. My male differs very distinctly from that of *C. cyanella*, in the less produced epistoma, more thickened and arcuate hind femora, and, perhaps, also, in the more slender abdomen. The absence of the opaque bands of the abdomen in the male, will at once distinguish them. My female of *C. cyanella* has an opaque band, and as Osten Sacken did not indicate its presence in the female in his original description, drawn from both sexes, I am at a loss whether to consider it a sexual or individual character.

**Crioprora cyanella.** (Plate X, fig. 6.)*Pocota cyanella* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 339.*Crioprora cyanella* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 136, note 241, p. 251.*Habitat.*—California!

♂, ♀ Length, 8 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Face black, shining, much produced snout-like, very conical at tip; on each side of this snout a broad stripe of grayish pollen somewhat conceals the black ground color. Front and



vertex black, but little shining in the female and thickly clothed with yellowish-white pile, some of which descends along the side of the face, below the antennæ; the occiput and the posterior and inferior orbits beset with pile of the same color. Antennæ brown, first joint sometimes paler; arista reddish. Thorax metallic greenish-black, rather thickly clothed with long pile, which does not, however, much obscure the ground color; the pile on the dorsum is obscurely yellowish or dull grayish, more yellowish-white on the pleuræ. Halteres brownish. Abdomen dark or cobalt blue, beset, especially on the sides with long whitish pile, in the middle more or less short and black; in the male the second segment is opaque black, except a triangle on each side and a narrow hind margin, which are shining; the third segment has an arcuated, somewhat narrow, opaque black cross-band, sometimes interrupted in the middle. Legs black; tibiæ sometimes brown; knees of the first two pairs yellowish-brown; legs beset with whitish pile, longer on the femora; hind femora somewhat thickened; hind tibiæ rather stout and somewhat curved, especially on the distal part. Wings subhyaline, grayish.

Two males and one female (O. T. Baron), California. This description is but little amended from the original, also drawn from three specimens. My female, which may be somewhat teneral, has the legs also more reddish, the second segment opaque in front, dilated in the middle behind to a point, the hind femora are a little less thickened, and the hind tibiæ a little less bent. Baron Osten Sacken's specimens were reared from pupæ found in February under the bark of *Quercus agrifolia*.

**Crioprora femorata.** (Plate X, figs. 5, 5a.)

*Crioprora femorata* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 329.

*Habitat.*—Oregon, Washington Territory!

♂, ♀ Length, 15 to 16<sup>mm</sup>. Deep shining black. Front in female somewhat narrowed above, with black pile, a little less shining and coppery-colored above in the male, at least a spot of whitish dust above the antennæ on the side. Eyes in male narrowly separated below the ocelli. Face everywhere shining, bare, only moderately produced and obtuse below. Antennæ reddish-brown; arista yellow. Dorsum of thorax and scutellum shining metallic black, with abundant, moderately long, yellow pile; pleuræ with black pile. Abdomen somewhat elongate in the male, oval in the female, with a brassy reflection, much shining; first segment, except the sides, and the second in front and middle subopaque; pile short, not very abundant, black, longer near the sides; on the sides of the second segment longer and yellow. Knees slightly reddish, pile of legs black, short and sparse on the tibiæ; the front and hind tarsi with golden pubescence; hind femora in the male much thickened and bent, with a row of short spinous tubercles below; hind coxæ obtusely tuberculate below, and the hind tibiæ abruptly angulated; in the female the hind femora and tibiæ not bent, the former swollen, but the tubercles less distinct; the coxæ not at all tuberculate;

in both sexes the femora with a triangular projection below near the tip and a corresponding one on the tibiæ near the base. Wings hyaline, with brownish clouds along the veins, and a dark spot near the tip of the auxiliary vein.

Two specimens (H. K. Morrison). This species must be allied to *Brachypalpus chrysitis* of Europe, and forms a connection with that genus.

**Crioprora alopez.**

*Pocota alopez* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 338.

*Crioprora alopez* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 251, note 241.

*Habitat.*—California (O. S.).

“♂ Length 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ brown, first joint black, arista rufous; head black, shining; front rather broad, beset with yellow pile. Thoracic dorsum beset with dense yellowish rufous pile, which nearly conceals the shining black, sub-metallic ground color; pleuræ black, with black pile; scutellum black, with a purplish reflection and long black pile along the edge; halteres brownish. Abdomen black, shining, beset with black pile and some scattered pale yellow pile toward the tip. Legs black, knees and base of tibiæ of the two anterior pairs pale brownish; hind femora somewhat incrassate and beset with a tuft of yellow hairs above; hind tibiæ rather stout. Wings tinged with reddish-brown anteriorly, especially along the veins, the inside of the cells being paler; posterior portion sub-hyaline, slightly brownish along the veins.”—Osten Sacken, l. c.

## POCOTA.\*

*Pocota* St., Fargeau and Serville, Encycl. Meth., x, 518, 1825.

*Dasyomyia* Egger, Verh. Z. B. Ges., xiv, 71.

*Hadromyia* Williston, Can. Ent., xiv, 78.

Large species, thickly pilose; black or metallic black, abdomen without spots or bands. Head somewhat flattened. Eyes bare. Antennæ situated near the middle of the head in profile, short, the third joint obliquely oval. Face short, the oral margin in front not lower than the lower border of the eye, gently or deeply concave from the antennæ to the tip, the tip standing forward as far as the base of the antennæ, obliquely truncate below; the cheeks rather narrow, gently convex below, and nearly at right angles to the occiput. Thorax and scutellum large and broad. Abdomen short, broader than the thorax. Legs stout, the hind femora only slightly thickened, thickly beset on the under side with short bristly hairs. Marginal cell of wing open; third vein nearly straight, anterior cross-vein oblique, beyond middle of discal cell. Type of genus *P. apiformis* (Schrank) Schin.

Our single known species must be nearly allied to *P. apiformis*. The face is apparently a little more deeply concave in profile and the insect is larger.

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\* Πόκος, sheep wool.

**Pocota grandis** (Plate, X, figs. 7, 7a.)

*Hadromyia grandis* Williston, Can. Ent., xiv, 79.

*Brachypalpus Morrisoni* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. for 1883, 355.

*Habitat.*—Washington Territory!

♂ Length, 22 to 23<sup>mm</sup>, of wings 17<sup>mm</sup>. Brassy-black, shining. Front black, densely clothed with yellowish-gray pollen, and with short yellow pile, intermixed with black at the vertex. Antennæ brownish-red, blackish toward the base. Face whitish-yellow, thickly covered with whitish pollen; in the middle below the antennæ the ground color is obscurely blackish; cheeks black, shining. Dorsum of thorax in front of the wings, and the pleræ, densely clothed with short yellow pile. Posterior half of thorax, the scutellum and the first three segments of abdomen with thick, short, black pile; fourth and fifth segments with longer yellow pile. Legs black, with short black pile; knees slightly reddish; front tibiae in front, the tip of hind tibiae, and the front and hind tarsi yellowish-red, with short, thick, golden pile; middle tarsi reddish. Wings hyaline, costal and sub-costal cells yellowish.

One specimen.

## BRACHYPALPUS.\*

*Brachypalpus* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 523, 1834.

Dark colored species, the body wholly without yellow markings, moderately or thickly pilose. Head and wings as in *Pocota*, but the abdomen narrower than the thorax, elongate; hind femora somewhat, usually much, thickened and elongate. Type of genus, *B. varus* Panzer, Europe.

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**Brachypalpus frontosus.** (Plate X, fig. 8.)

*Brachypalpus frontosus* Loew, Centur., x, 50.

*Habitat.*—District of Columbia, Pennsylvania!

♂ ♀ Length, 10 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Black, shining, clothed with whitish, or obscurely yellowish-white pile. Eyes of male very briefly contiguous, frontal triangle covered with yellowish-whitish pollen; front in the female broad, with a median white pollinose fascia; obsolete in the middle. Antennæ reddish brown or blackish; first two joints a little elongate.

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*βραχύς*, short; palpus.

sometimes dark red, third joint obliquely oval; arista yellowish-brownish. Face retreating to nearly as low as the bottom of the eyes, the epistoma produced, in profile deeply concave; broadly shining across the middle, above, for the whole width, and for a short distance below the antennæ, whitish pollinose; below, an oblique stripe runs from the eye to the oral margin in front. Dorsum of thorax and scutellum metallic black, shining, obscured by the pile, the former with four sub-obsolete coppery-purple stripes. Abdomen black, or brownish black, sub-opaque in the male on the posterior part of the second and third segments; pile wholly light colored. Legs black, extreme tip of femora, and narrow base of tibiæ, reddish yellow, the intermediate tibiæ more reddish throughout, except a dark ring; front and middle tarsi reddish on the basal joints; hind femora thickened, much so in the male, and on the outer part below with an angular projection; posterior tibiæ arcuated, more so in the male, and with a tooth-like process on the inner side above, corresponding to the femoral projection, and a stout spur at the lower end, both of which are wanting in the female. Halteres and tegmæ light yellow. Wings nearly hyaline, near the end somewhat infuscated; transverse veins lightly clouded; stigma luteous.

Two male specimens from Pennsylvania (Eugene Keen), and a teneral female bred by Professor Riley.

*Brachypalpus Rileyi*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—North Carolina!

♀. Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Black. Antennæ blackish-brown, third joint transversely oval; arista yellow. Face and posterior orbits gray pollinose; cheeks shining black. Lower part of the front shining; across the middle broadly pollinose; black pilose above. Dorsum of thorax black, sparsely pilose, in the middle with two narrow opaque stripes; on each side a similar, abbreviated, and interrupted one. Abdomen oval, bright shining black, sparsely light pilose; the first segment, the second segment, except a large triangular shining spot on each side, narrowly separated at their tips, and a posterior band on the third segment, opaque black. Legs wholly black, with sparse light pile; hind femora thickened. Wings hyaline, stigma luteous, a narrow brown cloud on base of second vein, anterior cross-vein, and the penultimate section of fifth vein.

One specimen, North Carolina (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection).

*Brachypalpus parvus*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Colorado!

♂. Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Head as in *B. Rileyi*; the eyes narrowly separated below the ocelli. Dorsum of thorax brassy black, shining, with two narrow opaque stripes, abbreviated behind, and an outer abbreviated stripe on each side, interrupted at the suture. Pile only moderately abundant, light yellow. Abdomen shining metallic bronze black; the

second and third segments each with a broad posterior opaque black band, with a slender median anterior extension to the front margin. Pile light yellow, long on the sides. Legs black; knees and basal joints of the tarsi yellow; hind femora much thickened, not arcuate; hind tibiæ arcuate, considerably shorter than the femora. Wings nearly hyaline, with brownish clouds on the middle cross-veins.

One specimen, Colorado (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection).

It is very possible that this is the male of *B. Rileyi*, but the metallic coloring of the body and the color of the legs make it doubtful.

**Brachypalpus sorosis**, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Georgia!

♂ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Frontal triangle and face yellow. Antennæ yellowish red. Cheeks black. Dorsum of thorax shining metallic bronze, with erect, rather abundant light yellow pile. Humeri yellowish red. Pleuræ black, in the middle with light yellow pile. Scutellum like dorsum of thorax. Abdomen on the dorsum shining metallic bronze, with opaque black cross-bands; first segment black in front, the second segment with a broad band in front, and another, a crescentic one (the broadest) behind; third segment with a slender one on the anterior margin, behind the middle with a narrow anteriorly arcuate one; pile erect, rather abundant, light yellow. Legs, including the trochanters, reddish yellow, with nearly white pile; tip of tarsi blackish. Wings brown in front, subhyaline behind.

One specimen in National Museum (Professor Riley's collection), labelled "S. Georgia, Morrison." The species very strongly resembles *C. pulcher*, but it seems distinct in the pile of the thorax, and the color of the legs and wings.

**Brachypalpus pulcher**. (Plate X, figs. 9, 9a.)

*Brachypalpus pulcher* Williston, Can. Ent., xiv, 79.

*Calliprobola arca* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. de France, 1883, p. 352.

*Habitat*.—Oregon, Washington Territory!

♂ ♀ Length, 12 to 16<sup>mm</sup>. Face yellow, with black cheeks, and with or without blackish or brown median stripe, shining in the middle, pollinose on the sides. Frontal triangle of the male yellow or brownish; front in female black, rather narrow, a little broader below, yellowish pollinose on the sides; piles short, fuscous. Antennæ yellowish brown or blackish, third joint of a lighter color near the base below. Dorsum of thorax and scutellum black, with a bluish or partly metallic reflection, or, in better preserved specimens, a metallic bronze; humeri and a slender interrupted band on the suture yellowish-whitish pollinose; the pile of the dorsum more blackish, on post-alar callosities, scutellum and pleræ, yellow. Abdomen of a brilliant golden or bluish-bronze, with short golden pile and opaque black markings as follows: first segment, except the sides, in the female, in the male the hind border also shining;

second segment on the front part, and a band beyond the middle of about the same width, somewhat angulated in front in the middle; third segment similar, except the front border may be quite narrow and the cross-band sub interrupted; fourth segment in male wholly metallic, concealing the hypopygium, in the female with a very narrow front border and narrow interrupted cross-band; the black bands are attenuated on the sides, not quite reaching the lateral margins. Legs yellow; femora rather stout, the hind pair moderately thickened; front and middle pairs mostly brownish or black, sometimes prevailing yellow, blackish above, hind femora varying from a blackish ring near the base to almost wholly black, below with short black bristly hairs near the end; last three joints of the tarsi black. Wings smoky hyaline, stigma yellowish brown.

Twelve specimens, Mount Hood, Oregon, and Washington Territory (H. K. Morrison, Professor Comstock).

### XYLOTA.\*

*Xylota* Meigen, Syst. Besch. iii, 211, 1822.

*Heliophilus* Meigen, Illiger's Mag., ii, 273, 1803.

*Micraptoma* Westwood, Introduction to Class. of Insects, i.

Medium to large sized species, slender, the abdomen more or less red, yellow, or metallic. Head hemispherical. Antennæ situated on a more or less prominent conical projection, first two joints short, the third rather large, oval or round, with a basal, bare arista. Face in profile concave, without tubercle, transversely arched or rarely carinate, oral margin in front projecting, but not extending as far forward as the base of the antennæ. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male; front in female narrowed above. Thorax large; scutellum thinned on its border, of the color of the thoracic dorsum. Abdomen not wider than the thorax, twice or thrice as long, somewhat flattened and usually with nearly parallel sides. Legs stout; the hind femora elongated and more or less thickened, below with a row of short spines, not arcuated; hind coxæ in the male frequently with a spinous tubercle below; hind tibiæ arcuate, often terminating in a spur. Wings when at rest usually folded over each other; marginal cell open, third vein straight or gently curved, anterior cross vein at or beyond the middle of the discal cell, more or less oblique.

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Abdomen chiefly red; the second segment with a basal black triangle; wings nearly hyaline	<b>pigra</b>

\*Ξύλον, wood.

- 3.—Second and third abdominal segments (at least) red 4  
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- For other species, see descriptions.

***Xylota* (?) *tuberans*, n. sp.***Habitat*.—Texas!

♂. Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Shining black. Face thickly gray pollinose, except on the tubercle; occiput and posterior orbits densely pollinose. Third joint of antennæ not large, orbicular; thorax shining, thinly and short yellowish and black pilose. Abdomen wholly shining black, nearly bare. Legs black, all the tarsi, except the last two joints, yellowish white. Hind femora thickened and elongate, not arcuate. Coxæ without spurs. Wings nearly hyaline toward the base, infuscated on outer part. Stigma luteous.

One specimen, Texas, National Museum.

The present species cannot properly be placed in this genus. The venation is the same, except that the cross-vein is not at all oblique. The head in general structure is the same, but the face is very distinctly tuberculate. In profile it is strongly concave below the antennæ, then forms a small but prominent tubercle opposite the lower border of the eyes, and the face is more produced than in *Xylota*. The cheeks are broader and form an obtuse angle with the plane of the occiput. The abdomen is elongate, but is much stouter and broader than in most

*Xylotæ*. It is as broad as the thorax, the second and third segments nearly parallel on the sides.

I suspect that the female abdomen may be broader, and the face without a tubercle; if so there is evidently a relationship with *Myiolepta*.

*Xylota marginalis*, n. sp.

<sup>1</sup> *Xylota Libo* Walker, List, etc., iii, 556.

*Habitat*.—White Mountains!

♀ Length, 10<sup>mm</sup> Front broad, only gently narrowed above, shining black, pollinose on each side, broadly nearly the middle; pile white, somewhat dusky near the vertex. Antennæ yellowish red, the arista wholly yellow; the first joint black, third joint rounded, a little longer than broad. Face shining black, lightly whitish dusted on each side below the antennæ. Dorsum of thorax shining bronze black, with very short, obscure whitish pile; in the middle with two slender darker stripes separated by a linear space. Pleuræ shining black; tegulæ white; halteres very light yellow. Abdomen bright red; first segment, except the hind angles, a slender triangle at the base of the second, extending to beyond the middle, and the narrow lateral margins of the second, third, fourth, and fifth segments, deep shining black; the short pile wholly white. All the femora except their immediate tip, and the broad distal end of the hind tibiæ, black; front and middle tibiæ yellow, with the distal ends brown, and a less distinct brownish ring before the middle; hind tibiæ, except the distal part, red, with a brown ring on basal third; first three joints of all the tarsi light yellow, the terminal joints blackish; hind femora much thickened, hind coxæ without spurs, hind tibiæ with a terminal spur. Wings nearly hyaline, distinctly tinged with yellowish along the veins, stigma opaque yellow; the base of the marginal cell, the anterior cross-vein, and the cross-veins at base of discal and fourth posterior cells, conspicuously clouded with brown.

One specimen, near Mount Washington, August 1. This agrees tolerably well with Walker's description of *X. libo*, except that the antennæ are not "black with the first joint ferruginous" and his description of the abdomen will not apply, viz, "dark red, slightly pitchy on the sides and hind borders of the segments."

*Xylota analis*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—California, New Mexico!

♂, ♀. Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Front of female considerably narrowed above, shining black, toward the vertex metallic, across the middle broadly yellowish gray pollinose and similarly pilose. Antennæ black, the third joint brown, with more or less reddish, rounded, not longer than broad, arista wholly luteous. Face black, moderately thickly white pollinose below the antennæ; frontal triangle thickly white pollinose except a lunate spot above the antennæ. Dorsum of thorax bronze black, more metallic in front, a sericeous spot to the inner side of each humerus; pile very short, in front yellow, across the middle



blackish. Abdomen: first segment bronze black, shining; fourth segment and the following very brilliant golden bronze; second segment opaque black, on each side with a large triangle shining yellow, its outer border bronze; third segment similar, but the black not as extensive on the front margin and the yellow not filling out the whole of the triangle, which is elsewhere shining bronze like the fourth segment; pile yellow, except on the opaque black portions, where it is black. Legs black; the immediate tip of all the femora, the base of all the tibiæ, and the rather broad tip of the front and middle tibiæ, the narrow tip of the hind tibiæ, and the first two joints of all the tarsi, reddish yellow; hind femora moderately thickened, hind coxæ with a slender sharp spur in the male, hind tibiæ without a spur at the tip; pile of legs white. Wings nearly hyaline, stigma brownish; third longitudinal vein beyond the cross-vein gently but distinctly curved backward.

One male, California (Baron), and two females, New Mexico (Gaumer).

***Xylota pigra*.** (Plate XI, figs. 7, 7a.)

*Syrphus piger* Fabricius, Syst. Entom., iv, 295, 63, 1794.

*Milesia pigra* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 192, 16; Fallen, Syrph., ii, 7 var. B; Latreille, Gen. Crust., iv, 331.

*Xylota pigra* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 221, 14; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 878, 12; viii, 3192; Loew, Amer. Jour. Sci., xxxvii, 317.

*Milesia hamatodes* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 193, 21.

*Xylota hamatodes* Say, Amer. Ent., i, pl. viii: Compl. Wr., i, 16; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 99, 3; Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 73; pl. xiii, fig. 4.

*Xylota crassipes* Wahlberg, Acta Holm., 1838, 15, 7.

? *Xylota rubiginigaster* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 543 (Teneral?).

**Habitat.**—Atlantic and Pacific States, Europe!

♂ ♀ Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Antennal process prominent, below the antennæ receding to beyond the middle, then directed downward and forward. Face black, thinly clothed with whitish pollen, shining on the cheeks. On the frontal triangle, except just above the antennæ, pollinose. Front in female shining, a narrow, lightly pollinose band across the middle. Antennæ black, third joint brownish black. Thorax black, but little shining, finely roughened, with a purplish or bronze reflection, nearly bare, the pile very short, black, more or less white in front; on the inner side of the humeri a large pollinose spot. Abdomen dark shining red, in the male usually more orange-colored, on the posterior segments frequently brownish or brown, the hypopygium piceous; first segment, except the small hind angles, shining black; the second with a black triangle in front, its tip reaching to or beyond the middle of the segment. Legs black, sometimes more brownish; tarsi and knees a little lighter colored; hind femora much thickened, in the male a little more so than in the female, and with short spinous bristles the whole length below, longer on outer part; hind coxæ of the male rounded below, without spur or protuberance; hind tibiæ in both sexes with a spur at tip. Wings nearly hyaline behind, in front and outer part more or less blackish or brownish; stigma darker.

Two specimens from Connecticut, one from Georgia, and twenty-five from California, Washington Territory, Oregon, and Colorado. A single specimen from Professor Riley's collection labeled "Hundreds found under pine bark in damp situation," which agrees with observations made by Perris (*Hist. des Insectes du Pin maritime*, Ann. Soc. Ent. France, 4, x, 326-330, pl. 4, figs. 112-124) on European specimens.

*Xylota flavitibia*. (Plate XI, fig. 6.)

*Xylota*, sp. nov.. Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 1882, 327.

*Xylota flavitibia* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 546.

*Habitat*.—Colorado!

♂ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face short, moderately receding and concave, black, rather thickly covered with white pollen. Antennal process rather prominent. Antennæ black, the third joint brownish or reddish black. Frontal triangle wholly thickly white pollinose. Cheeks narrow, convex below. Thorax metallic black, shining, a sericeous spot on the inner side of each humerus, thickly clothed with short whitish pile. Abdomen dark shining red, brownish or blackish towards the end; first segment, except the small hind angles, and hypopygium shining greenish-black; second segment wholly red. Legs black; all the tarsi, except the last two joints, reddish yellow; tibiæ reddish yellow, the front and middle pairs with a broad brownish, the hind pair with a broad blackish ring, beyond the middle. Hind femora considerably thickened, but less so than in *X. pigra*; the hind coxæ of male with a slender sharp spur below. Wings nearly hyaline, but distinctly tinged with brownish on the outer part; stigma brown.

♀. The lower part of the front is pollinose, the second, third, and fourth segments of the abdomen wholly red; otherwise as in the male.

Two ♂ and two ♀ specimens.

*Xylota notha*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Colorado!

♂ Length, 11<sup>mm</sup>. Face and frontal triangle covered with gray pollen, the ground color wholly black. Antennæ, with the arista, black. Dorsum of thorax shining metallic bronze green black, a sericeous spot on the inner side of each humerus; pile very short, light colored, on the pleuræ longer and white. Scutellum like the thoracic dorsum. First segment of abdomen shining greenish black, fourth and hypopygium deep shining greenish black; second and third segments light red with a very faint, slightly brownish median stripe; second segment with a narrow black cross-band in front, dilated in the middle into a small triangle, not reaching to the middle of the segment, opaque black; the hind border of the second segment narrowly and faintly brownish, the angles behind blackish; hind border of the third more distinctly brown, the posterior angles more broadly brownish. Legs black; base of all the tibiæ, and tip of the front and middle pairs, and first three joints of the front and middle tarsi, light yellow; hind tarsi at the base, and the

tibiæ in the middle, more brownish; hind femora moderately thickened, hind coxæ without tubercle below. Wings nearly hyaline, stigma brown. One specimen.

***Xylota bicolor*.**

*Xylota bicolor* Loew, Centur., v, 39.

*Habitat*.—Pennsylvania!

♂ Length, 13<sup>mm</sup>. Face and front black, thickly grayish yellowish dusted, except on the cheeks, which are bare and shining. Antennæ black, third joint large, somewhat reddish below near the base. Dorsum of thorax shining bronze black, clothed with light yellow, rather long pile; pleuræ shining black, with whitish pile. Abdomen: first segment shining black with whitish pile, its posterior angles narrowly and the remainder of the abdomen, including the hypopygium, bright orange red with golden pile. Legs black, white pilose; the base of front and middle tibiæ and the first two joints of the front and middle tarsi light yellow or white; hind coxæ rounded, not tuberculate, hind femora considerably thickened, wings hyaline; stigma luteous.

Two specimens, from Mr. Eugene Keen.

***Xylota ejuncida*.** (Plate XI, figs. 8, 8a.)

*Xylota ejuncida* Say, Amer. Ent., i, pl. viii; Compl. Wr., i, 15; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 100, 5.

*Xylota Baton* Walker, List, etc., iii, 554.

? *Xylota quadrimaculata* Loew, Centur., vi, 56.

*Xylota annulifera* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 545.

*Habitat*.—Over the whole United States.

♂, ♀ Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Face much receding to considerably below the middle; black, rather thickly clothed with gray pollen. First two joints of antennæ black, third red or brownish red, oval, longer than broad, the arista wholly black. Frontal triangle thickly covered with grayish-yellowish pollen; front of female narrow above, bright shining black, except a narrow pollinose cross-band below the middle. Dorsum of thorax shining metallic green or greenish black, a sericeous spot at the inner side of each humerus; pile of scutellum short, yellow; on the mesopleuræ longer, white. Abdomen: first, fourth, and following segments shining greenish black; second and third opaque black, with a broad, yellow, shining, short yellowish pilose, interrupted cross-band; elsewhere the pile of the abdomen is short and black, except a white spot on each side of the fourth segment; in the male the yellow spots are somewhat smaller, and sometimes partly obscured. Legs black, base of all the tibiæ and the first two, or more usually the first three, joints of the front and middle tarsi light yellow; the front and middle tibiæ, except their base, and the hind tarsi, brownish, the second joint of the hind tarsi more yellowish; hind femora moderately thickened, less so in the female; hind coxæ of the male with a small, sharp spur below.

Wings nearly hyaline, only faintly tinged with brownish on the outer part.

In all the eastern specimens that I have examined the pile of the thoracic dorsum is light colored; some of the western specimens are quite the same, but the larger proportion of those from the Pacific Coast have black pile. In all I have examined about fifty specimens from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Canada, Georgia, Florida, Kansas, Colorado, Arizona, California, Washington Territory, and Oregon.

***Xylota subfasciata.***

*Xylota subfasciata* Loew, Centur., vi, 57.

*Habitat.*—Red River of the North (Lw.).

♂ ♀. Length, 8 to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Obscurely bronze green; second and third segment of the abdomen luteous, with a slender stripe and a posterior cross-band (that on the second narrow, on the third broad) black, lateral margins blackish bronze; antennæ wholly black, the arista of the same color; legs black; base of the front and middle tibiæ and the first two joints of their tarsi luteous; tip of the hind tibia not produced into a tooth, the angle below, however, rather acute, hind coxæ of the male dentate.

Similar to *X. quadrimaculata* [*X. ejuncida*], but the antennæ are wholly black, the luteous spots of the abdomen are larger and the black stripe separating them more slender; the tibiæ are more obscurely colored, and the hind pair have a less acute spur at the tip. The spots of the female abdomen are less luteous, sometimes in part, rarely wholly, metallic. Loew, l. c., translation.

***Xylota fraudulosa.***

*Xylota fraudulosa* Loew, Centur., v, 41.

*Habitat.*—New York, New Hampshire, Washington Territory!, Illinois, Wisconsin (O. S.).

♂ ♀ Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. Front of female somewhat metallic green; frontal triangle and the face covered with gray pollen. Antennæ reddish brownish, the first two joints blackish, the arista black, but reddish at the base. Thorax shining, somewhat metallic green, with four faintly coppery dorsal stripes. Abdomen: the first segment, the fourth and following, shining metallic; in the male the second and third mostly opaque black, each with two large quadrate yellow spots contiguous with the lateral margins; in the female smaller and separated from the margins. Legs black, somewhat greenish; knees, base of front and middle tibiæ, first two or three joints of the front and middle tarsi light yellow: the intermediate joints of the hind tarsi more brown; hind femora strongly thickened; the hind coxæ without tubercle below. Wings faintly tinged with blackish.

This species is very similar to *X. junceida*. The arista, however, is reddish at the base, the abdominal spots are more quadrate in shape, and more yellow; the legs are blacker, and the hind femora much more swollen, and the coxæ without tubercle. According to Loew (l. c.) "it is similar to *X. bifasciata* Meig. [*X. nemorum*] of Europe, but is a little smaller, the pile shorter, and the arista of the antennæ is not wholly black, but luteous at the base."

***Xylota nemorum*.**

*Milesia nemorum* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 192, 17.

*Milesia ignava* Fallen, Syrph., 11, 6.

*Xylota nemorum* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 219, 11; Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 521, 3; Zetterstedt, Ins. Lapp., 585, 3; Dipt. Scand., ii, 871, 3; Schiner, Fauna Austr., i, 356; v. d. Wulp, Tijdschr. voor. Ent. xxvi, Amerik. Dipt., 3, 8, 45.

*Xylota bifasciata* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 219, 10.

*Xylota nigripes* Zetterstedt, Ins. Lapp., 585, 4; Dipt. Scand., ii, 880, 14.

*Habitat*.—Europe (auct.), Canada (v. d. Wulp).

This species is given on the authority of Mr. v. d. Wulp (l. c.), who in a letter to the writer says, "*X. nemorum* F. differs from *X. fraudulosa* Loew not only in the size, the longer pile, and the arista not being yellow at the base, but also in totally lacking the cupreous stripes of the thorax, which are present in *X. fraudulosa*. I believe the species are distinct." Length, 8.5<sup>mm</sup>.

***Xylota angustiventris*.** (Plate XI, fig. 9.)

*Xylota angustiventris* Loew, Centur., vi, 58.

*Habitat*.—Illinois (O. S.), New York, Pennsylvania!

♂, ♀ Length, 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Frontal process very prominent, the face much receding, thickly covered with white pollen. The frontal triangle pollinose like the face, except a bare shining spot above the base of the antennæ. Antennæ brownish black, the third joint large, oblong ovate; the arista black. Thorax shining, somewhat metallic greenish or bluish black; a sericeous spot on the inner side of each humerus; pile of mesopleuræ white. Abdomen long and slender, shining metallic blackish green or blue; the second segment with a slender median stripe and posterior part, dilated in the middle, and the posterior half of the third segment, opaque black; second segment with two oblong, narrowly separated, yellow or luteous spots in the male; in the female wanting. Legs black; base of all the tibiæ, tip of front and middle tibiæ, first three joints of front and middle tarsi, and second and third joints of hind tarsi, whitish yellow; hind metatarsi brown or blackish; hind femora moderately swollen; hind coxæ in the male with a tubercle below; hind tibiæ not produced into a spur at tip, but obtuse. Wings, except the basal third, slightly infuscated, anterior cross-vein very oblique.

Two males (Anxer, Keen), and a female of which the head is wanting.

**Xylota curvipes.**

*Xylota curvipes* Loew, Neue Beitr., ii, 19; Osten Sacken, Bull. Buf. Soc. Nat. Sci., iii, 70; Cat. Dipt., 252.

? *Xylota satanica* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, p. 546.

*Habitat.*—New Hampshire, New York, Minnesota, California.!

♂, ♀ Length, 15 to 16<sup>mm</sup> Head black with a greenish reflection; the sides of the front and face with white pollen. Antennæ brownish red, the arista brown. Thorax above of a shining black color, with very indistinct stripes and sparse yellow and black pile; a faint pollinose spot on the inner side of the humeri; pleuræ black, with yellow and black pile. Abdomen elongated, shining blue-black. Legs reddish yellow (not including the coxæ, except a reddish spot on the hind trochanters behind), the hind femora on the distal fourth, the hind tibiæ and tarsi wholly, black; hind femora much swollen and their tibiæ much curved and terminating in an obtuse spur; pile of the femora long and yellow and on the inner side of the hind tibiæ thick and black; in the female the pile of the legs less abundant and shorter. Wings distinctly tinged with brown on the distal half; stigma dark brown.

A single male taken near the base of Mount Washington, August 1; a female from the same State (F. H. Fall); another from New York (Professor Lintner); and others from Minnesota (E. Keen, July) and California. Comparison is yet needed of American and European specimens to determine the identity of ours with *X. curvipes* Loew.

Bigot in his description of *X. satanica* does not mention the black on the tip of the hind femora, otherwise his description shows no important differences.

**Xylota vecors.**

*Xylota vecors* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci., iii, 69; Cat. Dipt., 252.

*Habitat.*—White Mountains, New Hampshire (O. S.)!

“♂, ♀ Thorax brownish bronze color, abdomen black; legs, including the coxæ, ferruginous; end of hind femora, the hind tibiæ and tarsi black. Length, 13 to 14<sup>mm</sup>

“Face and cheeks black, with a greenish reflection and a delicate whitish down on the sides. Antennæ reddish brown; front black, with some black, erect hairs. Thorax brownish bronze color, with indistinct longitudinal greenish stripes; pubescence sparse, short, erect, brownish yellow, mixed with black; a whitish sericeous spot inside of the humeri; pleuræ greenish black, with blackish hairs. Scutellum greenish bronze color. Abdomen black, with a bluish or purplish reflection and scattered whitish and black hairs. Knob of halteres black, stem reddish. Legs ferruginous, including the coxæ; the tip of unguis brown; the distal third of the hind femora, the hind tibiæ, and hind tarsi black. Wings tinged with brownish, proximal half more hyaline; stigma dark brown.

“Three males and two females.

“In general appearance this species is very like the European *X. femo-*

*rata*, but it differs especially in the color of the coxæ, which in the latter are black. Minor differences are that in *X. femorata* the wings are more uniformly colored, less tinged with brown on the distal half, the stigma paler, etc."

Original description, compared with the type specimen in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Cambridge

***Xylota chalybea*.**

*Xylota chalybea* Wiedemann, Anss. Zwei. Ins., ii, 98.

*Habitat*.—Pennsylvania, Virginia! Illinois (O. S.).

♂ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Head and antennæ black, the face lightly dusted on the sides. Dorsum of thorax violet steel-black, with short black pile; inner sides of the humeri with a distinct silvery spot; pleuræ black. Abdomen steely blue black, with white pile on the sides in front. Legs wholly black, with black pile; hind femora much thickened, hind tibiæ arcuated and terminating in a spur; hind coxæ without tubercle below. Wings blackish brown, less intense behind.

Two specimens. The species will be easily recognized by the entire absence of yellow in its color, by the dark wings, etc.

***Xylota obscura*.**

*Xylota obscura* Loew, Centur., vi, 55.

*Habitat*.—Red River of the North (Lw.), Oregon, California!

♀ Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Head black, front considerably prominent, and the face moderately excavated. Antennæ rather large, first two joints black fuscous, third reddish-ferruginous, rounded, arista wholly black. Thorax obscurely bronze-green, no white pollinose spot near the humeri. Scutellum of the same color. Abdomen rather broad; first segment black, shining; second segment, except two large, subtriangular, shining bronze, whitish pilose spots, black, black pilose, and sub-opaque; third segment with similar spots coalescing into a fascia; fourth segment wholly shining metallic, the posterior margin rather more blackish; fifth segment shining black. Venter wholly scoriaceous black. Legs black, hind femora slightly thickened, base of all the tibiæ dilutely lutescent, the tip of the hind tibiæ not produced into a tooth, first two joints of the four front tarsi reddish-ferruginous, or reddish fuscous, hind tarsi wholly black, below pallidly tomentose. Wings sub-hyaline, stigma fuscous, anterior cross-vein long and much oblique.—Translation.

***Xylota barbata*.**

*Xylota barbata* Loew, Centur., v, 40.

*Habitat*.—Sitka (Lw.).

♀ Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Head broad, black. Front moderately projecting, black pilose. First two joints of the antennæ black, third blackish-brown, sub-rotund; arista black. Face moderately excavated, white pollinose. Pile on the posterior orbits below white, rather longer than usual in *Xylotæ*. Dorsum of thorax obscurely coppery metallic, moderately shining, white pilose. Abdomen rather broad, blue black, sub-

opaque clothed with very short black pile; first segment wholly steel blue, shining, white pilose; second segment with a steel-blue, very broad, shining, sub-entire fascia, clothed with white pile; the two following segments near the anterior margin with a similar fascia, but interrupted and less broad. Legs black, white pilose, femora at the tip with short black pile, the hind femora not incrassate; front tibiæ reddish brown; middle and hind tibiæ at the base, and the first two joints of the front tarsi, brownish red. Wings cinereous, basal half hyaline, stigma blackish, veins black.

♂ The abdomen somewhat narrower, the metallic bands of the second and third segments somewhat luteous, the hind femora a little thickened, the hind coxæ unarmed.

One female from Oregon, another from Washington Territory, and a male from California. The color of the thoracic dorsum in these females is a cobalt blue with a distinct coppery reflection; in the male the coppery luster is almost wholly wanting. The metallic blue cross-band of the fourth segment of the abdomen in my specimens does not appear to be interrupted, but entire. The usual narrow pollinose band on the front of the female and the sericeous spots on the inner side of the humeri are present.

*Xylota elongata*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—New Hampshire, Pennsylvania!, Missouri?

♀ Length, 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Front, narrow above, shining black, pollinose across the middle. Face black, thickly whitish pollinose, narrowly shining on the cheeks. Antennæ black, third joint large, black, elliptical, arista wholly black. Dorsum of thorax shining, somewhat metallic greenish black, obsoletely coppery striped; humeri sericeous. Pleurae shining black, white pilose. Abdomen elongate, narrow, shining bluish metallic black; second segment with a spot in the middle in front and the posterior part, and the third segment, except a large triangular spot on in each side in front, subopaque; fourth segment, except on the posterior part, and the fifth wholly, shining black; the pile on the metallic portions is nearly white. Femora, except the immediate tip and the last two joints of all the tarsi, black; four front tibiæ, except a broad preapical blackish ring and the three basal joints of the four front tarsi, very light yellow; hind tibiæ at base light yellow, beyond black; three basal joints of hind tarsi brown, with yellow tips. Wings hyaline, stigma, and the remainder of subcostal cell brown.

Three specimens, White Mountains, August 1, Missouri (Theo. Pergande), and Pennsylvania (E. L. Keen). The color of the legs prevents the identification of this species with Bigot's *X. metallifera*. *Xylota flavifrons* Walker (List, etc., 557), may possibly be this species, but the antennæ are not dark ferruginous. The length of the abdomen, as Walker describes it, "abdomen linear, a little narrower than the chest, and fully twice as long," applies better to this than to the allied species.



**Xylota Anthreas.**

*Xylota Anthreas* Walker, List, etc., iii. 556.

*Habitat*.—New Jersey (Walker), New Hampshire!

♀. Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. Front narrow above, shining black, whitish pollinose in the middle and on the sides below. Antennæ black, third joint subquadrate, reddish brown; arista luteous at the base. Face black, whitish pollinose, except on the cheeks. Thorax shining black, somewhat metallic; pile short, appressed, light colored; humeri sericeous pollinose; pleuræ black, shining, lightly pollinose. Abdomen black, but little shining; first and fourth segments shining; second, third and fourth segments each with a large, subtriangular, shining metallic, white pilose spot on each side, those of the third narrowly separated, those on the fourth confluent. Legs black, white pilose; the immediate tip of the femora, and the base of all the tibiæ, the tips of the four front tibiæ, and the first three joints of their tarsi, yellow; the tip of the hind tibiæ, and the basal joints of their tarsi, fuscous yellow. Wings nearly hyaline; stigma luteous.

One specimen, New Hampshire. Differs from *X. elongata* in the shape and color of the third joint of the antennæ, and in the less elongate abdomen; from *X. obscura* in the front of the female being narrower above, the four front tarsi lighter yellow on the basal joints, and in the base of the arista being luteous.

**Xylota metallica.**

*Xylota metallica* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 102.

*Habitat*.—Georgia (Wied).

Thorace æneo, abdomine nigro; maculis quatuor magnis quadratis luteis. Mit erzgrünem Rückenschilde und schwarzem Hinterleibe, mit vier grossen viereckigen gelben Flecken.— $3\frac{3}{4}$  Linien.

Fühler ocherbraun. Untergesicht metallisch schwarz, weiss-schimmernd. Stirn schwarz. Rückenschild erzgrün, mit vier sehr schwach kupferrothlichen Striemen und weiss-schimmernden Schultern. Brustseiten schwärzlich, mit breiter weiss-schimmernden Binde. Schildchen erzgrün. Hinterleib schwarz, zweiter und dritter Abschnitt jeder an jeder Seite mit einem grossen, die Wurzel berührenden, zwei Drittel der Länge des Abschnitteseinnehmenden, in gewisser Richtung opalisirenden Flecke; der schwarze Raum zwischen den Fleckenpaaren nur schmal; vierter Abschnitt überall metallisch schwarz. Flügel und Schwinger gelblich, Randmal lehm-gelb. Beine rostgelblich, wenig weisslich schimmernd; hinterste verdickte Schenkel schwarz, mit Rostgelber Wurzel; Spitze der vordern Schenkel braun; hintere Schienen und der Spitze aller Füsse braun.—Wiedemann.

Length, 7.5<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ ochre-brown. Face metallic black, whitish pollinose. Front black. Dorsum of thorax bronze-green, with very feeble coppery reddish stripes and white sericeous humeri. Pleuræ blackish, with a broad, white pollinose stripe. Scutellum bronze-green.

Abdomen black; on each side of the second and third segments with a large spot, touching the base, and including two-thirds of the length on the sides, in some reflections opalescent; the black interval between the spots slender; fourth segment wholly metallic black. Wings and halteres yellowish; stigma luteous. Legs reddish yellow, a little whitish pollinose; hind femora thickened, black, with a reddish yellow base; tip of the anterior femora brown; posterior tibiæ, and the tip of all the tarsi, brown.—Translation.

The sex is not mentioned. The species must resemble *X. fraudulosa*, but has much lighter-colored legs.

***Xylota metallifera*.**

*Xylota metallifera* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 545.

*Habitat*.—Colorado.

♂ Long. 10<sup>mm</sup> Tota cinereo villosa. Antennis castaneis; fronte et facie albis, genis et facie, utrinque, superne nigro pictis; thorace et scutello obscure ænescentibus, thorace obscure chalybeo vittato; calyptris albis, halteribus testaceis; abdomine nigro opaco, segmentis secundis et tertiis, utrinque, hyacintho notatis, quartis et quintis similiter tinctis; pedibus nigris, longe, sat dense, albido villosis; alis fere hyalinis, macula stigmatali pallide fusca.

Corps entièrement couvert de longs poils gris, clairsemés; face et front blanchâtres, les joues et les côtés, près des antennes, à reflets noirâtres; thorax d'un noir bronzé, obscurément marqué de bandes bleuâtres; écusson de même couleur que le thorax; cuillerons blancs, balanciers testacés; abdomen d'un noir opaque, 2<sup>e</sup> et 3<sup>e</sup> segments, de chaque côté, avec une macule ovulaire allongée, la base des 4<sup>e</sup> et 5<sup>e</sup> segments, d'un bleu métallique; pieds noirs, cuisses couvertes de poils blanchâtres clairsemés; ailes presque hyalines, un peu roussâtres sur les nervures transversales ainsi qu'au stigmate. 1 specim.—Bigot, l. c.

***Xylota coloradensis*.**

*Xylota coloradensis* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 544.

*Habitat*.—Colorado.

♂ Long. 10<sup>mm</sup>. Antennis obscure testaceis; fronte et facie cinereo albido; thorace scutelloque obscure ænescentibus; calyptris albis, halteribus testaceis; abdomine, segmento 1<sup>o</sup>, 4<sup>o</sup> et 5<sup>o</sup> nigris, 3<sup>o</sup>, 4<sup>o</sup> et 5<sup>o</sup> flavo anguste marginatis, 2<sup>o</sup> et 3<sup>o</sup> fulvis, 3<sup>o</sup> et 4<sup>o</sup> macula lata, utrinque profunde bifida, 3<sup>o</sup> vitta mediana, retrorsum dilatata, nigris; pedibus nigris, geniculis fulvis; alis hyalinis, macula stigmatali testacea.

Antennes d'un fauve obscur; front et face couverts d'une pruinosité blanchâtre; thorax, écusson noirs avec quelques reflets bronzés, épaules blanchâtres; cuillerons et balanciers testacés; corps couvert d'un très fin duvet clairsemé, jaunâtre; abdomen avec les 1<sup>er</sup>, 4<sup>e</sup> et 5<sup>e</sup> segments noirs, 3<sup>e</sup>, 4<sup>e</sup> et 5<sup>e</sup> finement bordés de jaune pâle, 2<sup>e</sup> et 3<sup>e</sup> d'un fauve rougeâtre, 3<sup>e</sup> avec une large bande médiane noire, profondément

bifide de chaque côté. 4<sup>e</sup> avec une bande semblable légèrement élargie en arrière; pieds noirs, genoux, base des tibias antérieurs et intermédiaires, fauves; ailes hyalines, stigmate d'un testacé pâle. 1 specim. — Bigot, l. c.

**Xylota pachymera.**

*Xylota pachymera* Loew, Centur., vi, 54.

*Habitat.*—Cuba (Lw.).

♀. Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. Blackish steel-blue, abdomen with four luteous spots sometimes with only two, rarely with none; antennæ fuscous-black, third joint oblong; face carinate; hind femora remarkably thickened; tip of hind tibiæ produced into a tooth.

Head blackish steel-blue, front with a median fascia and the face white pollinose. Face carinate. Thorax metallic bluish-black, shining, with two more bronze-colored approximate stripes of the dorsum more thickly clothed with pile. Abdomen blackish steel-blue, sometimes more bronze colored; second segment with two oblong luteous spots, not attaining the margin of the segment, rarely obsolete; front half of the third segment shining, sometimes with two small luteous spots, posterior part black and subopaque; the following segments wholly shining, blackish steel-blue, rarely blackish bronze; venter luteous, last segments metallic. Femora blackish steel-blue, the hind pair remarkably thickened; front and middle tibiæ, except the whitish base, fuscous black, hind pair, except the white base, black, strongly arcuate, produced into a tooth at the tip; front tarsi whitish, hind tarsi blackish fuscous, the last two joints of all black. Wings blackish cinereous, stigma fuscous.

**Xylota pretiosa.**

*Xylota pretiosa* Loew, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., i, 39; Centur., vi, 53.

*Habitat.*—Cuba (Lw.).

♀ Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Light green-bronze, very shining; abdomen steel-blue, with four light yellow spots; the front and middle tibiæ and the basal third of the hind tibiæ, and all the tarsi, except the last three joints, whitish yellow.

Face greenish bronze, white pollinose. Antennæ black, third joint subrotund, arista of the same color. Front greenish bronze, white pollinose. Vertical triangle narrow, greenish steel-blue, shining, sparsely black pilose. Ocelli remote from the occipital margin. Thorax very light greenish bronze, near the hind margin somewhat steely blue, on each end with short white pile, between the wings clothed with black. Sentellum steel blue. Abdomen light steel-blue; second segment with two pallid yellow spots, of which the posterior angles extend to the lateral margins of the abdomen, posterior part of the segment blackish-violaceous, opaque; third segment with two transverse pallid

yellow spots, forming a broadly interrupted fascia, behind these spots black violaceous, the posterior margin metallic blue. Venter pallid yellowish, first segment metallic blue, the last violaceous. Trochanters with the immediate base of the femora yellowish. Femora greenish bronze, the extreme tip of the front and middle pairs yellowish; hind femora moderately thickened, with an obtuse projection below near the tip on the lower side, and on the margin of the projection with black spines. Front and middle tibiæ very pallidly yellowish, nearly white; hind tibiæ incurved, the basal third whitish, middle third black-violaceous, distal third black; basal joints of tarsi light yellow, third joint fuscous, the last two black. Tegulae white, the margin and the cilia black. Halteres dilutely yellowish. Wings cinereous hyaline, near the tip a little more obscure, stigma and veins black.

#### ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

*Xylota arcuata* Say, J. Acad. Phil., vi, 162; Compl. Wr., ii, 357.—Mexico.

*Xylota subcostalis* Walker, Trans. Ent. Soc. N. S., v, 291.—Mexico.

### SENOGASTER.\*

*Senogaster* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 519, 1834; Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 72.

*Acrochordonodes* Bigot, Bull. Soc. Ent. de France, 1878, 131.

♂ Slender, nearly bare, rather large species. Head hemispherical, formed chiefly of the eyes. Antennæ situated near the middle of the head in profile, first two joints short, third rather large, oval; arista bare. Face small, short, subcarinate, concave from antennæ to oral margin, epistoma truncate obliquely in front, margin of mouth horizontal below; cheek very narrow below the eyes. Eyes large, bare, with an area of enlarged facets in front above the antennæ; frontal triangle small, eyes contiguous for a short distance, vertical triangle long, acute; posterior orbits narrow. Abdomen long, third segment very much contracted, cylindrical, narrow, the abdomen again widened at the end. Hind femora arcuate, thickened, with a strong bifid spine below, near the tip. Wings small, shorter than the abdomen, marginal cell open, third longitudinal vein bent gently into the first posterior cell, last section of fourth vein gently sinuate, anterior cross-vein oblique, joining the fourth vein beyond the middle of discal cell.

It seems very probable that *Acrochordonodes* Bigot is but the female of a true *Senogaster*. The character in which this genus, founded upon a female specimen, is said to differ, is precisely what might be expected in that sex, viz, a less contracted abdomen. The type of *Senogaster* is *S. coerulescens* Macquart (l. c.), from Cayenne, South America.

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Στενός, slender; γαστήρ, abdomen.

*Senogaster Comstocki*. (Plate XI, fig. 1, 1a, 1b.)

*Senogaster Comstocki* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 326.

*Habitat*.—New York!

♂ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>; of wing, 8<sup>mm</sup>. Face yellowish, blackish towards the middle, and covered with silvery white pubescence. Frontal triangle blackish, whitish near the eyes. Antennæ yellowish-red: arista yellow. Vertical triangle opaque black. Thorax black opaque, nearly bare; dorsum with four conspicuous olive-gray stripes, nearly equidistant, the lateral ones reaching from the yellowish humeri: pleuræ reddish, dusted with whitish, especially on the meso and sterno pleuræ, where it forms a conspicuous stripe; scutellum with a yellow margin. Abdomen blackish-brown; first segment as broad as the thorax, nearly black, yellow on the sides; second segment elongate, scarcely half as wide behind, with two whitish elongate spots, not reaching the hind margin; third segment of the same length, narrow, cylindrical, yellow in front, narrowly above, broadly on the sides; fourth segment as long as the preceding, expanded posteriorly, forming with the globular hypopygium an ellipsoidal mass. Legs reddish-yellow, hind femora brownish-black on the basal half; hind tarsi brownish. Wings nearly hyaline.

One specimen (Prof. J. H. Comstock).

Macquart's description and figure of *S. coerulescens* agree quite with the present species, except that the conspicuous thoracic stripes are not mentioned nor indicated. Was the specimen he described in good preservation? Bigot's *Acrochordonodes vittatus* (Bull. Soc. Ent. France, 131, 1878, female) applies very well indeed. Is it possible that they all pertain to one widespread species?

## SYRITTA.\*

*Syritta* St. Fargeau and Serville, Encycl. Meth., x, 808, 1825.

*Coprina* Zetterstedt, Ins. Lapp., 584, 1840.

Rather small, slender species, nearly bare, black, with yellow markings. Head hemispherical, not at all flattened, somewhat broader than the thorax. Antennæ short, third joint round; arista bare. Face small, subcarinate, nearly straight, epistoma but slightly produced. Eyes bare, very large, contiguous in the male. Thorax rather long, scutellum thin on its edge, dark-colored. Abdomen slender, more contracted in the male, about twice as long as the thorax, and not wider. Front and middle legs slender and small, the hind femora extraordinarily thickened, with short rigid spines below; hind tibiæ bent. Marginal cell of wing open; third vein gently curved; anterior cross-vein near the middle of discal cell rectangular. Type of genus, *S. pipiens* (Linæé).

\* Συριζειν, to hum.

**Syritta pipiens** (Plate XII, figs. 1, 1a, 1b, 1c).

*Musca pipiens* Linné, Fauna Suecica, p. 1822, 1761: Schrank, Enum. Insect. Austr., 915.

*Conops pipiens* Scopoli, Entom. Carniolica, 969.

*Syrphus pipiens* Fabricius, Spec. Insect., ii, 331, 65: Entom. Syst., iv, 310, 119; Panzer, Fauna Germ., xxxii, 20.

*Milesia pipiens* Fabricius, Syst. Anth., 194, 27: Fallen, Syrph., 12, 9.

*Coprina pipiens* Zetterstedt, Ins. Lapp., 5-4, 45.

*Xylota pipiens* Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 213, 1.

*Xylota proxima* Say, Amer. Ent., i, pl. viii: Compl. Wr., i, 16; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 192, 9.

*Syritta pipiens* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 525, 1; Meigen, Syst. Besch., vii, 113, pl. lxxvii, fig. 21; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., ii, 881, 1: viii, 3193; Schiner, Verh. Zool.-Bot. Gesellsch., vii, 424; Fauna Austr., i, 357.

*Habitat.*—Throughout the United States!, Europe, Asia, Africa.

♂ ♀. Length, 7 to 8<sup>mm</sup>. Face and front satiny, yellowish white. Front of female narrow above, shining black on upper half with two small pollinose spots; vertical triangle of male elongate, shining black, pollinose in front. Antennæ reddish yellow. Dorsum of thorax black, bare in front, with two approximate pollinose spots; the humeri and behind them, reaching to the suture, yellowish white pollinose. Plenræ thickly whitish pollinose. Abdomen in the male as follows: Black, first three segments opaque, the fourth and the hypopygium shining; the narrow sides of the first segment, and a broad spot on each side of each of the two following segments, yellow, often whitish pollinose; fourth segment in front with a narrow interrupted yellowish white pollinose cross-band, the hind margin of the segment narrowly yellow. In the female the spots smaller, the sides of the third segment in front metallic, scarcely at all yellow, but with a light pollinose spot; otherwise like the male. Four front legs yellowish red, with obscure brownish markings; hind femora black, with the base and a usually incomplete ring near the middle, reddish yellow; hind tibiæ reddish yellow, at the middle and tip brown or black; hind tarsi reddish yellow, more or less brown on the upper side. Wings hyaline.

The most common species in the family, everywhere and at all times abundant from spring till autumn.

## ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

**Xylota Mexicana** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1834, 539.—Mexico.

## CHRYSOCHLAMYS.\*

*Ferdinanda* Rondani, Ann. delle Scienze Nat. di Bologna, 1844.

*Chrysochlamis* Rondani in lit.: Walker, Insect Brit., i, 279, 1851.

Moderately large species, metallic-golden or bronze-green, with light-colored pollinose stripes on the dorsum of the thorax. Head hemispherical, somewhat broader than the thorax. Antennæ short, third

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Χρυσός, gold; χλαμύς, a mantle.

joint rather large, obliquely oval or rounded, arista naked, basal. Face gently concave in profile below the antennæ, with an obtuse tubercle near the middle. Eyes pilose, contiguous in the male. Scutellum large, yellowish, translucent, its border and the lateral borders of the thoracic dorsum with macrochaete. Abdomen not much longer than the thorax, elliptical, thickly pilose. Legs slender, the hind pair scarcely elongated. Marginal cell of wings open, the third vein gently concave into the first posterior cell; anterior cross-vein near the middle of discal cell, oblique. Type of genus, *C. aurea* (Scop.) Walker.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

1.—Hind borders of the second and third abdominal segments black, opaque; arista reddish	2
Hind borders of these segments not opaque black	4
2.—Face in the middle with a V-shaped black spot	3
Facial spot indistinct in outline; front femora at base and the tip of all the tarsi black	buccata, ♀
3.—Legs reddish-yellow	dives
All the femora brown; tibiæ likewise infuscated	nigripes, ♂
4.—Facial spot V-shaped; arista reddish	nigripes, ♀
Facial spot indefinite in outline; arista black	cræsus

**Chrysochlamys cræsus.**

*Chrysochlamys cræsus* Osten Sacken, Western Diptera, 341.

*Habitat.*—Utah (O. S.), California, Washington Territory, New Mexico!

♀ Length, 8 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Resembles *C. dives* closely, but the abdomen lacks the subopaque hind margins of the second and third segments; the pile of the abdomen is longer, the general form broader. The brown spot on the facial tubercle is of an indefinite outline, not V-shaped as in *C. dives* and *nigripes*. Antennæ reddish-brown, more nearly uniform in color; the arista black. Abdomen uniformly of a bright bronze-green, thickly beset with golden yellow pile. Legs sometimes of a wholly saturnate reddish-yellow, but the base of the femora often fuscous, or even blackish.

♀ Front with a broad pollinose cross-band, the dorsum of the thorax with more distinct pollinose stripes.

Three males and one female (H. K. Morrison, G. F. Gaumer).

**Chrysochlamys dives.** (Plate XI, figs. 5, 5a.)

*Chrysochlamys dives* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 341.

*Habitat.*—Illinois, Missouri, Canada! Kentucky (O. S.).

♂ ♀ Length, 8 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Face largely covered with ochraceous pollen, in the middle with a large V-shaped black spot, shining; cheeks shining, in front with a narrow black stripe. Front of female shining black, across the middle with a broad ochraceous pollinose band. In the male the frontal triangle is black, shining above the base of the antennæ only, pollinose along the eyes; first and second joints of the antennæ blackish above, reddish below, the third joint dark brown on

the upper half or two-thirds, yellowish-red below; the arista reddish. Thorax beset with blackish or lutescent pile, lateral margins and a stripe of even width each side of the middle, cinereous pollinose; bristles black; scutellum lutescent or yellowish, with short yellow pile. Abdomen pure bronze-colored, densely beset with short golden-yellow pile in the female, somewhat darker in the male; the black sub-opaque hind borders of second and third segments sub-interrupted. Legs saturate yellow; the last two joints of tarsi infuscated or blackish; the four front femora (male?) may have a dark-brown spot in front. Wings yellowish hyaline on the antero-proximal portion, grayish hyaline along the posterior portion; costal cell yellow, stigma darker; a brown cloud, in the shape of a short cross-band, between the origin of the third vein and the cross-vein at the base of the last posterior cell; anterior cross-vein likewise clouded with brown.

Four specimens (D. W. Coquillett, Professor Riley, G. J. Bowles).

***Chrysochlamys buccata*.**

*Chrysochlamys buccata* Loew, Centur., iv, 72.

*Habitat*.—Virginia (Lw.).

♀ Length, 8<sup>mm</sup> Bronze colored; scutellum testaceous; front black, with a cross-band of ochraceous pollen in the middle; antennæ black above, reddish below; arista reddish; cheeks with a black stripe. Blackish-bronze colored, greenish shining; front deep black, shining, with short black pile; in the middle a rather broad cross-band of ochraceous pollen. Antennæ rather large; first joint black, the second and third joints black above, reddish below; arista bare, reddish. Face reddish yellowish, very concave and ochraceous pollinose above, swollen below, with a large obtuse, somewhat brownish tubercle; cheeks separated from the face by a narrow black stripe. Dorsum of thorax clothed with short lutescent pile; lateral margins, and two longitudinal stripes of even width, cinereous pollinose. Scutellum reddish, with short lutescent pile; bristles on the margin black; lateral corners blackish. Abdomen shining, with short lutescent pile; hind margin of first and second segments opaque black. Legs ochraceous, the basal half of the four front femora and the tip of all the tarsi black; front tibiæ, except the base and tip, and the base of the hind femora, slightly subinfuscated. Wings somewhat cinereous hyaline, lutescent near the base; costal cell and stigma luteous, the base of the third vein and the cross-veins at the middle of the wing clouded with black.—Translation.

***Chrysochlamys nigripes*.**

*Chrysochlamys nigripes* Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., 341.

*Habitat*.—Massachusetts (O. S.).

“♂, ♀ Length, about 9<sup>mm</sup> General color much duller than in *C. dives*, metallic blackish-green; pollen on the face and front dull yellowish; frontal pollinose cross-band (♀) much narrower, and hence the



black shining space above the antennæ larger. The prevailing pubescence on thorax and scutellum is black; black, opaque hind margins of the segments two and three in the male only, *not in the female*. Femora brown, except the tip; tibiæ brownish yellow, more or less infuscated before the tip, especially the front pair; tarsi brownish red at base, brown at tip. Wings grayish hyaline, feebly tinged with brownish yellow at the root and on the stigma; costal cell sub-hyaline in the female; brownish clouds on cross-veins very weak."—O. Sacken, l. c.

## MERAPIOIDUS.

*Merapioidus* Bigot, Bull. Soc. Ent. de France, 1879, 64.

Large, pilose species; black, with metallic bands on the abdomen. Head subtriangular in front view. Front of female short, but little inclined, nearly plane, moderately broad. Antennæ: first joint slender, cylindrical, about three times as long as the short second joint; third joint very broad, short, in front slightly concave, below the insertion of second joint prolonged downward, obtuse; above extended into a conical point, slightly convex on the upper posterior part and terminating in the arista, which is a little thickened at its base. Face extending downward, not descending far below the eyes, obtusely conical below, gently concave below the antennæ, and with an obtuse tubercle. Eyes bare. Abdomen depressed, broad, elliptical. Legs simple. Wings: marginal cell open; third longitudinal vein nearly straight; last section of fourth vein slightly sinuate, joining the third before the costa; anterior cross-vein oblique, joining the fourth vein near the outer third of the discal cell. Type of genus, *M. villosus* Big., North America.

***Merapioidus villosus.*** (Plate XI, figs. 2, 2a.)

*Merapioidus villosus* Bigot, Bull. Soc. Ent. de France, 1879, 64.

*Habitat.*—Georgia!

♀ Length, 14<sup>mm</sup>. Front black, a little metallic, moderately shining, with reddish pollen and black pile. Antennæ black. Face, except broadly on the tubercle and thence to oral border, covered with dense whitish-yellow dust and whitish pile. Cheeks black, shining. Proboscis short. Pile on the lower posterior orbits long, whitish. Thorax obscurely metallic, moderately shining, the pile moderately thick and rather long, more abundant and whitish on the pleuræ; post-alar callosities with tufts of thick, long, whitish pile. Abdomen opaque black, with long whitish pile on each side near the base and along the lateral margins, elsewhere short; first segment with a small shining spot on the hind margin on each side; second segment with a large subtriangular spot on each side and narrowly in the middle behind; third segment with a broad fascia, broadly interrupted, and a small obtuse, posterior, median triangle; fourth segment with a narrower fascia narrowly interrupted; fifth segment on the anterior margin, shining

metallic. Legs black, with white pile; femora at tip, and tibiæ at base and tip, reddish. Wings hyaline; subcostal cell from tip of auxiliary vein yellowish; cross-veins faintly clouded.

One specimen which agrees sufficiently well with Bigot's description of male and female.

## SPILOMYIA.\*

*Spilomyia* Meigen, Illiger's Magazine, ii, 273, 1803.

*Mirtemyia* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 491, 1834.

*Calliprobola* Rondani, Dipt. Ital. Prodr., i, 47, 1856.

Large robust species, black with bright yellow spots or bands on thorax and abdomen—wasp-like in appearance. Head hemispherical, broader than the thorax. Antennæ porrect, moderately or considerably elongated, the third joint usually rounded, not twice as long as broad; arista bare. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male. Face nearly vertical, gently concave in profile below the antennæ, only a little tuberculate below, if at all. Thorax short and broad, considerably convex above, with yellow spots. Abdomen twice or more as long as the thorax, very convex above, usually of nearly equal width throughout, sometimes gently or broadly oval; with yellow bands. Legs strong; hind femora elongate, with a projecting tooth below near the outer part. Wings brownish in front; marginal cell open, third longitudinal vein nearly straight, the vein beyond the tip of the anal cell is continued outward, nearly parallel to the hind border of the wing.

Type of genus, *S. diophthalma* Linné, Europe.

### TABLE OF SPECIES.

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| 1.—Second joint of antennæ much longer than the first; second segment of the abdomen with a broad arcuate yellow band, the third and fourth with a slender, median interrupted one            | <b>quadrifasciata</b> |
| Second joint of the antennæ not much longer than the first; abdomen not so marked   | <b>2</b>              |
| 2.—Abdomen yellow; first segment, except the lateral angles, black, each of the following segments with two narrow black bands, the one on the anterior margin entire, the others interrupted | <b>hamifera</b>       |
| Abdomen black, with yellow cross-bands  | <b>3</b>              |
| 3.—First and second abdominal segments wholly black, third with a posterior cross-band, fourth with two, the anterior one interrupted; abdomen broadly oval                                   | <b>fusca</b>          |
| First segment with a yellow side spot, the following each with two cross-bands,   | <b>4</b>              |
| 4.—First, third, and fifth cross-bands interrupted (or sub-interrupted) the latter two distinctly dilated on the sides  | <b>5</b>              |
| First and third cross-bands entire  | <b>longicornis</b>    |
| 5.—Pleuræ with five yellow spots besides the humeral and subalar ones; front of female with a black stripe  | <b>interrupta</b>     |
| Pleuræ with only four spots besides the humeral and subalar ones; front of female yellow across the middle; scutellum with a yellow, disconnected spot on each side                           | <b>liturata</b>       |

**Spilomyia longicornis.**

*Spilomyia longicornis* Loew, Centur., x, 49.

*Habitat.*—Illinois, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, New England!, Texas, Kansas (O. S.)

♂ ♀ Length, 11 to 13 <sup>mm</sup>. Eyes of male contiguous, vertical triangle on the upper half black, below yellow; frontal triangle yellow, with a large triangular black spot above the antennæ. Front in female yellow on the sides, with a black stripe broad below, attenuated above, vertex black. Antennæ brownish black, sometimes partly, never wholly, brownish red, first two joints somewhat elongate, arista luteous. Face yellow, with a median stripe attenuate above, and a narrow stripe from the eyes to the oral margin, on the cheeks, black. Thorax black, humeri, and a rounded spot to the inner side, a **Λ**-shaped spot in front of the scutellum, and a vittula running from each post-alar callosity to near the suture, and then bent inwards, yellow, sometimes also a small yellow spot above the suture in front of the root of the wings. Pleuræ with five yellow spots beside the humeral and sub-alar ones; an elongate one on the meso-pleuræ and one below on the sterno-pleuræ, one just above the anterior coxæ, one on the ptero-pleuræ, and a broader one behind, below the tegulæ, the three latter nearly coalescent. Margin of scutellum yellow. Abdomen black opaque, second, third, and fourth segments each with two narrow yellow bands connected by the yellow lateral margins; first band dilated on the sides, the third and fifth usually very narrowly interrupted. Hypopygium yellow; in the female the fifth segment black, with a narrow yellow border. Legs yellow; front tibiæ except the base, and the front tarsi, black; hind femora sometimes darker towards the end; apex of hind tibiæ and the tarsi ochraceous. Wings sub-hyaline, in front brownish; last section of sixth vein nearly as long as the posterior basal cross-vein.

✓ **Spilomyia liturata**, n. sp.

*Habitat.*—New Mexico!

♀ Length, 14<sup>mm</sup>. Antennæ brownish red, elongate; first joint as long as the third, second joint a half longer than the first. Face bright yellow, with a slender black stripe, not reaching quite to the antennæ; front like the face, in the middle with a black stripe, broader below, very narrow just below the black vertex. Dorsum of thorax nearly opaque black, with bright yellow markings, as follows: a spot on the humeri, and one of nearly the same size on the inner side of each, post-alar callosities, extending as a slender vittula forwards, the anterior end of which is curved inwards, a spot on each side of the scutellum, a large oval spot on the meso-pleuræ, a smaller rounded one below on the sterno-pleuræ, one of about the same size on the sides of the metanotum, and a smaller one above the front coxæ. Abdomen nearly opaque black, with two yellow cross-bands on the second, third, and fourth segments: the first cross-band of each segment is rather broad, strongly dilated on

the sides, and only sub-interrupted in the middle; the posterior margins of the second-fifth segments with the bands of equal width throughout, not interrupted. Legs yellow; the four hind tibiæ at the tip and their tarsi reddish, the front tibiæ, except the base, and their tarsi black; hind femora broadly blackish on the posterior side. Wings with a brown anterior border, nearly hyaline behind.

One specimen, New Mexico (G. F. Gaumer). The present species is nearly related to *longicornis* and *interrupta*, but is at once distinguishable from the former by the longer antennæ; from the latter by the antennæ being a little longer, by the abdominal bands being entire, or not distinctly interrupted; from both by the spots on the pleuræ, and the greater width of the abdominal bands.

***Spilomyia interrupta.*** (Plate XII, fig. 4.)

*Spilomyia interrupta* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 327.

*Habitat.*—Washington Territory!

♀ Length, 13 to 14<sup>mm</sup>. Closely allied to *longicornis*, but differs in the bands of the abdomen being a little broader, the first, third, and fifth very distinctly interrupted, and the two latter more dilated on the sides, in the fifth segment in the female being in large part yellow, in the presence of a small yellow spot on the sides of the dorsum above the meso-pleuræ, in the spots of the pleuræ being smaller and distinctly separated from each other, not coalescent, and in the antennæ being a little longer. The cheeks are darker, and the hind femora on the posterior side near the end may be quite black. The wing is broader, and the last section of the sixth vein is distinctly shorter. All of these differences may not be persistent in a large number of specimens, but they are certainly sufficient to show that the species is distinct.

Two specimens, Washington Territory. The relationship of *S. longicornis*, *S. liturata*, and *S. interrupta* with the European *S. saltuum* and *S. diophthalma* is remarkably close.

***Spilomyia fusca.***

*Spilomyia fusca* Loew, Centur., v, 34.

*Habitat.*—Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Georgia, Canada!

♂, ♀. Length, 16 to 17<sup>mm</sup>. Head light yellow, somewhat shining, and with short, sparse, whitish pile; vertex, an incomplete frontal stripe below, and an oval spot on the face, black. Antennæ reddish black, the first two joints often quite black. Occiput black, orbits whitish pollinose. Thorax opaque brownish black, with yellow markings as follows: humeri, a rounded spot at their inner side, two oval spots, forming an obtuse angle, in front of the scutellum, a vittula on each side, extending from the post-alar callus and bent inwards in front to meet the suture, margin of scutellum, a large meso-pleural, a smaller sterno-pleural and another above the base of the front coxæ. Abdomen broadly oval, brownish black, very shortly black pilose; third segment with a yellow band on

the posterior border, and on each side near the middle with a small triangular spot: fourth segment with two fasciæ, the anterior one narrowly interrupted, the posterior one rather broad, on the hind margin. Hypopygium wholly light yellow. Venter blackish brown, the incisures light yellowish. Femora blackish, brownish, and yellow, varied: front tibiæ, except the yellow base, brown or black; middle and hind tibiæ light yellow, the tip dark ochraceous; front tarsi black, middle and hind tarsi like the tip of their tibiæ. Wings sub-hyaline, the anterior part brown.

Numerous specimens. The pile of the top of the head is blackish.

***Spilomyia hamifera*.**

*Spilomyia hamifera* Loew, Centur., v, 33.

*Habitat*.—Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, Kentucky (Loew, O. S.), New Hampshire!

♀ Length, 17<sup>mm</sup>. Head light yellow, front and face narrowly black vittate, the stripes more or less obsolete on the upper part of each; cheeks with a brownish-black stripe. Antennæ brownish, or brown, with the margins of the third joint darker. Vertex black; occiput blackish, the orbits with whitish pollen. Thorax black, with yellow markings as follows: on the anterior margin of the dorsum with four spots, a vittula reaching from the posterior angle to the suture, curved inwards in front, and two spots in form of an inverted **V** in front of the scutellum. On the pleuræ, beside the humeri, two large spots and a more whitish one above the base of the front coxæ, sometimes obsolete. Scutellum yellow, the base brownish or black; metanotum black, with a yellow spot on each side. Abdomen yellow; first segment, except the lateral angles, black; each of the following segments with two narrow black bands, the one on the front margin entire, the median one interrupted, or subinterrupted. The black band in front of each segment is narrowed near the lateral margin by a more or less large process from the yellow behind. Venter black, posterior margin of each segment yellow. Legs yellow, front tibiæ and tarsi black. Anterior portion of wings brown, posterior hyaline.

One specimen, White Mountains, New Hampshire, July 31.

***Spilomyia pleuralis*, n. sp.**

*Habitat*.—Mexico!

♂ Length, 14<sup>mm</sup>. Face yellow, a slender stripe in the middle, not reaching the antennæ, and a slender vittula on each cheek black. Antennæ dark brown, the three joints of nearly equal length. Frontal triangle shining black, narrowly along the eyes and on each side below white pollinose. Dorsum of thorax black, with the following light yellow marks: the humeri, a small spot on the inner side of each, a small spot near the outer end of the suture, a vittula running from each postalar callus and continued inwards as a pollinose spot, and two slender vittulæ in the shape of an inverted **V** in front of the scutellum; scutellum black, narrowly margined with yellow; pleuræ light yellow, the

sutures black. Abdomen black, lightly shining, in shape broadest at base of the second segment, then diminishing in nearly a straight line on each side to the tip of the fourth; second segment with a small yellow spot on each side; the second, third, and fourth each with a larger, sub-triangular spot on each side; second and third segments each with a slender posterior cross-band, that on the third narrowly interrupted in the middle; fourth segment with a large spot on each posterior angle, forming a broadly interrupted cross-band. Legs, including the coxæ, light yellow, the tips of front and hind tibiæ and their tarsi brown, hind femora broadly black along their upper surface except at their base. Wings hyaline, with the usual brown border in front.

One specimen, in the Osten Sacken collection at Cambridge.

**Spilomyia (Mixtemyia) quadrifasciata.** (Plate XII, fig. 3.)

*Paragus quadrifasciatus* Say, Long's Exped., Append., 377; Compl. Wr., i, 257.

*Psarus quadrifasciatus* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 91, 2.

*Mixtemyia quadrifasciata* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 491; tab. xi, fig. 8; Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 139.

*Habitat.*—Canada, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York!

♂, ♀ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup> Vertex black with whitish pile; below, the front of the female has a narrow yellow stripe of even width along the eyes; frontal triangle narrowly black immediately above the antennæ; vertical triangle long, yellow in front. Antennæ reddish brown or brownish black, the first joint reddish or yellowish, moderately elongated, second joint much so, nearly twice as long as the first; third joint trapezoidal, a half longer than wide; arista yellow. Thorax with a small spot on the humeri, a larger one to the inner side, a slender vittula above the wings, two slender spots in the form of an inverted V in front of the scutellum, the narrow margin of the scutellum, a large elongate spot on the meso-pleuræ, a large rounded one on the sterno-pleuræ, and a smaller one, sometimes obsolete, above the front coxæ, yellow. Abdomen elongate, cylindrical, scarcely wider than the thorax, with four yellow bands, the first broad, conspicuous, strongly arcuate, the convexity in front, situated on the second segment; the second and third on the middle of the third and fourth segments, slender, only a little arcuated, the second narrowly interrupted in the middle, the third usually entire; the fourth band on the posterior margin of the fourth segment: on the posterior angles of the second and third segments there is a small yellow spot, extending a short distance narrowly inward. The abdomen is a little shining, except on the second segment, with a faint bluish reflection: the pile on the hind part whitish. Base of hind and middle femora, basal two-thirds of hind and middle tibiæ, and narrow base of front tibiæ light yellow; front legs elsewhere reddish brown, the tarsi more black; tip of middle and hind tibiæ and their tarsi light ochraceous; hind femora, except the base, nearly black. Wings elongate, brownish along the front border, hyaline behind.

**Spilomyia (Mixtemyla) ephippium.**

*Mixtemyla ephippium* Osten Sacken, Bull. Buff. Soc. N. S., iii, 70; Cat. Dipt., p. 254.

*Habitat.*—Mexico (O. S.)!

♂ Length, 12. Face yellow, with a brown stripe in the middle, which does not quite reach the antennæ; the latter brown; second joint almost black; triangle of the vertex dark brown. Thorax dark brown; a brownish yellow angular line runs from the scutellum, above the root of the wings, turning inside to follow the thoracic suture and stopping before meeting the corresponding line on the other side; a less distinct angular line, on the anterior part of the thorax, begins on each side, at the yellow humeral tubercle, follows the anterior margin of the thorax and before reaching its middle, turns backwards; in the middle of the anterior margin, between the two angular lines, two delicate, short parallel yellow lines are perceptible. Scutellum brown in the middle, with yellow borders. Pleuræ brown; a yellow spot above the root of the front coxæ. Abdomen light brown; second segment with an arcuated yellow stripe, resting with its middle on the anterior, with its ends on the posterior margin, which is also yellow; the inside of the semicircle thus formed, is dark brown, velvety; the third and fourth segments are clothed with a fine sericeous down; the third has a distinct tubercle in the middle and is margined with yellow posteriorly; the fourth is traversed by a yellow cross-band in the shape of an inverted V, the ends of which do not reach the lateral margins; hypopygium brown. Anterior half of the wings brown, the posterior hyaline; the anal cell, the second posterior, the discal, and a part of the first posterior cell, as well as the whole posterior margin, including the alula, being hyaline (in *M. quadrifasciata* the second basal cell and the whole portion of the first basal, situated behind the spurious vein, are also hyaline). Legs; femora dark brown, the hind ones with a strong tooth on the under side; tibiæ yellowish brown, pale yellow at the base; front tarsi brown; middle and hind ones reddish brown, last two or three joints brown.—Osten Sacken.

This species, the type specimens of which I have examined in the museum at Cambridge, is much like *quadrifasciata* in general appearance, but is easily distinguishable.

## ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

**Spilomyia pallipes** Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1883, 352.—Mexico.

## TEMNOSTOMA.\*

*Temnostoma* St. Fargeau and Serville, Encycl. Meth. x, 518, 1825.

In structure nearly like *Spilomyia*, but differs in the hind femora being without a tooth below on the outer part. The markings, more-

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*Τεννείν*, to cut: *στρουα*, mouth.

over, of the thorax and abdomen are composed of very dense pollen, and may be more or less effaced, whereas in *Spilomyia* they are of the ground color. Properly speaking, these characters are not of more than subgeneric value, as indeed they were so considered by Schiner. The species are, like those of *Spilomyia*, strikingly similar or identical with the European ones.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

1.—Abdomen with three or four yellow pollinose crossbands of nearly equal width	<b>bombylans</b>
Abdomen broadly oval, with more than four cross-bands, of unequal width	<b>2</b>
2.—The thorax has, in addition to the other spots, two separated ones on each side on the suture	<b>5</b>
The thorax has, in addition to the other spots, only one, elongate spot on each side	<b>3</b>
3.—Femora mostly yellow; the distal part of the abdomen with broad yellow crossbands leaving but very narrow black crossbands	<b>4</b>
All, or at least the front, femora broadly black; the black interrupted crossbands of distal portion of abdomen broader	<b>aequale</b>
4.—Scutellum, except the base, densely yellow pollinose	<b>pictulum</b>
Scutellum, except the base, shining metallic	<b>excentricum</b>
5.—Second segment of abdomen with a broad anterior cross-band, distal segments with three transverse black spots	<b>alternans</b>
Second segment without anterior cross-band, distal segments with a broad interrupted black cross-band; pile of scutellum black	<b>venustum</b>

**Temnostoma bombylans.** (Plate XII, fig. 6.)

*Milesia bombylans* Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 189, 8; Panzer, Fauna, viii, 11; Meigen, Syst. Besch., iii, 233, 6; Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt. 1, 534, 6.

*Milesia Zetterstedtii* Fallen, Syrph., 8, 1.

*Temnostoma bombylans* St. Fargeau and Serville, Encycl. Meth., x, 518

*Doros Balyras* Walker, List, etc., iii, 577.

*Spilomyia bombylans* Schiner, Fauna Austr., i, 365.

*Temnostoma obscura* Loew, Centur., v, 35.

*Temnostoma Balyras* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 138, 253.

*Habitat.*—New York, Connecticut, White Mountains, Pennsylvania!

♂, ♀ Length, 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Face black, shining, covered with dense yellow pollen on the sides; cheeks bare and shining black. Frontal triangle black, clothed with yellow pollen, except above the antennæ. Eyes in the male narrowly separated. Front in female lightly pollinose on the sides. Face of male usually with a slight convexity in the middle, sometimes, however, quite straight or even gently concave throughout, as in the female. Antennæ varying from light yellow to quite brownish. Thorax nearly opaque black; humeri, the suture on each side, a small spot above the wings, and a vittula in the mesopleuræ, thickly yellow pollinose. Abdomen black, but little shining, of nearly equal width throughout, a little oval in the female; the second, third, and fourth segments (in the female the fifth also) with a complete yellow band, moderately arcuated, the convexity approaching the front margin of the segments; all of the bands margined with opaque black.



Hypopygium shining black. Front legs black, immediate base of femora, knees, and base of tibiæ, yellow; middle and hind femora black except base and tip; hind tibiæ usually with a broad blackish preapical ring; tip of middle and hind tarsi frequently blackish. Wings hyaline in front, towards the base more reddish, beyond brown.

Twenty-five specimens, mostly caught about blossoms of *Cornus paniculata* in the latter part of June. New York (Professor Comstock), Pennsylvania (Keen).

In his description of *T. obscura*, Loew says: "A *T. bombylanti*, cui simillima, facci tuberculo minuto quidem, sed manifesto differt." But, unfortunately, although the facial tubercle or convexity is not inconspicuous in some specimens, in others it is absolutely wanting. From this fact, and because they agree throughout with the descriptions of the European specimens, I must agree with Jaenicke (Neue Exot. Dipt., p. 4) in considering the species the same.

**Temnostoma pictulum.**

*Habitat.*—Pennsylvania!

♀ Length, 12 to 14<sup>mm</sup>. Head black; face and front thickly clothed with golden-yellow pollen, a median stripe reaching from the vertex over the base of the antennæ to the oral margin, and the cheeks, bare, shining. Antennæ wholly light yellow. Thorax black, with bright golden pollinose markings as follows: A spot on the humeri, an interrupted band on the suture, a large oval spot in front of the post-alar callus, two spots of about the same size as the last in front of the scutellum, nearly confluent, the scutellum, except the base, a spot on the meso-pleuræ and one on the sterno-pleuræ. Abdomen golden-yellow opaque; first segment, the anterior margin of the second, and the very slender front margins of the third and fourth, a cross-band on the middle of second segment, not reaching the margins, similar, but successively narrower ones (almost linear on the last), on the following segments, black. Legs yellow; front tibiæ, except the base, and front tarsi, deep black. Wings brown along the front border, sub-hyaline behind.

Two specimens, Pennsylvania (Mr. Eugene L. Keen). Is most nearly allied to *T. excentricum*, but the scutellum is golden pollinose, not shining; the spots on the thorax are larger, and there are two separated spots in front of the scutellum instead of one triangular one; the median black bands of the abdominal segments are not distinctly interrupted in the middle, the front of the female is broader above and the insect is smaller.

**Temnostoma excentricum.**

*Milesia excentrica* Harris, Insects of New Eng., injur. to Veget.; Osten Sacken, *ibid*, 3rd ed., 609, fig. 267 (male).

*Temnostoma excentrica* Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 138, 253 (male).

*Habitat.*—Massachusetts, Tennessee!, Illinois (O. S.).

♀ Length, 6<sup>mm</sup>. Size and markings of head, thorax, and wings as in *T. aequale*, the legs "ochre-yellow, except the shanks and feet of the first pair, which are black" (Harris). Abdomen mostly yellow, first segment black, an anterior fascia and a middle one moderately broad on second, a very narrow interrupted black fascia on third, fourth, and fifth, and the hind margins of all the segments black. The narrow fasciæ might be better described as pairs of narrow transverse spots. The yellowish triangular spot in front of the scutellum is more conspicuous than in my specimens of *T. aequale*.

About the present species there has been some confusion, and I am not at all sure that I can definitely settle it. The three or four species are very closely allied, and only a considerable amount of material will enable one to determine with certainty their true relations. The differences only consist in the color of the femora, an additional spot on the thoracic suture, and the abdominal bands. The present species is apparently the same as the male that Osten Sacken described in Harris' Report (3rd ed., p. 609), the female of which he afterwards decided (Cat. Dipt., p. 253) does not belong with it, and which I have called *T. ventustum*. The chief evidence that I have, however, is a specimen without abdomen, kindly loaned me by Mr. S. Henshaw, of the Boston Society of Natural History, bearing the label "179—T. W. H.," and which, most probably, was a specimen used by Harris when he made the brief description. This specimen has the single elongate sutural spot on each side, so that it cannot be *T. alternans*; the legs are, however, as he described them—that is, yellow, except the front tibiæ and tarsi, while *aequale*, according to Osten Sacken's and my own observations, always has the femora more or less black. A single specimen that I have from Tennessee agrees both with this and the males Osten Sacken described, the abdomen being as I have described it above. Hence I think that the conclusion here given is the correct one; at least we have no evidence to gainsay it. That it is nothing more than a variety of *aequale* I am not prepared to say; in such case this name will have precedence.

**Temnostoma alternans.** (Plate, XII, figs. 7, 7a.)

*Temnostoma alternans* Loew, Centur., v, 37.

*Habitat.*—Canada, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts!.

♀, ♀. Length, 12 to 15<sup>mm</sup>. Head thickly golden yellow pollinose; the vertex, a median frontal and facial stripe, and the cheeks shining black; pile of the vertex black. Antennæ reddish or yellow. Face gently concave in the middle. Thorax brownish black, a little shining; the humeri, a rounded spot at outer end of suture, and a smaller one toward the middle, a vittula running from the post-alar callus to near the suture, a triangular spot in front of the scutellum, and a large elongate spot on the meso-pleuræ, bright yellow, the color due to pollen, which in rubbed

specimens not infrequently is greyish, or even obsolete. A square spot at the inner side of the humeri deep opaque black; in the middle of the dorsum in front, a broad, faintly grayish, pollinose stripe. Scutellum opaque at its base, broadly metallic shining green on its border; pile blackish. Abdomen oval, golden yellow and black, opaque; first segment black; second segment black with two yellow cross-bands, connected on the lateral margins, the first narrowly, the second very broadly interrupted; third segment with a median black cross-band, dilated in the middle diamond shaped, sometimes cut off from an oval spot on the sides, the first band interrupted by a linear space; fourth and fifth segments with three small black spots each, the middle one larger, on the fourth segment sometimes coalescent; margins of the segments narrowly black. Legs reddish yellow; front tibiæ (except the base) and their tarsi deep black; front femora at their base, and sometimes the other pairs below near the base, more or less black. Wings brownish in front, nearly hyaline behind, the third vein beyond the cross vein broadly hyaline along its sides.

Eight specimens. One specimen from Pennsylvania (Keen) has the first yellow cross-band of the abdomen more broadly interrupted than the second, the yellow each side not reaching a third of the way across; the base of all the femora are also more blackish.

**Temnostoma venustum**, n. sp.

*Temnostoma excentrica* Osten Sacken, Harris' Ins. Inj. to Vegetation, 3d. ed., p. 610; Cat. Dipt., p. 253, note (female).

*Habitat*.—Massachusetts, Lake Superior (U. S.), New Hampshire.

♀ Length, 15<sup>mm</sup>. Very closely allied to *T. aequale*, but differs in having two yellow spots on the suture (like *T. alternans*) on each side. The pile of the scutellum is black, the second abdominal segment lacks the anterior cross-band, and the hind one is confined to the sides, the lateral margins of the segment also being narrowly yellow; both cross-bands of the third segment are narrow, the anterior one of the fourth segment also. The remaining ones are broader, and the black is interrupted in the middle of the fourth and fifth. In my single specimen the two hind femora are brown, the front one black, except the tip.

One specimen, White Mountains, New Hampshire (S. Henshaw).

**Temnostoma aequale**.

*Temnostoma aequalis* Loew, Centur., v, 36.

*Habitat*.—British North America (Lw.), New England, Colorado!

♂, ♀ 14<sup>mm</sup>. Head yellowish-white pollinose, vertex, median frontal and facial stripe and cheeks shining black, vertical triangle black, below pollinose. Antennæ reddish or brownish. Thorax black, but little shining, in front in the middle a little grayish; humeri, the sutures, supra-alar vittula, and an elongate spot on meso-pleura, yellowish gray. Scutellum metallic shining, its base narrowly opaque; pile yellowish. Abdomen black, moderately shining, the segments, except the first,

each with two yellowish white cross-bands; on the second segment, the first is broad, nearly entire, the second narrow, sometimes confined to the sides of the hind border; third segment with both entire, the hind one the narrower; fourth and fifth segments similar, both of nearly equal width and connected in the middle; hypopygium pitehy. Front legs black, the knees luteous, sometimes the outer part of femora also; middle and hind femora usually blackish, except the ends, sometimes only brownish on the base; middle and hind tibiæ and tarsi reddish yellow, the last joint of tarsi darker. Wings brownish in front, hyaline behind.

Ten specimens, Dr. Dimmock (July 25, White Mountains), E. Burgess, Professor Riley (Vetâ Pass, Colo.).

## MILESIA.

*Milesia* Latreille, Hist. Nat. Crust. Ins., xiv, 361 (1804), Fabricius.

*Sphixea* Rondani, Dipt. Ital. Prodr., ii, 185.

Very large, robust, nearly naked species, black or yellowish brown, with yellow thoracic and abdominal markings. Head hemispherical, broader than thorax. Antennæ not long, porrect, inserted on a projection of the front, third joint rounded; arista bare. Face concave in profile, shorter than the front, moderately projecting below. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male. Thorax large and robust, with yellow markings; scutellum in large part yellow. Abdomen more than twice as long as thorax, only a little broader in the middle, flattened, with yellow bands. Legs strong, hind femora elongate, below near outer end with a tooth-like projection. Wings comparatively narrow, marginal cell closed, third vein somewhat bent into first posterior cell; anterior cross-vein beyond the middle of the discal cell, very oblique, the sixth vein beyond the anal cell bent S-like. Type, *M. crabroniformis* Fab., Europe.

The genus *Milesia*, as employed by Latreille, included a large number of heterogeneous forms. St. Fargeau and Serville, in 1825, restricted the genus to include only our present species of *Milesia* and *Spilomyia*, in the sense here used; for the species with unarmed femora and open marginal cell they proposed the name *Temnostoma*. In 1803, a year before the origin of *Milesia*, Meigen had proposed *Spilomyia*, based upon species with armed hind femora and open marginal cell. In 1838, however, he rejected both *Spilomyia* and *Temnostoma*, and included all their species, together with the species with closed marginal cell and toothed femora, under *Milesia*.

Later, Rondani, overlooking the name proposed by Meigen, based *Milesia* upon the very species to which *Spilomyia* had been previously given, and the species with the closed marginal cell he called *Sphixea*, while for the species previously separated by St. Fargeau and Serville as *Temnostoma* he gave the name *Calliprobola*. It may be a question

with some whether or not such a division of the heterogeneous genus of Latreille's should not be accepted. But I agree fully with Schiner, who protests against the use of a new name when an older one stands perfectly at our disposal. It is true that none of the species now included in the genus *Milesia* were known to Latreille at the time his genus was named. Fabricius, a year later, changed the name of *Syrphus crabroniformis* Fab. (Entom. Syst., iv, 299) to *Milesia*, and the name was adopted by Latreille in his later work (Gen. Crust., iv, 332). According to the strict canons of modern nomenclature a genus cannot be based upon a species unknown to its author at the time of its erection, but *Milesia* of Latreille can hardly be said to have had any type, and if the name is retained at all it should be given to those species that were first restricted by any author. This was done by St. Fargean and Serville, they restricting it to four species, two of which had been previously included under *Spilomyia* by Meigen. It seems quite useless and very confusing to retain the name of *Sphixea*, as is done by Bigot.

“Southeastern Asia, and especially the East Indian Archipelago, seems to be the real home of this handsome genus. Thirteen species from the Archipelago have already been described. To these I now add three from the Philippine Islands. One more is known from Japan. From the other parts of the world I know of only two European species, and one North American; a second North American species may be merely a variety. Whether there are some true *Milesiæ* among the South American species referred by authors to that genus I am unable to tell. By all means there are not many.” Osten Sacken, Diptera from the Philippine Islands, Berl. Ent. Zeitschr., xxvi, 121.

***Milesia ornata.*** (Plate XII, figs. 2, 2a, 2b, 2c.)

*Musca virginiensis* Drury, Illustr. Exot. Entom., Appendix II; tab. xxxvii, f. 6, 1773.

*Milesia ornata* Fabricius, System. Antl., 188, 5, 1805; Wiedemann, Aus. Zw., ii, 106, 4; Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 81, 4; tab. 15, f. 4.

*Syrphus trifasciatus* Haasmann, Ent. Bemerk., ii, 67, 10; 1799.

*Milesia limbipennis* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 4<sup>o</sup>; Suppl., 147, 8; tab. xiv, f. 3.

*Milesia virginiensis* Westwood, Drury's Exot. Entom., 2d ed., vol. ii, 77, 1837.

*Sphixea fulvifrons* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 341.

**Habitat.**—New England, Illinois, Maryland!, Florida, Texas, Kansas, Guadeloupe (Macq.).

♂ ♀ Length, 18 to 21<sup>mm</sup>. Face light yellow, thickly covered with similar pollen and pile, shining in the middle, gently concave; cheeks narrow, shining in front, near the orbits with a black spot; antennæ situated below the middle of the head in profile. Frontal triangle in male like the face, vertical triangle black, yellow before the ocelli, long, acute, the eyes contiguous for a short distance near the middle of the space between vertex and base of antennæ. Front in female convergent toward the vertex, yellow, with a black stripe reaching from vertex to base of antennæ. Antennæ light ferruginous. Eyes bare, occiput

black, yellow near the mouth, posterior orbits broadly yellow pollinose. Thorax black, but little shining, with a slight greenish reflection, with three broad yellow fasciæ, the first broad, extending across on the anterior margin, sharply interrupted in the middle, the inner hind angles sometimes extending back quite to the next fasciæ, second band extending across from in front of the root of the wings, interrupted like the preceding; third band on the posterior margin, in front of the scutellum, uninterrupted; scutellum black, broadly yellow on its margin. Pleuræ yellow on the anterior border from the humeri to the base of the anterior coxæ, meso-pleuræ with a vertical and sterno-pleuræ with an oval, nearly contiguous, spot. Abdomen: First segment black; second segment with a broad yellow cross-band, narrowly interrupted and narrowly separated from a reddish-yellow, shining, entire cross-band, which is sinuate on its anterior border, with an angular projection in the middle; third and fourth segments similar; in the third the hind cross-band is broadest in the middle, narrowed at the sides; in the fourth the posterior cross-band forms the larger part of the segment, dilated in front at the middle more sharply than in the preceding; narrow margins of all the segments, except the posterior border of the fourth, black; pile chiefly orange colored, lighter on the yellow bands. Legs yellow, with yellow pile; tarsi and outer part of hind femora more reddish, and the pile intermixed with black. Wings nearly hyaline, especially in the first basal cell, somewhat yellowish or brownish in front, and slightly clouded near the tip.

Eight specimens (Dr. G. Dummer, Mr. S. Henshaw, Mr. E. Keen).

*M. limbipennis* Macquart, as figured by Macquart, shows very great differences, in that the marginal cell is open and the third vein nearly straight. Osten Sacken, however, from an examination of the type specimen in Mr. Bigot's collection, believed it to be nothing more than a variety with dark wings. A single specimen from North Carolina (F. P. Atkinson) has the wings very dark brown, almost blackish, in front, the scutellum wholly yellow and the yellow bands of the abdomen separated only by slender black lines.

## SPHECOMYIA.\*

*Sphecomyia* Latreille, Fam. Natur. du Regne Animal, 1825; Dict. Classique d'Hist. Nat., xv, 545, 1829.

*Tyzenhausia* Gorski, Analec. ad Ent. prov. occid. imperii Rossici, 1852, fasc. i, p. 170.

Moderately large species with light yellow markings on head, thorax, and abdomen; the latter with a median and posterior band on segments 2-4. Front very short, horizontal, concave longitudinally. Eyes bare, narrowly separated in the male by the ocellar tubercle. Antennal process moderately prominent. Antennæ longer or shorter than the head. Face perpendicular, obtusely tuberculate, reaching two-thirds of the

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\* Sphex; *μυια*, fly.

vertical diameter of the eyes below the orbit, truncate at tip. Abdomen cylindrical. Legs simple. Wings: Marginal cell wide open, third longitudinal vein gently sinuate, small cross-vein oblique, joining the fourth longitudinal vein near outer third of discal cell, last section of fourth vein lightly curved, joining the third near the tip. Type of genus *S. vittata* Wied.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

1.—Antennæ very long, the third joint very short	<i>vittata</i>
Antennæ shorter than the head, first two joints very short, the third transversely elliptical	2
2.—Yellow cross-bands of abdomen very broad	<i>brevicornis</i>
Yellow abdominal cross-bands narrow	<i>Pattoni</i>

***Sphecomyia vittata*.**

*Chrysotoxum vittatum* Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., ii, 87.

*Psarus ornatus* Wiedemann, *ibid.*, 91, 1; tab. ix, fig. 7; Macquart Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 491.

*Sphecomyia vittata* Macquart, Dipt., Exot., ii, 2, 18, 1; tab. iii, fig. 3, *id.* Regne Animal, Cuv. xiv: Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 254; V. v. Röder, Ent. Nachricht, 1879, 96.

*Tyzenhausia respiformis* Gorski, Analecta ad Entomographium provinciarum occidentalis imperii Rossici, 1852, fasc. i, p. 170-174; tab. 1, fig. 1 (male). (V. v. Röder, l. e.)

*Sphecomyia respiformis* Wahlberg, Vetensk. Acad. Forhandl., 1854, p. 155; Zetterstedt, Dipt. Scand., xii, 4647; Schiner, Fauna Austr., i, 368.

*Habitat*.—New England, Southern States, Minnesota! Colorado, Norway, Siberia.

♂. ♀. Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Black and yellow varied. Front of female black, yellow on the sides below; frontal triangle shining black, except on the sides, continued over the frontal process, and as a conspicuous stripe to the oral margin. Face, light yellow, opaque; cheeks with a broad shining black stripe. Antennæ black, much longer than the head, with short black pile; first and second joints of nearly equal length, third very short, rounded on its end; posterior orbit broadly light yellow, narrower above, and with a fringe of bright yellow pile below; occiput black. Thorax black, nearly opaque, with rather sparse yellowish pile, and yellow spots as follows: a rounded one on each humerus, and two dorsal stripes, abbreviated in front and behind and broadly interrupted in the middle, forming two pairs of elongated spots; a spot on the meso-pleuræ, and one on the sterno-pleuræ, nearly confluent, forming an oval vertical stripe. Scutellum yellow, the rim narrowly black and with black pile. Abdomen shining black, with bright yellow opaque bands; first, second, third, and fourth segments with posterior entire bands; second opaque, with an areolate band, interrupted and attenuate toward the middle, the outer ends united with the yellow of the posterior margin; third and fourth segments with bands near the middle of the segments, interrupted by a linear space or entire, and expanded at the lateral margins. Legs reddish yellow, coxæ black, the

hind ones with a yellow spot, the base of front and middle femora blackish, of the hind femora brownish (in my single female wholly reddish yellow). Wings brownish, lighter towards the posterior part; a dark narrow spot extends from near the tip of auxiliary vein to the base of third posterior cell.

Seven specimens, Connecticut, June, and one from Minnesota (Keen).

***Sphecomyia brevicornis*.**

*Sphecomyia brevicornis* Osten Sacken, Western Dipt., 341.

*Habitat*.—Webber Lake, Sierra County, California (O. S.).

“♂ Antennæ black, about half as long as the eye from its upper to its lower corner; they are inserted on a conical, black projection of the front; joints nearly of the same length, the first cylindrical, the second subtriangular, the third rounded, somewhat brownish; arista yellowish. Face and front golden yellow, the former with a black stripe reaching from the antennæ to the mouth; cheeks black; vertex black; posterior orbits golden yellow. Thorax black; humeri, two dorsal lines, interrupted in the middle and not reaching the scutellum, a large spot on the pleuræ and a smaller one under it yellow; scutellum yellow, its posterior edge black, beset with brownish pile; halteres with yellowish knobs. Abdomen yellow; first segment black at base; the second segment has two narrow black cross-bands, the one at the base, the other about the middle; the second does not reach the lateral margins; they are connected in the middle by a black line; the third segment has a narrow black border anteriorly, a small, black, diamond-shaped spot in the middle, and two black streaks on each side between this spot and the lateral margin; the black anterior margin of the fourth segment is entirely concealed under the preceding segment, but a diamond-shaped black spot in the middle and black streaks on the sides are similar to those of the preceding segment; hypopygium yellow. Femora black, except the tip, which is yellowish; the hind femora have the latter half brownish yellow; tibiæ and tarsi brownish yellow; the last two joints of the tarsi black; the end of the third joint brown. Wings tinged with brownish, somewhat yellowish at the base and along the anterior margin; a brownish cloud on the cross-veins. Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>.”

“This species is very like the well-known *Sphecomyia vittata*, but is smaller, has the first two joints of the antennæ much shorter, and a somewhat different picture of the third and fourth abdominal segments.”

***Sphecomyia Pattoni*.** (Plate xii, fig. 8.)

*Sphecomyia Pattoni* Williston, Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., xx, 328.

*Calliprobola calorhina* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 353.

*Habitat*.—Washington Territory!

♂, ♀ Length, 13 to 14<sup>mm</sup>. Front a little longer and more inclined than in *S. vittata*, black in the female, with a rounded yellow spot each side, narrowly separated from the yellow of the face; frontal triangle in the male black in the middle, near the eyes yellow. Eyes of male very



narrowly separated. Antennæ reddish brown or blackish, about half as long as the horizontal diameter of the eye, first two joints short, third joint transversely oval, reddish or yellowish near the base below. Face considerably concave on the upper half in the male, less so in the female, with a not very prominent convexity below; light yellow, opaque, with a broad shining black stripe reaching from antennæ to the oral margin; cheeks broadly shining black. Pile of vertex black. Posterior orbits below yellow, with yellow pile, above very narrowly whitish. Thorax shining black, with blackish pile on the dorsum and scutellum; a spot on the humeri, an oval one on the mesopleuræ, and a round one on the sternopleuræ, yellow; scutellum black, yellow at the base. Abdomen black, with yellow bands and yellow pile; first, second, third, and fourth segments with rather narrow posterior margins; second segment with an arcuate band, attenuated towards the middle, broadly interrupted and separated from or narrowly connected with the yellow posterior border on the lateral margin; third and fourth segments with a median band, less broadly interrupted, expanded on the lateral margins to connect with the posterior cross-band; fifth segment in the female, with three small subcontiguous black spots; hypopygium black with yellow pollen. Front legs, except extreme tip of femora and base of tibiæ, black, the tarsi somewhat thickened; middle and hind legs yellowish red, blackish toward the base of femora, and the last two joints of the tarsi black. Wings a little brownish, especially along the veins, a brownish cloud at the origin of the third vein and the outer end of the second basal cell.

Two specimens.

## CERIA.\*

*Ceria* Fabricius, Ent. Syst., 277, 1794.

*Sphiximorpha* Rondani, Ann. Soc. Ent. de France, ii, 8, 213.

Of medium to large size species, slender, nearly bare, black or dark ferruginous, with yellow bands and spots. Head somewhat flattened, a little broader than the thorax. Antennæ usually inserted upon a long slender process, but the process sometimes short, or even wholly wanting. Antennæ much longer than the head, porrect; first joint long, slender; second and third joints somewhat shorter, of nearly equal length, together forming an elongate oval mass, with a short pointed terminal style. Face below the antennæ not, or only slightly, excavated in profile, vertical, much produced below the eyes, in outline obtuse. Eyes bare, contiguous in the male; vertex angular, projecting. Thorax rather long quadrangular, with yellow spots; scutellum semicircular, wholly, or in part, yellow. Abdomen elongated, cylindrical, more or less narrowed at the base, with yellow bands. Legs moderately strong, hind femora somewhat elongated, tibiæ somewhat thickened toward the end.

\* *Κηρία*, a girth.

Marginal cell of the wings open, third longitudinal vein angulated and with a stump of a vein projecting into the first posterior cell; anterior cross vein beyond the middle of the discal cell, oblique. Tegulae large. Type of genus, *C. conopsoideus* Linné.

## TABLE OF SPECIES.

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| 1.—Antennal process of front not more than half as long as the first joint of antennæ; third longitudinal vein angulated, but scarcely bent into the first posterior cell   | <b>2</b>          |
| Antennal process slender, longer than first joint of antennæ; third vein bent deeply into first posterior cell  | <b>3</b>          |
| 2.—Antennal process almost wholly wanting, first joint of antennæ very slender, nearly as long as the two following together; face vertical, not at all excavated in profile; second segment of the abdomen much constricted, third and fourth segments each with two arcuated spots                      | <b>signifera</b>  |
| Antennal process about one-half as long as first joint of antennæ, the latter slender, about three-fourths as long as last two together; abdomen without the side spots on third and fourth segments, the second segment less constricted; wings similar to preceding; the general color more ferruginous | <b>Loewii</b>     |
| 3.—Second, third, and fourth segments of abdomen each with two yellow spots, in addition to the bands of the hind margins   | <b>pictula</b>    |
| Second, third, and fourth segments without such spots   | <b>4</b>          |
| 4.—Second segment of abdomen much shorter than the third  | <b>abbreviata</b> |
| Second segment of abdomen nearly as long as the third   | <b>tridens</b>    |

*Ceria Loewii*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Arizona!

♂ Length, 16<sup>mm</sup>. Face sulphur yellow; from the antennal protuberance a moderately broad ferruginous stripe, white dusted along the middle, where it is the broadest, runs to the oral margin. Cheeks broadly dark ferruginous. From the base of the antennal process a small, indistinct projection, on each side, is directed outwards and downwards. Antennal process short, but little more than one-half as long as the first joint of the antennæ; the latter slender, about three-fourths as long as the two following together; second joint a little shorter than the third, style slender; the color is dark ferruginous. Vertex reddish yellow. Dorsum of thorax brownish black; red on the sides and on the meso and ptero pleuræ; humeri and scutellum yellow. Abdomen: first segment, reddish brown; second segment, rather slender, somewhat longer than the third, with a spot on each side, nearly contiguous, and narrow posterior margin, yellow, elsewhere reddish-brownish black; third and fourth with broader yellow hind margins. Legs reddish yellow. Wings brown on the anterior portion; third longitudinal vein slightly angulated and with a stump of a vein; first posterior cell closed in the border of wing.

Two specimens (H. K. Morrison). This fine, large species I dedicate to the memory of Dr. Loew, to whom the science of American dipterology owes so much.

**Ceria abbreviata.**

*Ceria abbreviata* Loew, Centur., v. 48: x, 57, note.

*Habitat.*—New England, Virginia, Florida!

♂, ♀. Length, 10 to 11<sup>mm</sup>. Black. Face light yellow with a median black stripe, quite narrow in the male, broader in the female, running from the antennal process to the oral margin; cheeks broadly shining black. Frontal triangle in male yellow, narrowly divided by black in the middle, and separated from the yellow of the face by a black stripe, running from the base of the antennal process to the eyes. Eyes in male touch each other very slightly. Front in female black, with four small rounded spots, two of which are just above the base of the frontal process (sometimes obsolete), and one on each side near the orbit. Antennal process slender, nearly as long as the first two joints of the antennæ together, yellowish towards the base, more brownish on the outer part; first antennal joint but little longer than the second, reddish on basal half, blackish on distal half; second joint black, yellowish at tip; third joint black, scarcely longer than the second; style short. Vertex light yellow, swollen, occiput and orbits on the sides black. Thorax black; humeri, a small spot on side of dorsum, sometimes a vittula above the root of wings, a large vertical meso-pleural, and a smaller, nearly contiguous sterno-pleural spot, and narrow border of scutellum, yellow. Abdomen black; third segment nearly equal in length to the first two; first segment on the sides broadly, second segment with a broad posterior band; third and fourth with narrow posterior bands, yellow. Legs in male chiefly black; base and tip of front femora; base and apical third of middle and hind femora, middle tibiæ and basal half of front and hind tibiæ, and tarsi except the terminal joints, yellowish red; in the female the legs are chiefly reddish, the base of femora, tip of tibiæ, and tip of tarsi, more or less brownish. Wings brown on anterior half, nearly hyaline behind, the costal cell. The brown follows the spurious vein to the small cross-vein and then clouds the posterior border of the third vein to its tip. Third vein strongly angulated and with a stump of a vein.

Three specimens, New Haven, Conn., and one from Virginia (Mr. Theo. Pergande).

**Ceria pictula.**

*Ceria pictula* Loew, Neue Beiträge. etc., i, 17.

*Habitat.*—Southern States (Loew).

♂, ♀. Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. Head as in *abbreviata*; the thorax may show an additionally yellow spot on the suture; the abdomen, in addition to the posterior yellow margins, has on the second, third, and fourth segments each two yellow spots; the second segment is longer as in *tridens*; wings and legs similar, or somewhat darker.

The present species has not been recognized since its description in 1853. The description by Loew is as follows: "Ganz von Körperbaue der *Ceria conopsoides* und *respiiformis*, doch noch kleiner als letztere,

Auch in der Farbeneinvertheilung ähnelt sie diesen Arten, namentlich der *Ceria conopsoides*, nur dass sie auf dem Thorax und Hinterleibe gelbe Flecken hat, welche jener fehlen. Die Färbung des Kopfs wie bei *C. conopsoides*. Auf dem Thorax findet sich auf der Naht noch zwei gelbe Flecke, welche *C. conopsoides* fehlen; die Spur von zwei andern gelben Flecken findet sich an der Mitte des Vorderrandes. Der Hinterleib hat vom 2ten Ringe an ausser dem gelben Hinterrandssaume je zwei gelbe Flecken. Färbung der Beine noch etwas dunkler, als sie sich gewöhnlich bei *C. conopsoides* findet. Flügelgeäder wie bei *C. conopsoides* und *vespiformis*; die Färbung derselben überall dunkler als bei diesen Arten."

***Ceria signifera*.**

*Ceria signifera* Loew, Neue Beitr., i, 18.

*Habitat*.—Mexico (Lw.), Texas, Florida!

♂ Length, 14<sup>mm</sup>. Face perpendicular, not at all excavated in outline, yellow with a large yellow sagittate spot in the middle extending narrowly to the oral margin and more narrowly above to the black that surrounds the antennæ, the base of which is yellow, in its middle with a narrow yellow stripe or spot; on either side of the base of the antennæ the black extends out narrowly to the orbit; frontal triangle yellow along the eyes and separated from the yellow of the face by the lateral black projections; cheeks broadly black, with a yellow stripe reaching from the orbit. Frontal process almost wholly obsolete; the immediate ground upon which the antennæ are inserted is yellow; first joint long and slender, a little shorter than the following two together, brownish yellow, darker toward the end, second joint shorter than the third, black, reddish at the tip, third joint black. Occiput black, the orbit dusted with white on the sides, vertex wholly yellow, extending broadly outwards. Thorax black; humeri, a spot on the sides at base of suture, a distinct lateral supra-alar vittula, an elongate meso-pleural, and a sterno-pleural spot immediately below, and nearly all the scutellum, yellow. Abdomen much contracted at base of second segment, black; second, third, and fourth segments with equal yellow fasciæ on the posterior margins; second segment yellow on the sides at the base, with an oval reddish spot on the sides above, toward the base; second segment near the base with an interrupted fascia; third and fourth segments with a U-shaped spot on each side, the convexity behind. Legs wholly yellow. Wings brown in front, more yellowish toward the base; third vein only a little angulated, not bent into the first posterior cell.

♀ Front black, at the base of the antennæ, a spot on each side of the base of the antennæ near the eye, an arcuated transverse, abbreviated band above the base, and the vertex, yellow.

One male specimen from Professor Riley's collection (Florida), and three females in the Loew type collection from Texas (Boll), bearing the label "signifera?" in Loew's writing. I find discrepancies in the original description which make me doubt that this determination is the correct one.

**Ceria tridens.**

*Ceria tridens* Loew, Centur., x, 57.

*Habitat.*—California, Washington Territory!

♂, ♀ Length, 11 to 12<sup>mm</sup>. Closely related to *abbreviata*; black, sub-opaque; face yellow, with a median black stripe, sometimes quite broadly oval, at other times narrow, extending from the base of the antennal process to the mouth; on either side of the base of the antennal process and connected with the facial stripe an oblique stripe runs outward towards the orbit, sometimes reaching it in an attenuated point; cheeks broadly black, sometimes with a slender yellow line; frontal triangle yellow along the border of the eyes, separated in the middle by black; in the female the yellow may extend across the front, just above the antennal process, elsewhere black, the vertex with a yellow oval spot on each side in both sexes, touching the corner of the eye. Antennæ black, joints of nearly equal length; process elongate, about as long as last two joints together; reddish toward the base. Thorax black; humeri, a spot near the outer end of suture, usually a vittula above root of wings, a large oval spot on the meso-pleuræ, a smaller one on the sterno-pleuræ, and a still smaller one on the ptero-pleuræ, all nearly contiguous, and the scutellum in large part, yellow. Abdomen cylindrical, black, finely scrobiculate, the sides of the first segment and the posterior borders of the remainder yellow, the second and third of nearly equal width, broader on the sides, the fourth very broad in the middle, attenuate on the sides, and sometimes with a conspicuous lunate spot on each side of yellowish pollen, hypopygium wholly black. Legs, male: Front and middle femora black, except the base and tip; hind femora black on outer half; all the tibiæ with a brownish ring before tip; intermediate joints of all the tarsi brown, last two of hind tarsi black; legs elsewhere yellow. Female: Yellow, the front femora with a dorsal black streak, the tarsi more ochraceous. Wings brown in front, hyaline behind.

Four specimens. The third abdominal segment in this species is scarcely longer than the second.

**Ceria nigripennis, n. sp.**

*Habitat.*—Mexico!

♀ Length, 15 to 16<sup>mm</sup>. Deep black. Face with two large elongate triangular yellow spots with the apex below; on either side of the base of the antennal process near the eye a small yellowish spot. Antennal process a little longer than the first joint of the antennæ. Humeri, the scutellum wholly, a large spot on the meso-pleuræ, a smaller one behind it and nearly contiguous, and a spot on each side of the metanotum, light yellow. Abdomen only lightly constricted at base of second segment; a spot on each side of the base of second segment, the posterior margin of the same segment narrowly, and of the third segment still more narrowly yellow. Legs wholly black. Wings deep blackish

brown, a large triangular space on the outer posterior part, nearly hyaline.

One specimen, in the Osten Sacken collection at Cambridge.

*Ceria superba*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Mexico!

♂ Length, 19<sup>mm</sup>. Red. Face red, with four rather narrow, not conspicuous yellow stripes running to the oral margin; on the lower part sub-tuberculate; on each side of the base of the antennal process with a small black spot. Antennal process slender, as long as the two outer joints of the antennæ together. Vertex only moderately swollen. Dorsum of thorax deep red; in front near the middle with the beginning of two yellowish dusted stripes; the humeri, a spot at outer end of the suture, two small spots in front of the scutellum, and a slender supra-alar vittula, yellow; contiguous with each supra-alar vittula on the inner side there is a black abbreviated stripe; scutellum yellow, across the disk slenderly black; an elongated yellow meso-pleural spot bordered with blackish, a spot above the middle coxæ, and a large one on each side of the mesonotum likewise yellow. Abdomen red, brownish toward the end, much constricted at base of second segment; base of second segment and its posterior margin yellow. Legs red; the hind femora blackish above at base. Wings hyaline, reddish along the front margin.

One specimen in the Osten Sacken collection at Cambridge.

*Ceria pedicellata*, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Mexico!

♂ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Antennal peduncle short, not a third the length of the first joint. Black; antennæ reddish-black, the larger part of the first joint red; first joint very slender, a little longer than the following joint, the third joint about half the length of the second. Face lightly pollinose in the middle and on the sides; vertex, frontal orbits, a small orbital spot on the upper part of the face, and a pair of facial stripes, convergent and narrower below, yellow. Dorsum of thorax scrobiculate; humeri, a small spot on outer end of suture and narrow base and margin of scutellum, yellow; pleuræ wholly black. Abdomen black; base of second segment on the sides, and posterior margin, and the posterior margins of the two following segments more narrowly, yellow; fourth segment with a pair of pollinose arcuate lines; second segment slender, cylindrical, and elongate. Legs reddish-brown, the hind femora, except the base, black, and the front legs more blackish; base of all the tibiæ yellow; hind and middle tarsi brownish-red. Wings brown in front, subhyaline behind.

One specimen (National Museum, Professor Rileys' collection), Isthmus of Tehuantepec (Sumichrast). Is closed allied, apparently, to *C. arietis*, but differs in the face and pleuræ.

**Ceria scutellata**, n. sp.

*Habitat*.—Mexico!

♀ Length, 9 to 10<sup>mm</sup>. Dark reddish black. Peduncle of antennæ short, scarcely a third the length of the first joint; second joint not much longer than the third. Antennæ and peduncle brownish red. Vertex, small orbital spots nearly opposite base of antennæ, and on the sides of the face, a pair of stripes beginning a little below the base of the antennæ and somewhat converging to the oral margin, and two on the cheeks, yellow. Dorsum of thorax black; a small spot on the humeri, a smaller one on the outer end of suture, a slender intra-alar vittula, reaching nearly to the suture, a large trapezoidal spot in front of the scutellum, and the scutellum wholly, yellow. Pleuræ dark red, a median vertical vittula, and a spot on sides of metanotum, yellow. Base of second segment of the abdomen, and its posterior margin, and that of the next segment, yellow; second segment very narrow near the base, but broad behind. Legs dark brownish red. Wings brown in front, nearly hyaline behind.

One specimen, Isthmus of Tehuantepec (National Museum, Professor Riley's collection).

#### ADDITIONAL NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES.

**Ceria nigra**.—Mexico.

*Sphyximorpha nigra* Bigot, Annales Soc. Ent. de Fr., 1883, 317.

**Ceria rufibasis**.—Mexico.

*Sphyximorpha rufibasis* Bigot, *ibid.*, 318.

**Ceria arietis** Loew, Neue Beitr., i, 17.—Mexico.

**Ceria Daphnæus** Walker, List, etc., iii, 537; Westwood, Trans. Ent. Soc., v, 231, pl. xxxiii, fig. 7; Loew, Neue Beitr., i, 18.—Jamaica.

**Ceria cacica** Walker, Trans. Ent. Soc. N. S., v, 287.—Mexico.

**Ceria tricolor** Loew, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., v, 37.—Cuba.





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### HABITS OF THE SYRPHIDÆ.

In their adult habits the *Syrphidæ* all show a great uniformity. They are flower-flies, and feed upon honey and pollen. They are observed on blossoms of sweet-smelling, melliferous plants, such as the hymenoptera prefer; and patches in bloom of blackberry (*Rubus*), wild cherry (*Prunus*), dogwood (*Cornus*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium*), and elderberry will always be sure to reward the patience of the collector. Some species, as those of *Syritta*, *Sphærophoria*, *Mesograpta*, etc., will be seen wherever there are blossoms. Species of the last, especially, are very abundant about corn-fields when the plants are in blossom, and will frequently alight upon one's hands; these "sweat-flies" are feared by not a few persons, under the belief that they will "sting." All are sunshine-loving, and will rarely be found except in the middle of bright unclouded days. To collect most of the *Syrphini*, *Eristalini*, and following species, one should seek some patch of honey-bearing flowers, such as I have indicated, and patiently stand and watch for their appearance, moving only slowly about. The *Chilosini* will mostly be caught in beating, or in sunshiny, meadowy spots in the woods. Some species, as those of *Xylota*, are found among the foliage of bushes in blossom, and here and there appearing in sight, resting upon some leaf. Species of *Chrysogaster* will be found on flowers in damp places, and are easily captured, their flight being slow. Species of *Neoascia* will be readily overlooked unless especial attention is devoted to them. They live among low bushes and are not usually taken from flowers. Species of *Sphegina*, on the other hand, are found about flowers, especially in elevated regions. Specimens of *Baccha* will rarely be taken when at rest; like most of the slender species they are constantly on the wing, and only now and then rest very lightly upon some sunny leaf or blossom. Owing to their wide distribution a considerable number of species in any one locality will reward long-continued collecting. In a few days, in the first week in August, I obtained forty-seven near the base of Mount Washington, the majority of them from a single patch of elderberry blossoms not a rod in diameter, near the edge of the forest. The bright yellow markings of many lose their freshness after death, and the specimens should never be allowed to be moistened or wetted. The

most convenient collecting-bottle that I have used, consists of a plain, wide-mouthed, small bottle, lined throughout with blotting-paper, in the firm cork of which a small cavity is filled with blotting-paper wetted with a solution of cyanide of potash. For a collecting-net I would recommend coarse bobbinet lace, attached to a light wire ring eleven inches in diameter, with a light, rather short handle.

#### LARVÆ.

The earlier stages and metamorphoses of many of the European species of Syrphidæ are known, and very similar habits and structural peculiarities may be expected from the American species when they shall have been more studied in the larval and pupal conditions. Very few species hitherto have been observed in the United States, and they offer no novelties in the general known habits of the family. The larvæ live usually upon vegetable substances, though some are partly or wholly parasitic upon other insects, especially the Aphidæ, which they serve largely to keep in check. Some are aquatic, living in mud, outhouses, vegetable mold, breathing through the elongate stigmatic tube at the hind end of the body, which they protrude from the substances, when very moist, in which they live. Other species live under bark, on leaves, in the nests of bees, ants, etc.

The larvæ are usually not very elongate, with firm, sometimes tough skin, the head segments small and extensile. Like the other families of the Cyclorrhapha, the larvæ of Syrphidæ do not have a distinctly differentiated head. The external mouth-parts are either wholly wanting, with only a soft fleshy opening, or there are two or four outwardly directed hooklets. There are also short, small, one or two jointed fleshy antennæ. The body is smooth, or provided with soft, conical projections and bristles: below usually with seven pairs of abdominal feet. At the posterior end, the body terminates in a more or less elongate tube, single or double—the stigmata. This sometimes forms a short, almost chitinized, tubercular projection on the dorsal part of the last segment; at other times it is very long, longer than the body, slender, composed of two joints, the one sliding within the other, like the joints of a telescope. It is never divaricate, or forked at the tip, as in many of the other tailed larvæ in the allied families. In changing to the pupal condition the larval skin contracts, as in all of the Cyclorrhapha, to form the pupal envelope, and the body becomes shorter, more oval, and of a darker color, the elongated respiratory type, in the “rat-tailed” species, being curved over the back. At the expiration of the pupal period the anterior end of this envelope is pushed off by the inclosed insect and the perfect fly escapes, soft and moist, but in a very short time in the sunlight to acquire strength and firmness. Unlike all the other Cyclorrhapha, except the Pipunculidæ, however, the frontal lunule in this family does not subserve the usual purpose of springing off this trap or lid to the larva’s prison, for it is fused with the front and not inflatable.

This function is that of the inflatable face, and hence it is, this part of the Syrphid anatomy is one of the very best for the furnishing of structural characters in the adult fly.

So far, the larvæ have furnished evidence of only two principal groups in the family. In the one (*Eristalinæ*) the larvæ have no mouth-hooklets, and in general only rudimentary mouth-parts (*Eristalis*, *Mallota*, *Volucella*, *Helophilus*, *Pocota*, *Xylota*, *Orthoneura*); in the other the larvæ are provided with well developed mouth-hooklets (*Syrphus*, *Chilosia*, *Doros*, *Baccha*, *Merodon*, and others). This division coincides fairly well with that based upon adult characters, but a classification drawn from the earlier characters can rarely supersede that founded upon the mature ones, though it may materially modify it. Certainly *Orthoneura* cannot be placed among the *Eristalinæ*, or *Merodon* among the *Syrphinæ* without doing violence to most important and real relationships. Brauer thinks that the larvæ, when they are more studied, will furnish more natural groups in the Syrphidæ, but I do not agree with him, at least to any more than a limited extent. The perfect insect is the most complex, and must offer a greater number and more diverse characters than the simpler stages can present. The use which larval characters subserve the individual or species must first be ascertained before we can learn their true value. It is not at all probable that the possession of mouth-hooklets can materially modify the life-habits of a species when they are present or absent in such related forms as *Chilosia* and *Orthoneura*. To insist upon a classification based upon such characters, would be like insisting upon an equal valuation for the presence or absence of palpi, ocelli, etc. The presence or absence of mouth-hooklets cannot be used to divide the family into principal groups.

The principal genera in which the larval habits are known are the following:

*Baccha*, *Syrphus*, *Sphærophoria*, *Pipiza*, *Paragus*. Larvæ aphidophagous.

*Mallota*, *Spilomyia*, *Xylota*, *Brachypalpus*, *Pocota*, *Myiolepta*, *Chryso-toxum*, etc. Larvæ in decaying wood or trees; some of them (*Mallota*) long, "rat-tailed."

*Chilosia*. Larvæ living in the stems of *Cardium*, *Sonchus*, *Schrophularia*, *Matricaria*, and in fungi (*Boletus edulis*, etc.).

*Platychirus*, *Rhingia*, *Eristalis*, *Syritta*, *Orthoneura*. Larvæ in decaying vegetable matter, manure, or in soft mud impregnated with decaying vegetable matter.

*Brachyopa*, *Xylota*, *Chrysochlamys*, *Ceria*. Larvæ found living in flowing sap of trees.

*Crioprora*. Bred by Osten Sacken, from larvæ found under oak bark.

*Microdon*. Larvæ common in ants' nests. The larvæ and pupæ of this genus are very curious creatures, resembling some land-shells so much that twice they have been described and named as species of mollusks.

*Volucella*. The larvæ are parasitic upon humblebees, living in their nests. The very great resemblance of the adult of some species to the bees makes this fact the more interesting.

#### STRUCTURAL CHARACTERS.

Structural characters in the Syrphidæ are derived from all parts of the body, though those from the thorax are unimportant. The most useful are found in the wing, but a much larger number exist in the head, and are, intrinsically, scarcely less valuable. Next in importance come the various ornamental and functional characters of the legs; while the abdominal ones are superior only to those of the thorax. The following remarks, it will be understood, are based chiefly upon my autoptic knowledge, and such reliable observations and descriptions by other authors as have been accessible to me; they may, in some cases, require modification to express the requirements of exotic genera.

Most excellent structural characters are presented by the antennæ. With proper caution, they are often serviceable in generic distribution, though by far the greater number will only permit of specific employment; some minor variations are sexual, or even individual. Formerly much greater reliance was placed upon the structure of these organs, for generic distinguishment, than our present knowledge will confirm. The basal joint is seldom elongate, and when so, the elongation is rarely pronounced. It may be seen in *Microdon*, *Chrysogaster*, *Criorhina*, *Mera-pioidus*, *Spilomyia*, *Ceria*, etc., and has only subordinate value, otherwise related species differing materially in this respect. The second joint is more rarely lengthened, extraordinarily in *Sphecomyia*, moderately in species of *Chrysogaster*, *Pipizella*, *Lepromyia*, *Chrysotoxum*, *Microdon*, and *Ceria*. The third joint offers the greatest diversity in form, and the most useful differential antennal characters. In the *Melanostomini*, *Syrphini*, *Spheginini*, and *Brachyopini* it may be oval, but in none of our genera is it distinctly elongate or noticeably widened. In the *Eristalini*, *Sericomyini*, and *Xylotini* it is predominantly dilated, rarely longitudinally oval, never at all elongate. In the *Microdonini* and *Volucellini* it is lengthened; I know of no exception, though in some species of the latter, as *V. obesa*, the elongation is only slight; yet even here the joint is not oval, but pointed. Among the *Chilosini* we find the greatest variableness; in *Pipiza*, *Paragus*, and *Lepromyia*, more or less slender; in *Chrysogaster*, with intermediate forms between marked elongation and orbicular; in the other genera, oval, orbicular, or subquadrate. In the *Milesini* it is always short; in *Sphecomyia*, sp., pointed; in the other genera, transverse. So far as my knowledge reaches, species with elongated antennæ are not very active in their habits, and frequently have pilose eyes.

There seems to be a definite relation existing between the neuriation and elongation of the antennæ. Wherever the last section of the fourth vein and the posterior cross-vein show a tendency to a rectangular po-

sition, or the inflection of the anterior end, a like tendency toward antennal elongation is usually apparent. Examples of this will be seen in *Microdon*, *Psarus*, *Paragus*, *Pipiza*, *Leptodomyia*, *Chrysogaster*, *Volucella*, etc. The converse, however, is not true.

Moderate or slight plumosity of the arista is of little value in generic distribution. It is disregarded in *Chilosia*, the *Brachyopini*, and *Eristalis*. Abundant plumosity, on the other hand, is of excellent value in the *Volucellini* and *Scricomyiini*. In all the other American genera the arista is bare, but among the European genera plumosity also occurs in *Psarus*, *Doros*, and *Spatigaster*. In situation, the arista departs markedly from its usual basal position only in *Pelecocera*, *Nausigaster*, and *Meraipoidus*. In some of the long-antennæd *Chilosini* it is more median than basal.

The front frequently affords excellent characters, both generic and specific, in its length, breadth, convexity, wrinkles, grooves, etc. The position and size of the ocelli, in species of *Pyrophæna*, *Sphærophoria*, and *Mesograpta*, are of specific value; otherwise their structure and location are nearly uniform. The projection of the frontal process is extremely great in species of *Ceria*. In the *Xylotini* and *Milesini* its size is usually more noticeable than in the remaining groups, and is greater in the male than in the female; its value is only comparative.

Unlike all the other Diptera cyclorrhapha (except the Pipnenedidæ), the supra-antennal Innula is fused with the front, and is not inflatable in the process of extrication from the larval envelope. The face subserves this purpose, and it is here that we find the greatest diversity of structure. With the exception of *Syrphus*, *Eristalis*, and some others, the species in most cases can be distinguished with more or less certainty by the facial profile. The projection of the epistoma finds its greatest development in *Rhingia*, and only a little less in *Crioprora*, *Criorhina*, species of *Volucella*, etc. In most genera there is a more or less pronounced convexity near the middle, or a little below, but is sometimes obsolete or wanting where the epistoma strongly projects or is receding. The face is apt to differ in shape in the two sexes; usually the less convexity or tubercularity is in the female. This will be more especially observed in species of *Chrysogaster* and *Chilosia*, *Myiolepta*, *Pterallastes*, and the more *Milesia*-like forms.

The eyes differ in size and shape very appreciably in different genera, but characters drawn from them are expressed with difficulty, except by the aid of figures. Their hairiness or pilosity is of greater, though always doubtfully generic, value; it may separate species closely allied, as *Syrphus ribesii* and *S. torvus*, and species of *Didea*. The following have more or less ocular pilosity: *Microdon* spp., *Chrysotoxum*, *Psilota*, *Pipiza*, *Paragus*, *Chilosia* spp., *Leucozona*, *Catabomba*, *Eristalis* usually. *Volucella* usually. *Copestylum*, *Mallota*, sp. *Doliosyrphus*, and *Chrysochlamys*. It will be noticed that most of the species with an exterior oblique cross-vein have bare eyes. Does their pilosity bear any relation to the

habits? Certainly some of the pilose-eyed forms are the less active of the family.

The scutellum presents few structural characters. In *Chrysogaster*, *Pipiza*, and *Chilosia* its thinness may be of generic value. In *Chalcomyia* and *Solenaspis* O. S., its size and width are peculiar. Strangely, both these genera, though widely separated, must present a singular resemblance. In *Microdon* the shape and spines are characteristic. In all the other genera the scutellum is usually hemispherically convex, and but little variable.

In the wing numerous characters appear, in nearly all parts. The shape and termination of the second longitudinal vein, the curvature of the third, the position and shape of the cross-veins, the shape of the sixth longitudinal vein in the *Eristaloid* genera, and the termination in the *Milesoid* forms, all form the basis of our classification. In the *Syrphoid* venation the veins are usually weak, the wings light and thin; such are mostly adapted to aerial flight and soaring. In the species with inflected veins and more or less elongated antennæ we find the venation usually stouter and the wing heavier, the posterior part unsupported; such species are more sluggish and less active in flight. Finally, speed and strength are united in the *Eristalini*, *Xylotini*, and *Milesini*. The wings here have moderately strong veins, with the outer and posterior portions stronger. *Syritta* differs most in the position of the cross-vein, and its habits are more nearly like the *Syrphoid* species.

In the abdomen the shape, flattening and elongation offer the greatest diversity, and afford both generic and specific characters, but the former are not easily limited. Some of the smaller, more slender, species are noted for their quick flight, as *Allograpta*, *Sphærophoria*, *Mesograpta*, *Syritta*, etc. Those with a short, thick-set abdomen will usually be found resting upon flowers, and never soaring; those with an oval depressed abdomen, as in *Syrphus*, are the most delicate in their structure, and at the same time very quick and active in flight. The extremes of shape are found in *Baccha*, where it is sometimes extremely slender, or clavate; in *Syrphus*, where it is most depressed; in the *Mallota* group, and *Volucellini*, with the greatest convexity and shortness, and in *Senogaster*, with the remarkable contraction of the median segments. The hypopygium is usually inconspicuous, especially in the *Syrphini*, but in species of *Sphærophoria*, and many of the *Xylotini* and *Eristalini*, it is enlarged and conspicuous. In *Eupeodes* the peculiar development of the two slender processes is remarkable. The structure of *Nausigaster* abdomen is the most peculiar; here the fourth segment is extraordinarily developed and arched, wholly excluding from sight the following segments and inclosing the terminal organs in a deep ventral cavity.

The legs, outside of secondary sexual characters, which will be spoken of further on, do not offer a very great deal of structural differences. They find their greatest slenderness in the *Syrphini*, *Melanostomini*, and here rarely have any thickened parts, and then usually in the feet. In the *Eristalini* and *Xylotini* they are usually stouter, and very often



with the hind femora elongated and thickened. In the *Milesini* the greatest elongation of the legs occurs, in the *Chrysogaster*-like forms the most shortening.

#### SECONDARY SEXUAL CHARACTERS.

Secondary sexual characters occur with great frequency in this family, and will offer many interesting subjects for future study. They are found in most parts of the body, but, as one would expect, are met with in the greatest diversity and number in the legs.

In the head a difference, constant throughout the family, is found in the eyes. In nearly all the males they are contiguous for a longer or shorter distance between the ocelli and antennæ (holoptic); in a few genera (as *Microndon*, *Chalcomyia*, *Crioprora*, *Triodonta*, *Mallota*, *Helophilus*, etc.) they are more or less widely separated by the front (dichoptic); yet in every case, to the practiced eye, the male can be distinguished with tolerable certainty by the front alone; even when the female is unknown there is never any excuse for confounding the sexes. The male eyes when dichoptic will always present an angularity that is wanting in the other sex, and there is always some narrowing of the front. The female front, though sometimes considerably narrowed, always has the margins straight, without angulation. In a few genera, all holoptic, the males show areas of enlarged facets near the upper portion of the eyes. This enlargement is most noticeable in *Allograpta* and *Catabomba*, but is also indicated in the forms related to *Xylota*. Although I do not know the habits of *Catabomba*, one can safely say that those with this enlargement are disposed to hover motionlessly in the air, and are especially well gifted with rapid flight. The male eye frequently has a greater pilosity than the female, as it is also often larger.

In a number of genera there is a greater development of the lower part of the front in the male, forming a protuberance upon which the antennæ are located. This is most apparent in the genera allied to *Milesia*. There is not much difference in the antennæ. In a number of genera (e. g., *Chrysotoxum*, *Chilosia*, *Brachyopa*, *Volucella*, *Sericomyia*, etc.) the third joint is larger and broader in the female, and in some the arista is less plumose. In the structure of the face the most important variations will be found in *Myiolepta*, where the male is provided with a small, but prominent, tubercle near the middle, which is wanting in the female. Similar differences will be seen in some other genera, as in species of *Chilosia*, *Chrysogaster*, and *Pterallastes*. The other differences between the sexes have already been adverted to. In the mouth organs I have observed but slight sexual differences; in some few genera, as in *Criorhina* spp., the female proboscis is longer than that of the males.

In the thorax I know of no structural sexual differences; nor, so far as I am aware, do any such exist in the wings.

In the abdomen, in addition to the primary characters, no differences of importance present themselves. The shape in the male is frequently

more slender, and with greater convexity above. In all those genera (*Ceria*, *Baccha*, *Sphagina*, etc.) where the abdomen is clubbed this character is more pronounced in the male. In the genera allied to *Mallota* the male abdomen is found more cylindrical toward the end.

The most important sexual characters are in the male legs, and probably subserve some purpose in the sexual relations, although such must often be difficult to understand, where otherwise closely allied species differ markedly in their presence or absence. In the front pair, *Platycheirus* and *Pyrophana ocymi* are the only ones known to me where structural differences are seen, the tibiæ and tarsi being more or less dilated in the male, and the same sex sometimes provided with femoral bristles. Differences in the middle pair are confined to *Pyrophana ocymi* and some species of *Platycheirus*, where likewise may occur a dilatation of the tarsi and structural peculiarities of the tibiæ. When we come to the hind pair the most numerous and striking plastic differences present themselves. In the coxæ there is sometimes a more or less prominent spur or process on the inner hind side in the male. In *Pipiza* (*Cnemodon*) this may be long and slender, but usually it is conical, as will be observed in *Triodonta*, *Xylota* sp., etc. In the femora, wherever there is thickening it is usually more pronounced in the male, as in *Mesograpta* sp., and genera of the *Eristalini* and *Xylotini*. In some of these, as for instance *Mesograpta geminata* and *Mallota*, the male femora are, in addition, more arcuate, sometimes very much so. In not a few genera the male is provided with one or more projections on the under side of the thickened femora. (In *Milesia* and *Spilomyia* (♀, ♂) there is a conical projection near the outer end. In *Senogaster* it is flattened and bifid; in others it takes the shape of an angular projection, most prominent in *Tropidia*. In some genera (♀, ♂) (as *Xylota*, *Brachypalpus*, *Brachyopa*, and especially *Syritta*) there is a row of spines or short bristles on the under side; in *Lepromyia* and species of *Myiolepta* this character is found below all the femora, which are also all thickened). In only one case (*Tropidia mamillata*) do I know of a long and cylindrical process near the basal end of the femur. In the hind tibiæ there are also differences. The most common are greater curvature and compression, especially in those cases where the femora are thickened. An excellent example will be found in species of *Mallota*. In some, as in *Spatigaster*, etc., the bending may be sharp, almost angular; in others the tibiæ are provided with more bushy and long pile in the male. In *Helophilus* spp., *Eristalis* spp., *Xylota* spp., *Triodonta*, and other genera, the tibiæ (♂) are provided with a more pronounced spur at the tip. In *Mallota* sp. and *Teuchocnemis* there is, in addition to the flattened tibiæ, a strong projecting spur in the middle in front, which lies on the inner side of the femora when flexed. In *Brachypalpus frontosus*, and in certain exotic genera, there is a smaller projection near the base of the tibiæ. In the hind tarsi the only sexual character with which I am acquainted consists in a thickening and elongation of the hind metatarsi. This peculiarity finds its greatest and remarkable development

in *Microdon* (*Ubristes*), but is also seen in many of the *Chilosini* and *Melanostomini*; rarely if at all in the *Cristalini* and following groups.

In coloration and pilosity by far the greater number of species offer distinct differences. The most striking example of this is seen in *Trio-donta curripes*, where the male abdomen is red and the female black; singularly the hind legs in this species offer more sexual peculiarities than in any other. In some species with banded abdomen the yellow markings show a greater tendency to confluence in the female. In many the markings of the abdomen are more conspicuous in the male, or obsolete in the female; species of *Eristalis* and *Helophilus* will be recalled as examples. Again, in the male there is sometimes a tendency to melanism, in the antennæ (e. g., *Chilosia*), the legs (*Syrphus*), face (ibid.), coloration of the abdomen (*Chilosia*, *Sphagina*), and thorax (*Helophilus*). As a general rule the male coloration is more strongly indicated; such we know is in conformity with the general zoological law, that the male shows the greater number of ornamentations, both in color and structure. In the male the pile throughout is frequently longer, more abundant, and sometimes darker in color.

None of the foregoing sexual differences appear to be characteristic of the family. Thus, holoptic males are predominant throughout the order; differences in the size of the antennæ may be met with in the *Muscidæ*, etc.; similar or allied structural variations in the legs, in the *Tachinidæ*, *Dolichopodidæ*, *Midasidæ*, *Asilidæ*, etc.; of the abdomen in *Stratiomyidæ*, etc. On the other hand, sexual differences in the wings, as in the *Asilidæ*, and certain ornamentations of the legs, as in *Asilidæ*, *Tachinidæ*, *Dolichopodidæ*, *Empidæ*, etc., do not occur here.

What is the purpose of these sexual peculiarities? This is a question easily asked, but far less readily answered. Only this may be said: their use in general does not appear to be commensurate with their oftentimes striking development. Species, otherwise closely allied, sometimes show remarkable differences in this respect. Thus, *Helophilus distinctus* and *H. chrysostomus* are so closely related that they apparently have been hitherto confounded, yet in the former the male hind coxæ bear a strong spur, wanting in the latter. Very closely allied species of *Xylota* show the same peculiarity. *Tropidia mamillata*, notwithstanding the well-developed basal femoral process, does not differ much from *T. quadrata*. The same may be said of *T. calcarata*, with its coxal spur. *Mesograpta geminata* and *M. parrula* are closely allied, yet in the former the male hind femora are thickened and arcuated. The terminal tibial spur in *Helophilus*, *Xylota*, etc., is very uncertain in its appearance, while the internal median spur in *Mallota cimiciformis* appears only to be a dimorphic peculiarity. Similar dimorphism apparently exists in such species as *Sepedon armatus* and *S. pusillus*, for instance, in the *Sciomyzidæ*. There certainly, however, seems to be a functional purpose for these structural developments; the only thing surprising is that their possession so often appears to have no effect upon other characters. We can readily imagine that the processes and

strengthening of the hind legs may be employed in the seizing and retention of the female, but why have these acquired peculiarities not had a greater result upon the species?

Another question, important to all systematic entomologists, arises from their discussion. Are secondary sexual characters serviceable as generic characters? Contrary to the opinion of many students, I hold that they are. It may strike one as absurd that the sexes may be located under different genera, but we must bear in mind that a species is composed of *both* sexes, and it is by the totality of characters that a genus is bounded. But such characters can not be indiscriminately used. Single differences of any kind are suspicious when not accompanied by others, and sexual characters should be avoided as far as possible when both sexes cannot be defined. Among the *Dolichopodidae*, so rich in male characters, species as zoological entities rest chiefly in the male; the female is a reproducing organ, like the spermiferous barnacle. Classification is made no more difficult by the use of such characters, and is sometimes much simplified; besides it may bring related forms together; and is not this the real end of scientific classification?

#### GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION.

In their geographical distribution, at least so far as the North American fauna is concerned, the *Syrphidæ* present no remarkable facts, though not a few of interest. The most noteworthy one is the wide distribution, in general, of genera and species. We have very few peculiar genera, and fewer still are aberrant from well-known types, *Nausigaster* being, perhaps, the most worthy of note in this respect. Forty-two genera are common to Europe and North America, and nearly thirty of our species are known to be common to the two continents, and it is very probable that this number will be increased by not a few. *Nausigaster* is so far known only from North America, but it will undoubtedly be found to occur in South America. *Mesograptæ* is a peculiarly American genus; indeed, it may properly be called the characteristic genus of our fauna, not only on account of its restriction to this continent, but by reason of the large number of species and the multitude of individuals. Mr. Bigot, it is true, has described species of *Mesograptæ* from New Caledonia, but it may most safely be said that his determinations are wrong. *Asarkina*, from Africa, is its nearest extra-American representative. *Copestylum*, though not differing very markedly from *Volucella*, may also be considered an American type. *Pterallastes*, *Teuchocnemis*, and *Triodonta*, though so far known to include only North American species, are feebly characterized, and can hardly be taken into account as distinctive American types. Nor is *Crioprora* a much better example; some of the European *Brachypalpi* approaching it closely. *Eupeodes*, *Merapioidus*, and *Senogaster*, on the other hand, are well differentiated American forms.

A comparison of the European and North American genera will be of interest, though in general only confirming certain laws of distribu-

tion that have long been established in other branches of systematic biology. I mean the greater resemblance between the Pacific and European faunas than between the Atlantic and European. Of course we can yet only speak *ab uno discimus*. The Western fauna is not yet by any means well known, but what is known is sufficient for the purpose. Thus, the genus *Chilosia*, containing nearly one hundred European species, is very sparingly represented in the Eastern States, but seems to be rich in the West, and that, too, in European forms (hairy-eyed) not yet discovered east of the mountains. Nearly the same may be said of *Sphaerophoria*, *Melanostoma*, and *Platycheirus*. *Syrphus*, so abundant in Europe, has so far five species peculiar to the East, ten to the West, and eight in common. *Arctophila*, *Pocota*, and certain species, occur only in Europe and Western America. The rule has been so often confirmed that it may be accepted without hesitation, I think, viz: that Eastern American species, identical with European ones, have usually a distribution across the continent. On the other hand, the example of *Catabomba pyrastri*, an European species found in great abundance in the Western but not in the Eastern region, is a fact bearing in the same direction. To this last species I think we may safely add *Eristalis tenax* as being primarily Western, but which, during late years, has been distributed from the West eastward. I have no explanation to give of how the European species have reached the Western region, if they are not in reality indigenous there, whether by way of the Atlantic States, or whether the species common to the two sides of the continents have traveled from West to East; but I certainly think in some cases, such as that of *Eristalis tenax*, it has been the latter way.

Of all the numerous species common to Europe and America, very few are confined, so far as we know, to the Eastern States, and every new examination of Western material subtracts from the number. The larger number, so far, of those genera peculiar to America are found in the East, and nearly all the American genera common to Europe are found in the West. Exceptions to this are seen in *Eupeodes*, *Pelecocera*, *Somula*, and especially *Rhingia*, etc. Again, such genera as *Microdon*, *Xanthogramma*, *Ceria*, etc., seem to indicate that those genera with few species in Europe are best represented in the Eastern States; but the facts will allow us to predicate but little here.

In speaking of the Western fauna, I refer especially to the region limited by climatic conditions, and not extending further east than Western Nebraska, Middle Kansas, and Texas. From several years' active collecting in Western Kansas, I long ago recognized the almost sharp limitation of species. In some cases, especially among Coleoptera, the eastern lines of habitat could be traced almost as clearly as the floral habitats on the mountain side.

Yet another fact of great interest is the entire absence of several large European genera in our fauna—*Eumerus* and *Merodon* especially. It is very doubtful whether the former will ever be found in the United States, particularly the Eastern ones.

I have endeavored to sum up our knowledge of the geographical distribution in the following table. It will, of course, be understood that the data of the occurrence of genera (in their modern signification) in Asia, Africa, and South America are yet meager, but I have given such as I have been able to obtain. The occurrence of genera is indicated by asterisks, which are replaced by figures when species are known to be common.

*Tabular synopsis and geographical distribution of genera.*

Genera.	Whole number of species.	Eastern species.	Western species.	Common.	Common to Europe.	Asia.	Africa.	South America.	Number of European species.
Microdon	12	8	2	2					3
Chrysotoxum	6	3	3						12
Paragus	4	2		2	2				10
Nausigaster	1		1						
Pipiza	14	14			1	?	*	*	50
Psilota	1	1							2
Chrysogaster	8	4	4					1	31
Chilosia	14	3	9	2			*		88
Melanostoma	12	1	10	1	1		?	1	35
Pyrophœna	2	1	*	1	2				3
Platycheirus	5	1	2	2	1	*	*	*	19
Leucozona	1			1	1				2
Catabomba	1		1		1		1	1	1
Eupeodes	1		1						
Syrphus	23	5	10	8	5	*	*	*	68
Didea	2	1	*	1					3
Xanthogramma	5	4		1		*	*		3
Allograpta	2		1	1				1	
Mesograpta	5	2		3					
Sphaerophoria	8	6	1	1	1	*	*		24
Pelecocera	1	1							4
Neoscasia	2	1	1			*			11
Sphegina	4	1	1	2					5
Baccha	10	5	3	2	1		*	*	3
Chalcomyia	1	1							
Myiolepta	4	1	1	2	*		*	*	1
Rhingia	1	1						*	3
Eugeniomyia	1		*	1	1				1
Brachyopa	3		1	2					9
Volucella	18	4	10	4		*	*	*	7
Copestylum	1		1					*	
Sericomyia	6	4	1	1	1				4
Arctophila	1		1						2
Eristalis	20	9	7	4	2	3	1	3	28
Doliosyrphus	1		1					*	
Pteroptila	1	*		1			*		
Helophilus	19	12	5	2	*	*			18
Pterallastes	1	1							
Teuchocnemis	2	2							
Mallota	3	2	1		1	*		*	5
Triodonta	1			1					
Tropidia	3	2	*	1	*			*	4
Criorbina	12	8	4			?	?	*	11
Cicprora	4		3	1					
Pocota	1		1		*				1
Brachypalpus	6	4	2						5
Xylota	21	8	9	4	2	*	*	*	13
Senogaster	1	1							
Syritta	1		*	1	1	1	1	1	2
Chrysochlamys	4	3	1					?	4
Merapioidus	1	1							
Spilomyia	6	4	2		*				2
Temnostoma	6	6			1				3
Milesia	1	1				*			2
Sphecomyia	3	1	2		1				1
Coria	6	2	3	1			*	*	6
Total	304	142	106	56	27				

## GEOLOGICAL DISTRIBUTION.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Scudder, I was enabled to examine his collection of specimens, and the drawings for his forthcoming work on fossil insects, in this family. The specimens are many of them, in a truly remarkable state of preservation, admitting frequently of definite and decided opinions as to their relations. Of the thirty or more species which Mr. Scudder had separated out, I was first struck with the fact that probably all belong to the first division of the family with a basal cross-vein, a conclusion at which Mr. Scudder had already, independently, arrived. There are two possible exceptions, but both, in view of the general relations of the other specimens, doubtful. The first was the specimen which Mr. Scudder had doubtfully referred to *Eristalis* (Bull. U. S. Geol. Surv., iii, 756). As regards this, however, I think that the problematic determination is not the correct one. The other specimen—named *Milesia quadrata* (Bull. U. S. Geol. Surv., iv, 752)—I would, contrary to the opinion first held by me, remove from this group. The neuration is, in large part, conjectural, and in all probability has, as Mr. Scudder described, a basal cross-vein, removing it from *Milesia* and its congeners. The species is unusually large for a *Syrphus*, but yet its affinities are evidently with that genus.

The next most striking point observed was the predominance of the *Syrphus* forms. The large number of the species, as well as specimens, belong to this genus in apparently a narrow sense, and many of them are peculiarly characteristic. Singularly, all of them appeared to have the abdominal cross-bands interrupted or emarginated. In none did I find entire bands as in *S. ribesii* or *Lesueurii*. Not a few had the picture very like that of *Didca laxa*. The neuration in all showed much uniformity. The anterior cross-vein is basal and only rarely with any marked degree of obliquity. In the larger number the third vein is straight, or anteriorly convex, but occasionally gently sinuous, as in *Catatomba pyrastris*, for instance. A very noticeable tendency was observed in the termination of the third vein near or beyond the tip of the wing, as in *Rhingia* and some species of *Chilosia*.

*Chrysogaster* was identified with considerable certainty in specimen No. 12621. The profile of the head, moderately elongate antennæ, size, metallic coloration, apparent punctulation, and what seemed evidently rugose markings on the front, are all strongly characteristic. The neuration is, however, more like that of *Syrphus* or *Chilosia* than that of the typical *Chrysogaster*; nevertheless I should feel little hesitancy in placing the species in the genus in the sense accepted for our American species. Another species (specimen No. 5102) is very characteristic of *Sphegina*, although the structure of the head could not be made out. The size, thickened hind femora, provided with spines below, and the elongate spatulate shape of the abdomen, were especially striking. The neuration, so far as could be made out, is *Sphegina*-like.

Numerous specimens of *Chilosia* have been determined, some of them with certainty, by the facial profile, antennæ, coloration, venation, shape of abdomen, and structure of legs. Perhaps the most characteristic is specimen No. 8781, which lies upon the side, giving an excellent profile of the head. Other specimens seemed to approach *Pipiza* or *Psilota*, though one could not say with absolute certainty that these genera, in their modern acceptation, actually occur among them, though I very much think that one or both do.

*Rhingia* seemed to be recognizable with sufficient certainty, the determination based upon coloration, shape of abdomen, large wings and almost typical venation, and slender legs, especially well shown in specimen No. 11099.

It may safely be said that *Syrphus*, *Chilosia*, *Chrysogaster*, *Rhingia*, and *Sphegina* occur in the American Tertiary beds, to which may in all probability be added *Pipiza*. There is yet another form which could not be located in any of the known existing North American genera with certainty. The specimen (No. 7035) is of large size, in shape much like that of *Mallota*, the hind femora apparently much thickened, the antennæ rounded, the penultimate section of the fourth vein long, and the anterior cross-vein basal and rectangular. The form is nearest allied to *Myiolepta*.

In conclusion, I cannot refrain from expressing my admiration of the perfection and accuracy of the dipterological drawings, and the care with which the specimens have been studied by Mr. Scudder. Mr. Scudder has given a summary of our present knowledge of insect paleontology in Professor Zittel's *Handbuch der Paleontologie*, from which the following is given to complete the present status of our paleontological knowledge of this family:

"A very obscure object from Solenhofen is referred by Weyenbergh to *Chilosia*, and Giebel refers to a new genus, *Remelia*, a minute fly figured by Brodie from the English Purbeck, but its reference here is very doubtful.

"In the Tertiaries this family is more abundant and varied than any of the other families of *Diptera cyclorrhapha*. Burmeister and Terres both recognize *Microdon* at Aix, *Pipiza* has been described from Rott, *Chilosia* from Wyoming, and seven species of *Syrphus* from Oeningen, Radoboj, Rott, and Senegaglis, besides which it has been recognized in amber; in amber, also, are found two peculiar genera allied to *Ascia* and *Xylota*, besides *Chilosia*, *Volucella*, and *Criorhina*; *Rhingia* is noticed at Aix, *Eristalis* described from Utah, *Helophilus* and *Merodon* from the Rhine, and *Milesia* from Wyoming. Lastly some thirty or more species of various genera occur at Florissant, and a considerable number of them in a remarkable preservation.

"There are descriptions of *Pipiza*, *Syrphus*, *Merodon*, and *Helophilus*."



The American fossil species already described are the following:

**Eristalis lapideus** Scudder, Bull. U. S. Geol. Surv., iii, 756.

Based upon an imperfect specimen, and, as before stated, probably not belonging to this genus.

**Milesia quadrata** Scudder, Bull. U. S. Geol. Surv., iv, 752.

Probably not a *Milesia*; see remarks on previous page.

**Chilosia ampla** Scudder, Bull. U. S. Geol. Surv., iv, 753

Most probably a true *Chilosia*.

#### CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF GENERA.

In the following list I have endeavored to give all the generic names hitherto proposed in the family of *Syrphidæ*, arranged chronologically. Such names as I believe to be well founded, or which I cannot find any reliable data as to their synonymy, are printed in heavy type, in order to distinguish them from those which are believed to be synonymous. The latter, printed in italics, it will be observed, are preceded by numbers indicating their synonymy. Undoubtedly from among the former others will yet be shown to be synonyms, and from the latter not a few may be finally accepted as subgeneric, or as applying to species sufficiently distinct to justify their use. I have given, in brackets, such of the various spellings as I have been able to find. The habitats given are of the type species.

**1763.**

1.—**Rhingia** [*Rhyngia*] Scopoli, Entom. Carniol., 358. Europe.

**1764.**

2.—**Volucella** Geoffroy, Hist. des insectes des environs de Paris, ii.

**1775.**

3.—**Syrphus** Fabricius, Syst. Entom., 762. Europe.

**1794.**

4.—**Ceria** Fabricius (non Scopoli, 1763), Entom. Syst., iv, 277. Europe.

**1801.**

2.—**Cenogaster** Dumérill, Expos. et dict. d'hist. nat. Europe.

**1803.**

5.—**Chrysotoxum** Meigen, in Illiger's Mag., ii, 259. Europe.

6.—**Spilomya** [*Spilomyia*, *Spylomya*] Meigen, *ibid.*, 273. Europe.

23.—**Heliophilus** Meigen, *ibid.*, ii, 273. Europe.

7.—**Chrysogaster** Meigen, *ibid.*, 274. Europe.

8.—**Doros** Meigen, *ibid.*, 274. Europe.

9.—**Sericomya** [*myia*, *myza*] Meigen, *ibid.*, 274. Europe.

10.—**Elophilus** [*Helophilus*] Meigen, *ibid.*, 274. Europe.

11.—**Merodon** Meigen, *ibid.*, 274. Europe.

12.—**Microdon** Meigen, *ibid.*, 275. Europe.

2.—**Pterocera** Meigen, *ibid.* Europe.

**1804.**

13.—**Psarus** Latreille, Hist. nat. Crust et Ins., xiv, 357. Europe.

12.—**Aphritis** Latreille, *ibid.*, 358. Europe.

14.—**Paragus** Latreille, *ibid.*, 359. Europe.

15.—**Milesia** Latreille, *ibid.*, 361. Europe.

16.—**Eristalis** Latreille, *ibid.*, 363. Europe.

## 1805.

- 17.—*Baccha* [*Bacha*] Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 199. Europe.  
3.—*Scara* Fabricius, *ibid.* Europe.

## 1806.

- 18.—*Callicera* Panzer, Fauna Germ., civ. Europe.

## 1816.

- 19.—*Pipiza* Fallen, Dipt. suec., Syrph., 58. Europe.

## 1820.

- 20.—*Graptomyza* Wiedemann, Nov. Dipt.

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- 42.—*Myiolepta* [*Myiolepta*] Newman, Entom. Mag., v, 373.

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## DEFINITION OF TERMS.

## HEAD.

- Holoptic*.—Contiguity of the eyes in the male, between the vertex and the antennæ.  
*Dichoptic*.—Separation of the eyes by the front in all females, and some males as in *Chalcomyia*, *Helophilus*, *Triodonta*, *Criorhina* sp., etc.  
*Vertex*.—The uppermost border of the head between the eyes.  
*Ocelli*.—Three small, simple eyes near the vertex on the upper part of the front.  
*Front*.—The space included between the eyes, the vertex, and the antennæ.  
*Vertical triangle*.—In the male the small triangle upon which the ocelli are situated, limited behind by the vertex, in front by the eyes.  
*Frontal triangle*.—In the male the triangular space between the eyes below, limited by a line drawn through the base of the antennæ.  
*Frontal or antennal process*.—The more or less pronounced projection upon which the antennæ are inserted.

*Antenna*.—Inserted close together in the line between the front and face, composed of three joints, the third of which bears the:

*Arista*.—A slender bristle situated upon the upper border of the third joint, microscopically jointed near its base; or:

*Style*.—A thickened jointed arista (in *Ceria* and *Pelvicocera*) situated at or near the tip of the third joint.

*Face*.—The space between the base of the antennæ and the oral margin, limited on the sides by the eyes and cheeks.

*Facial tubercle*.—A more or less pronounced median convexity below the middle of the face.

*Cheeks*.—The space between the lower borders of the eyes and the oral margin, merging into the face in front and limited by the occipital margin behind.

*Occiput*.—The whole posterior surface of the head.

*Orbits*.—A narrow indefinite space immediately bordering the eyes, and called vertical, or superior; frontal and facial, or anterior; the orbits of the cheek, or inferior; occipital, or posterior.

*Epistoma*.—The oral margin of the face, and the region immediately adjacent.

*Oral or buccal cavity*.—The mouth.

*Proboscis*.—Mouth organs, near the base of which are inserted the small, one-jointed *palpi*, and terminating in two fleshy lips, the *labellæ*.

*Mentum*.—The posterior oral margin.

#### THORAX.

*Dorsum*.—The whole upper surface, limited by the dorso-pleural sutures laterally, the scutellum posteriorly, and the neck anteriorly.

*Pleuræ*.—The lateral surfaces of the thorax.

*Pectus*.—The inferior surface of the thorax between the legs.

*Scutellum*.—A sub-hemispherical body behind, cut off by an impressed line from the dorsum of the thorax.

*Metanotum*.—The posterior surface of the thorax between the scutellum and the base of the abdomen.

*Humeri* or *shoulders*.—The anterior superior angles of the thorax.

*Post-alar callosities*.—Rounded processes on the posterior lateral margins of the dorsum.

*Transverse suture*.—A transverse groove in front of the root of the wings, obsolete in the middle of the dorsum.

*Dorso-pleural suture*.—The lateral suture, between the dorsum and the pleuræ, extending from the humeri through the base of the wings.

*Tegulæ*.—Two membranous scales situated behind the immediate base of the wing, the upper overlapping the under.

*Halteres* or *balanceers*.—An organ with a slender stem terminating in a rounded knob, inserted in the metathorax just in front of the lateral base of the abdomen.

#### ABDOMEN.

*Incisures*.—The sutures separating the segments.

*Venter*.—The whole under surface of the abdomen.

*Hypopygium*.—The male sexual organs and terminal segments of abdomen.

*Oviduct* or *ovipositor*.—The terminal segments of the female abdomen.

#### LEGS.

*Coxæ*.—Basal segment attached to the thorax, terminating in a small ring-like segment, the *trochanter*. The next most elongate portion is the *femur*; then follows the *tibia*; the joint between them is called the *knee*, and expresses the immediate contiguous portions of the femur and tibia.

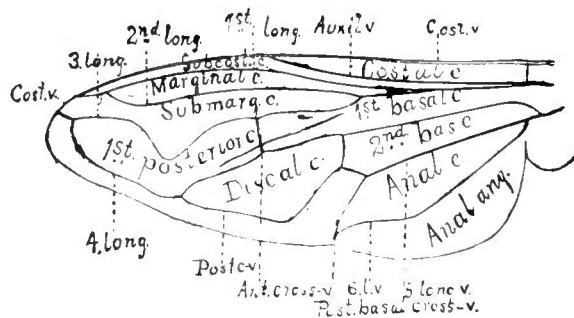
*Fact.*—Composed of the five joints of the *tarsi*, the basal one of which is called the *metatarsus*, the distal one terminating in two *claws* or *ungues*, on the under side of each of which is a small membranous appendage, the *pulvillus*.

## WINGS.

*Borders or margins, anterior, exterior, and posterior* of the wing, directed transversely.

*Alulet.*—The lobe or flap of the wing, without veins, on the basal posterior part.

*Venation.*—*Costal vein*, the one bordering the anterior margin of the wing; *auxiliary*, nearly parallel with the costa from the base, and terminating in that vein near its middle; connected towards its base with the costa by a transverse cross vein, the *humeral cross-vein*; the *first longitudinal* vein arises from the auxiliary-vein in the vicinity of the humeral cross-vein, follows the auxiliary subparallel, and is inserted in the costa; the *second longitudinal* vein arises from the first longitudinal a little beyond the humeral cross-vein, follows the former, and is inserted in the costa, or sometimes in the first vein before its tip; the *third longitudinal* arises by a fork from the second longitudinal, a little distance before the termination of the auxiliary, and is inserted in the costa at its tip; in its course it gives off a short branch, the *anterior* or *small cross-vein*, to connect with the fourth longitudinal vein; *fourth longitudinal* vein arises from the second main vein-stem opposite the humeral cross-vein and terminates in the third longitudinal a short distance before its tip; it gives off, first the *anterior basal cross-vein* behind, opposite the origin of the third vein, second the anterior cross-vein to connect with the third longitudinal, and, just before it bends forward to connect with the third vein, it receives the *posterior cross-vein*; the *fifth longitudinal* vein arises near the origin of the fourth and terminates a little before the posterior border of the wing; opposite the anterior basal cross-vein it gives off the *posterior basal cross-vein*, is then directed angularly forwards to join the anterior basal cross-vein, then follows parallel to its first section to connect with the posterior cross-vein where it terminates, or is sometimes extended a short distance as a stump; the *sixth longitudinal* vein arises near the origin of the fifth and terminates in or near the posterior border of the wing, a little before the middle: just before its end it receives the *posterior basal cross-vein*.

Wing of *Eristalis*.

The *costal* cell is included between the auxiliary vein and the costa. The *subcostal* cell is bounded in front by the auxiliary vein and the costa, behind by the first longitudinal. The *marginal* cell is inclosed by the first and second longitudinal veins, wholly when the cell is closed, in part in front by the costa when the cell is open. The *submarginal* cell lies between the second and third veins, touching the costa exteriorly for a short distance, and the tip of the first longitudinal vein when the marginal cell is closed. The *first basal* cell is bounded in front by the basal sections of the first, second, and third longitudinal vein, exteriorly by the anterior cross-vein, posteriorly by the fourth longitudinal vein. The *second basal* cell is bounded in front by the fourth longitudinal vein, exteriorly by the anterior basal cross-vein and the second section of the fifth longitudinal vein, posteriorly by the fifth longitudinal. The *third basal*, or *anal*, cell is bounded in front by the fifth longitudinal vein, ex-

teriorly by the posterior basal cross-vein, posteriorly by the sixth longitudinal. The *first posterior* cell is bounded in front by the third longitudinal, behind and exteriorly by the ultimate and penultimate sections of the fourth vein, internally by the anterior cross-vein. The *disca* cell is inclosed in front by the fourth longitudinal, behind by the fifth longitudinal, exteriorly by the posterior cross-vein, internally by the anterior basal cross-vein. The *third posterior* cell lies between the fifth longitudinal and the posterior basal cross-vein.

*Stigma*.—A colored spot near the tip of auxiliary vein.

#### VESTITURE.

*Pile*.—This term properly should be restricted to thick, fine, short, and erect hair, as in the pile of velvet; in reality, however, the word is incapable of definite limitation, and is here generally employed, the word hair being only used to express very sparse or coarse pile, as in the hair of the face in *Chilosia*, or the sparse vestiture of the eyes in *Syrphus*.

*Macrochætæ*, or bristles, are only present in *Chilosia*, spp., *Brachyopa*, spp., *Eugeniomyia*, *Volucella*, spp., and *Chrysochlamys*, on the thorax, and in a few others on the legs; never on the head.

*Pollen*, or *dust*, is that which conceals or obscures the shining or opaque ground color to a greater or lesser degree, and is more or less easily removed by moisture or rubbing.

*Tomentum* primarily indicates short, flattened, appressed hairs, and is only found in *Lepromyia*, *Myiolepta*, sp., though in some other cases the term is used to designate coarse pollen, as in *Temnostoma*.

*Pubescence* is here used only to indicate very short, nearly microscopical hairs, on the arista, wings, etc.



## APPENDIX.

### MIXOGASTER.

*Mixogaster* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., ii, 2, 14, 1842.

This genus will be recognized without difficulty from what has been given in the introduction. The known species resemble *Ceria* in shape, but with the head of *Microdon*. Type of genus, *M. conopsoides* Macquart, South America. Thomson has described a species from Australia.

*Mixogaster mexicanus* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., 1er Suppl., 123, pl. x, fig. 15.—Mexico.

### PIPIZA.

*Pipiza crassipes*.

*Pipiza crassipes* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 557.

*Habitat*.—North America (Bigot).

♀ Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. *Nigra, vix nitida. Antennarum segmento tertio chetoque fulvis; facie cinereo parcè tomentosâ; calyptris albis, halteribus testaceis; alis pallidissimè fuscans, basi hyalinis, maculâ stigmatali testaceâ; pedibus posticis parum incrassatis.*

D'un noir peu luisant, presque glabre. Antennes 3e segment et chète fauves; face avec un fin duvet grisâtre, clair semé; un peu de duvet blanc sur les flancs ainsi que sur les cuisses; cuillerons blancs, balanciers testacés; ailes un peu roussâtres, hyalines à la base, macule stigmatique roussâtre; genoux fauves, pieds postérieurs légèrement épaissis, surtout le métatarse.—1 specim., —, Bigot, *l. c.*

*Pipiza puelchella*, ante, p. 27.

It is not improbable that *Chrysogaster Apisaon* Walker, List, etc., iii, 572 (New York), is the same as this. At least the hairy eyes and elongate antennæ indicate that it is a *Pipiza* (*Pipizella*) or *Psilota*.

### PSILOTA.

*Psilota buccata*.

An examination of a number of specimens in the National Museum enables me to give a more complete description of this species.

♂ Length, 8<sup>mm</sup>. Metallic black. Antennæ black; third joint elongate, about four times as long as wide, reaching nearly to the epistoma. Epistoma small, not much projecting. Face white pilose. Eyes long, luteous yellow pilose. Dorsum of thorax rather thickly reddish yellowish pilose. Abdomen elongate oval, shining black with a light brassy reflection; pile reddish yellowish, abundant, erect. Legs black. Base

of tibiæ and tarsi luteous. Wings brownish on outer part; last two sections of fourth vein nearly equal, short appendiculate at the angle, first posterior cell short petiolate.

♀ Face nearly vertical and straight to just above the epistoma, which is moderately produced. Pile of front darker. Dorsum of thorax with rather thin lutescent pile. Abdomen broadly oval, the fourth segment long, the fifth nearly concealed; in color, shining black, with a bronze reflection; pile lutescent.

Six specimens, Texas. Two other specimens from Georgia are a little smaller, the third joint of the antennæ is a little shorter, and the abdomen is less metallic. The male has the face below the antennæ more concave, and the pile of the dorsum of the thorax more blackish across the middle. Very likely there are two species here.

### CHILOSIA.

#### *Chilosia hoodlensis.*

*Cartosyrphus hoodianus* Bigot, Am. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 552.

*Habitat.*—Oregon (Bigot).

♀ Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. *Nigra, sparse fusco et cinereo tomentosâ. Antennis fulvis, cheto fusco, brevissimè tomentoso; facie nigro nitido, utrinque fusco tomentosa, fronte nigro villosa; oculis villosis; thorace scutelloque nitidis, fusco villosulis; calyptris ferè albidis, halteribus apice castaneis; abdomine nigro opaco, utrinque cinereo villosa, segmentis 1, 4 et 5is nitidis, 2, et 3is utrinque, basi, late nitidis; pedibus nigris, geniculis tibiarnique basi, fulvis; alis pallidè cinereis, basi maculâque stigmaticali infuscatis—G. Cheilosia, propr. dict.*

Antennes fauves, chète brun, très médiocrement tomenteux; face d'un noir luisant avec quelques poils bruns sur les côtés; front à poils noirs; yeux velus; thorax noir luisant, clairsemé de poils bruns; enillerons blanchâtres, balanciers à massue brune; abdomen d'un noir mat. muni d'assez longs poils gris sur les côtés, 1<sup>er</sup>, 4<sup>e</sup>, et 5<sup>e</sup> segments luisants, 2<sup>e</sup> et 3<sup>e</sup> de chaque côté, une macule trigonale luisante; pieds noirs, quelques poils clair semés gris, genoux, base des tibias étroitement fauves; ailes d'un gris très clair, plus foncées vers le bord externe, base, macule stigmatique, d'un roux pâle.—1 specim., Mount Hood. — Bigot, *l. c.*

I identify a male specimen from Mount Hood as this. The pile of the head and dorsum of the thorax is black. The fourth abdominal segment is shining metallic, like the anterior triangular spots on the second and third segments; the wings are very distinctly brownish in front; and I cannot distinguish any pubescence on the arista.

#### *Chilosia lævis.*

*Cartosyrphus lævis* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1884, 553.

*Habitat.*—Washington Territory (Bigot).

♀ Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>. *Tota nigra, nitida, nuda. Cheto, facie oculisque nudis; calyptris albis, halteribus testaceis; alis pallidè testaceis.*

Entièrement d'un noir luisant, brièvement clairsemé d'un duvet grisâtre; chête, face, yeux, nus; cuillerons blancs, balanciers testacés; ailes un peu jaunâtres; quelques macrochètes noirs au bord de l'écusson.—1 specim. — Bigot, *l. c.*

*Chilosia tristis.*

I am wrong in uniting the male and female specimens described under *C. pallipes*. Notwithstanding the fact that specimens were collected together, almost indeed at the same moment, they belong, I believe, to different species. My reasons I find in the shape of the first posterior cell. In *C. tristis* (the males) it is broader, and the last section of the fourth vein comparatively longer than in *C. pallipes* (the females). The female of *C. tristis*, according to Loew, differs also, apparently, in not having the light-colored humeri.

SYRPHUS.

*Syrphus fumipennis.*

*Syrphus fumipennis* Thomson, *Eugenies resa*, 499.

*Habitat.*—California (Thomson).

♂ Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>. Eyes bare, frontal triangle fuscous pilose, yellowish; face slightly concave below the antennæ, yellowish-white; cheeks bronze fuscous, subopaque; the lateral and front oral margin blackish, shining. Antennæ yellow. Thorax bronze fuscous, the sides more yellowish; pile pallid; scutellum pallid testaceous, with fuscous and pallid pile intermixed. Wings somewhat smoky. Abdomen oval, subdepressed; short, pallid pubescent; second segment deep black, long yellow pilose on the sides, with a yellow, triangularly oval spot on each side, the sides anteriorly confluent with the margin; third and fourth segments deep black, with a broad yellow posteriorly sinuate fascia; hind margin of the fourth and fifth segments testaceous; hypopygium shining black. Legs yellow, base of the femora black fuscous.

The above is an abstract of Thomson's very long and redundant Latin description. He says of the species, that it is very similar to *S. corolla*, but differs in the smoky wings and abdominal bands. I cannot apply the description to any species which I know, though I think it comes nearest to *Americanus*. The legs are said to be black only at the base of the femora, and the bands of the third and fourth abdominal segments are not stated to reach the margin.

*Syrphus ochrostoma.*

*Syrphus ochrostoma* Zetterstedt, *Dipt. Scand.*, viii, 3133; Schiner, *Fauna Austr.*, i, 310; v. d. Wulp, *Tijdschr. v. Ent.*, xxv, 134.

*Habitat.*—Europe, Canada (v. d. Wulp).

♂, ♀ Length, 12<sup>mm</sup>. Is like *S. ribesii*, but the scutellum is yellow pilose, and the femora are wholly yellow.

**Syrphus tarsatus.**

*Syrphus tarsatus* Zetterstedt, Ins. Lapp., 601, 2; Dipt. Scand., 730, 33; Staeger, Groenl. Antl., 360, 27.

*Habitat.*—Europe, Greenland.

Length, 8<sup>mm</sup> to 9<sup>mm</sup>. Shining metallic, blackish-green. Eyes pilose. Face yellow, oral margin black. Antennæ blackish. Abdomen with three straight, interrupted bands. Legs reddish-yellow; base of femora and tarsi black; hind tibiæ with a brown or blackish ring. Scutellum yellow.

**Syrphus dimidiatus.**

*Syrphus dimidiatus* Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., i, 537.

*Habitat.*—Georgia (Macq.).

Length, 10.5<sup>mm</sup>. Black, sides of the face whitish. Third joint of antennæ reddish below. First band of abdomen interrupted, the others broad, entire. Legs yellow; hind pair and base of front femora black. Wings brown on the anterior part.—Macquart.

This description is not sufficient to admit of identification.

**MESOGRAPTA.****Mesograptæ marginatæ.**

The following synonym was omitted under this species:

*Syrphus limbiventris* Thomson, Eugenie's resa, 485, 83.—California.

**Mesograptæ coalescens.**

*Syrphus coalescens* Walker, Dipt. Saunders, 237.—North America.

**Mesograptæ corbis.**

*Syrphus corbis* Walker, Dipt. Saunders, 237.—North America.

“Both are *Mesograptæ*, each represented by a single specimen in the British Museum. I find in my notes that both produced on me the impression of *M. Boscii*, although the description of *S. coalescens* reads more like that of *M. planiventris* Loew; the female described by Walker is probably a different species.”—Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 125, note.

**COPESTYLUM.**

Macquart's figure of *C. flaviventris* shows as much resemblance to *C. limbipennis* as it does to *C. marginatum*, but the descriptions will not apply to the former at all, especially as regards the structure of the antennæ.

## HELOPHILUS.

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Face sharply conical	conostomus					
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Front of female black pilose only near the ocelli; front of male broad	latifrons					
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Antennæ wholly black	10					
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Abdomen velvet-like black, each segment with a triangular black shining spot in the middle, and a hoary spot on each side	porcus					
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Abdomen wholly black	modestus					
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Third segment, except a small opaque spot in front, and the fourth, shining submetallic black	bilinearis					

*Helophilus bilinearis*, n. sp.

*Habitat.*—Colorado!

♂ Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>. Head in profile similar to that of *H. lætus*, the angle of the cheeks with the occiput a little more obtuse. Face yellowish white, clothed with white pollen and pile; cheeks shining black. Antennæ reddish yellow; arista luteous. Lower part of the front like the face, on the upper part brownish black with black pile; the pile of the vertex light colored. Thorax opaque black; two median, remote, linear stripes, cinereous, the lateral margins ochraceous cinereous; pile yellowish white. Scutellum obscurely yellow, the narrow base and outer angles black; pile wholly light colored. Abdomen elongate oval, broadest on the second segment; first segment shining, dusted on the

sides; second segment opaque black, on the lateral margins an elongate yellow spot, its inner margin shining beneath cinereous pollen which extends acutely inward near the middle; third segment with a small hourglass-shaped opaque spot, on each side of which faintly whitish dusted, the extreme anterior angles luteous; fourth segment luteous on the hind border; the rather broad posterior part of the second, and the third and fourth, shining, somewhat metallic, black; pile on the sides in front long, nearly white, elsewhere shorter, but of nearly the same color. Legs black, hind femora on outer half and the hind tibiae, except two indefinite darker rings, red; tip of four anterior femora, their tibiae and middle tarsi, luteous yellow; tip of front tibiae and the front tarsi, brown. Wings cinereous hyaline; stigma minutely brown.

One specimen, Colorado.

### CRIORHINA.

#### *Criorhina pictipes*.

*Calliprobola pictipes* Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1883, 354.

? *Criorhina notata* (Wiedemann), ante. p. 215.

*Habitat*—Carolina (Bigot).

♂ Long. 8 et 10<sup>mm</sup>. *Antennis testaceis, supernè et apice fusco tinctis; palpis fuscis; facie, fronte conice elongatâ, flavo pallido; thorace, scutello et abdomine nigro ænescente, fulvo tomentosus, scapulis, vitta thoracica laterali marginibusque scutelli fulvis, incisuris abdominis, angustissime, maculisque duobus, basi, subtrigonis, fulvis; calyptris et halteribus pallide flavis; femoribus flavidis, nigro annulatis, tibiis anticis fuscis, basi flavidis tarsis anticis infuscatis, tibiis intermediis flavis tarsis apice fuscis, tibiis posticis flavidis, apice latè fusco annulatis tarsis flavidis; [alis hyalinis] basi et extrinsecus flavidioribus, venis transversis parum infuscatis.* ♀ *Simillima: fronte, supernè, late nigra.*

♂ Antennes testacées, brunes en dessus et à l'extrémité du 3<sup>e</sup> segment, chète testacé, nu, à pointe brunâtre; palpes brunes; face, front, conique et notablement saillant, d'un blanc jaunâtre. Entièrement d'un noir bronzé à légers reflets cuivreux et duvet fauve. flancs. sous les ailes, avec une forte touffe de poils jaunâtres; thorax à partir de la suture, écusson, bordés de fauve, épaules fauves, métathorax, sous l'écusson d'un noir luisant, 2<sup>e</sup> segment abdominal orné en dessus, à sa base, de deux macules presque trigonales, allongées, fauves, segments très finement bordés de fauve, l'abdomen moins tomenteux que le thorax; cuillerons et balanciers d'un jaunâtre pâle; hanches noirâtres, pieds d'un jaunâtre pâle, cuisses avec un anneau noir vers leur extrémité, tibias antérieurs à l'extrémité et tarses entièrement bruns, de même que les tarses postérieurs, tibias postérieurs largement brunâtres à leur extrémité, tibias et tarses intermédiaires d'un jaunâtre pâle, ces derniers noirâtres à l'extrémité; ailes d'un jaunâtre fort pâle, un peu plus foncé à la base et le long du bord externe, nervures transversales légèrement bordées de noirâtre. ♀ Semblable au mâle, front large et d'un noir

assez luisant à sa partie supérieure; cuisses postérieures simplement garnies en dessous de poils fins, peu rigides; 2<sup>e</sup> nervure transversale de l'aile très légèrement oblique et sise au milieu de cellule discoïdale.—2 spécim.—Bigot, *l. c.*

### BRACHYPALPUS.

#### **Brachypalpus Amithaon.**

*Milesia Amithaon* Walker, List, etc., iii, 567.

*Habitat.*—North Carolina (Walker).

“♂ Body black, shining; head as broad as the chest, clothed with dark tawny hairs; mouth and feelers black; eyes brassy black; facets on the fore part of the crown rather larger than those elsewhere; chest clothed with dark tawny hairs; abdomen nearly linear, as broad as the chest and much longer; sides clothed alternately with black and dark tawny hairs; legs black, clothed with black hairs; foot-cushions and claws dark tawny; tips of claws black; hind thighs very thick, toothed beneath; hind shanks curved, with a knob on the inner side; wings dark gray, brown along the fore borders and on the sides of the veins of the disk; wing-ribs and veins black, some of the latter ferruginous toward the base; poisers ferruginous. Length of the body 7 lines; of the wings 15 lines.”—Walker, *l. c.*

“*M. Amithaon*, which I saw in the British museum, looks very much like a *Brachypalpus*.”—Osten Sacken, Cat. Dipt., 251. The description reads much like *B. frontosus*, except the “black and dark tawny hairs” of the abdomen. Is it a *Crioprora*?

#### **Brachypalpus Aepalius.**

*Xylota Aepalius* Walker, List, etc., iii, 557.

? *Brachypalpus sorosis* Williston, ante, p. 223.

I neglected to compare Walker's description in describing my species, and only became aware of the apparent identity of his *Aepalius* in revising the description for insertion here. I believe they are the same, though the description is not very definite of the abdomen and pile of the thorax, and will apply equally well to *B. pulcher*.

### OBSERVATIONS ON THE GENERA AND SPECIES DESCRIBED BY MR. BIGOT.

(Annales et Bulletin Soc. Ent. de France, 1883, 84, 85).

*Phalacromyia vicina*, Annales, 1883, 86.—Mexico.

*Phalacromyia melanorhina*, Annales, 1883, 86.—Mexico.

This genus differs from *Volucella* only in the marginal cell of the wings being open. Mr. Bigot gives a useful table of the known species of this genus and of *Volucella*.

*Microdon gracile*, Annales, 1883, 320.—Mexico.

Is not this the same as *M. baliopterus*? The descriptions read very much alike.

*Microdon cothurnatum*, Annales, 1883, 320.—Oregon.

Is *M. tristis*, var.

*Chrysotoxum villosulum*, Annales, 1883, 320.—Oregon.

I make this a synonym of what I call *C. derivatum* Walker, but it is possible that I have included more than one species under that name.

*Ocyptamus fraternus*, Annales, 1883, 324.—Mexico.

This is, according to the author, allied to *O. funebris* Macq. Schiner (Nov. Exped., 346), was not able to decide whether this species differed from *O. fascipennis* or not. Bigot's description of the wings has hardly anything in common with the latter.

*Ocyptamus infuscatus*, Annales, 1883, 324.—Mexico.

Is apparently allied to *O. latiusculus* Loew.

*Ocyptamus rubriventris*, Annales, 325.—Mexico.

Appears to be similar to *O. dimidiatus* Fabr.

*Spazigaster bacchoides*, Annales, 1883, 326.—California.

This is the same as *Baccha babista* Walker, which is widely distributed over the whole United States. The author places it in this genus on account of the oval third antennal joint. The arista is not plumose, and the hind tibiæ of the male are not bent, characters that are given for *Spatigaster*. However, I have never seen a specimen of this European genus, and cannot give any opinion as to the justness of Mr. Bigot's determination.

*Ascia nasuta*, Annales, 1883, 327.—Mount Hood.

*Ascia quadrinotata*, Annales, 1883, 327.—Mount Hood.

*Ascia albipes*, Annales, 1883, 328.—North America.

All of these, I believe, are only varieties of the common, widespread *Neoscia globosa* Walker.

*Salpingogaster anchorata*, Annales, 1883, 328.—Mexico.

*Salpingogaster cothurnata*, Annales, 1883, 329.—Mexico.

The genus *Salpingogaster* Schiner was described by the author as follows (Nov. Exped., 344):

“Auss der Gruppe der Syrphinen.—Kopf, Rückenschild und Hinterleib wie bei der Gattung *Baccha*, nur ist der letztere immer und in beiden Geschlechtern an der Basis sehr dünn, fast drehrund, vom zweiten Ringe an aber ungewöhnlich stark verbreitet und flachgedrückt, so dass er im Umrisse stark keulenförmig erscheint; gegen das Ende zu ist er sanft zugespitzt; die Genitalien des Männchens ragen vor und zeigen bei einer Art am Ende einen aufgebogenen Dorn. An den ziemlich langen Beinen sind die Hinterschenkel in der Regel gedorn, die Dornen aber klein; Vordertarsen des Weibchens breitgedrückt. Flügel gross; die Cubitalader [third longitudinal vein] ober der ersten Hinterrandzelle tief buchtig eingebogen (eben so stark wie bei *Eristalis*), der letzte Abschnitt der Discoidalader (die sogenannte Spitzenquerader [last section of the fourth vein] sehr stark S-förmig gebogen; die kleine Querader nahe vor der Mitte oder auf der Mitte der Dis-



coidalzelle ziemlich lang; die Radialzelle [marginal cell] offen. Typische Art: *Salpingogaster pygophora* Schiner."—South America (14 to 15<sup>mm</sup> in length).

*Doros insularis*, Annales, 1883, 330.—Cuba.

Whether this is a true *Doros* (*i. e.*, differing from *Xanthogramma* in the abdomen being clubbed, or the basal segments narrow) or not, cannot be made out from the description.

*Eristalis opulentus*, Annales, 1883, 336.—Cuba.

The species here described appears to be closely allied to those placed under *Pteroptila* (*Plagiocera*).

*Sphixea fulvifrons*, Annales, 1883, 341.—Georgia.

Notwithstanding the discrepancies in the description, there can be little or no doubt but that this is the widespread, common, and easily recognized *Milesia ornata*.

*Lepidomyia cincta*, Annales, 1883, 345.—Mexico.

To what genus this belongs I cannot say. The author was in uncertainty about *Lepidomyia*, for which he had grounds, as Loew's very brief diagnosis does not convey a very good idea of the genus. Bigot's species is, however, evidently no *Lepromyia*. The pilosity of the eyes and the light color of the scutellum indicate that it belongs somewhere in the vicinity of *Chilosia*.

*Aemosyrphus oculiferus*, Annales, 1883, 350.—Mexico, California.

*Aemosyrphus nigroscutatus*, Annales, 1883, 351.—Mexico.

The latter species the author separated on unimportant differences, and thought might be only a variety of *A. oculiferus*, a view in which I concur. They are both synonyms of *Helophilus Mexicanus*, which will be readily enough seen by comparing the description with male, not female, specimens.

*Aemosyrphus flavicaudatus*, Annales, 1883, 351.—Mexico.

*Aemosyrphus bicolor*, Annales, 1883, 350.—Mexico.

Whether these species belong to a genus distinct from *Helophilus* or not I cannot say.

*Calliprobola ærea*, Annales, 1883, 352.—Washington Territory.

Is a synonym of *Brachypalpus* (*Calliprobola*) *pulcher*.

*Calliprobola calorhina*, Annales, 1883, 353.—Washington Territory.

There is scarcely any doubt but that this is the same as *Sphecomomyia Pattoni*. It has scarcely anything in common with the preceding species.

*Calliprobola pictipes*, Annales, 1883, 354.—Carolina.

See *Criorhina pictipes* above.

*Brachypalpus Morrisoni*, Annales, 1883, 355.—Washington Territory.

This is my *Pocota grandis*, described first as *Hadromyia grandis*. The author may be right in locating it under *Brachypalpus*, but the

very broad abdomen differs much from that of the type of that genus. The palpi, moreover, are elongate.

*Romaleosyrphus villosus*, Annales, 1883, 356.—Mexico.

This genus, of which this is the type species, is evidently very closely allied to *Crioprora*, and probably identical. The only part of the generic diagnosis which I do not understand is, "*facie \* \* superne valde \* \* callosa.*" The face in none of the species known to me has a callosity above, without the slight convexity below the antennæ is meant. The elongate palpi, the conically produced, concave in profile, face, the antennæ, the villosity, and the structure of the hind legs throughout, are characteristic of *Crioprora*. The species seems to be different from any previously described, especially distinctive in its large size (22<sup>mm</sup>).

*Ischyrosyrphus tricolor*, Annales, 1884, 73.—California.

I identify this as *Syrphus velutinus*. The genus *Ischyrosyrphus* is separated from *Syrphus* solely by the pilosity of the eyes and is wholly untenable. See remarks under *Catabomba*.

*Syrphus perpallidus*, Annales, 1884, 90.—North America.

This is the very common Western *Eupeodes volucris* O. S.

*Mesograptæ* ? *bicincta*, Annales, 1884, 112.—Mexico.

*Mesograptæ* ? *bistriga*, Annales, 1884, 110.—Mexico.

*Mesograptæ* ? *circumdata*, Annales, 1884, 107.—Mexico.

*Mesograptæ* ? *cuprina*, Annales, 1884, 114.—Cuba.

*Mesograptæ* ? *heraldica*, Annales, 1884, 109.—Mexico.

*Mesograptæ* ? *lacrymosa*, Annales, 1884, 108.—Mexico, Brazil.

*Mesograptæ* ? *maculata*, Annales, 1884, 111.—Mexico, Cuba, Brazil.

*Mesograptæ* ? *mu*, Annales, 1884, 105.—Mexico.

*Mesograptæ* ? *pallipes*, Annales, 1884, 106.—Mexico.

*Mesograptæ* ? *saphiridiceps*, 1884, 105.—Mexico.

*Mesograptæ* ? *trilobata*, Annales, 1884, 109.—Mexico.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Bigot should have thought fit to describe all these new species, while not sure of their generic location. He must certainly have misunderstood the genus, as its distinctive character, a median dorsal cinereous line, is usually easily apparent, and dissipates all doubt as to the affinities of the insects. That he has not rightly conceived the limits of the genus seems also certain from the fact that he has described species from New Caledonia, and it may safely be asserted that the genus is distinctively an American one. Other reasons make this addition of numerous new and imperfectly described or doubtful species unfortunate. Not a few *Syrphi* of the older authors are probably *Mesograptæ*, but whose distinctive characters cannot be made out till the widely distributed species are recognized from South America. Again there is a great variation among individuals, and single or even a few specimens are often insufficient to decide the variational limits. Furthermore, differences, or at least a

tabular synopsis, should have been given. It is very much to be feared that Mr. Bigot's long interrogational list will remain an incumbrance to Mexican dipterology.

**Myiolepta lunulata**, Annales, 1884, 537.—Oregon.

Is the same as *M. varipes* Loew.

**Brachyopa cinereovittata**, Annales, 1884, 537.

This seems to be *B. vacua*, but the description of the thorax does not agree well.

**Paragus auricaudatus**, Annales, 1884, 540.—California.

This I identify with the common European *P. tibialis*.

**Xylota rubiginigaster**, Annales, 1884, 543.—Colorado.

I have immature specimens of *X. pigra* to which this description will apply fairly well.

**Xylota annulifera**, Annales, 1884, 545.—North America.

I do not see wherein this species differs from the common *X. ejuncida* Say.

**Xylota satanica**, Annales, 1884, 546.—California.

This description applies to *X. curvipes* except that the black of the tip of the hind femora is not mentioned. Possibly it is distinct.

**Glaurotricha (Haurottricha) volucelloides**, Annales, 1884, 548.—Mexico.

The author is in doubt whether to call this a *Glaurotricha* or a *Phalacromyia*. The genus corresponds to *Temnocera*, but with the marginal cell open as in *Phalacromyia*.

**Cartosyrphus lamprurus**, Annales, 1884, 552.—North America.

This is evidently *Chilosia capillata* Loew.

**Cartosyrphus hoodianus**, Annales, 1884, 552.—Mount Hood.

See *Chilosia hoodiensis* above.

**Cartosyrphus infumatus**, Annales, 1884, 553.—Mount Hood.

Is the same as *Chilosia nigripennis*.

**Cartosyrphus lævis**, Annales, 1884, 553.—Washington Territory.

See *Chilosia lævis* above.

The genus *Cartosyrphus* was characterized by the author as follows: "*Generis Chilosia veteris simillimum : differt, cheto et oculis glabris.*"

**Melanogaster rufipes**, Annales, 1884, 555.—North America.

I am unable to locate this species any more definitely than the author has done. The author's conception of the genus will be ascertained from the following, from his tabular synopsis of the genera of Syrphidæ (Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1883, 258):

•• Face dépourvue de sillons latéraux; antennes, 3<sup>e</sup> segment de grande dimension, orbiculaire: ♂, yeux contigus. *Cartosyrphus*. Id., ♀, pourvue de sillons latéraux; antennes, 3<sup>e</sup> segment de mediocre dimension. *Melanogaster*."

It will thus be seen that, in the acceptation of the present work, this species is a *Chilosia*. His description is as follows:

♂, ♀ Long. 8<sup>mm</sup>. *Nigra, ferè nuda. Facie, thorace, scutelloque obscure ænescentibus, parè cinerco villosulis. Antennarum segmentis [secundis] et [tertiis], basi, fulvo obscuro tinctis; pedibus anticis fulvis, femoribus basi, tarsis apice, nigris, posticis, femoribus ferè totis, annulo tiliarum, tarsis totis, ejusdem coloris; alis hyalinis.*

Noire, clairsemé de poils grisâtres. Face, thorax, écusson, 1<sup>er</sup> segment de l'abdomen, luisants avec reflets bronzés; antennes fauves, noirâtres à la base ainsi qu'au-dessus du 3<sup>e</sup> segment; face, avec des stries obliques très peu visibles de chaque côté, légèrement carénée et tuberculée, non concave; flancs avec un peu de duvet blanc; cuillerons et balanciers blancs, massue brune; abdomen d'un noir opaque avec deux larges macules latérales et basilaires d'un fauve obscur sur les 3<sup>e</sup> et 4<sup>e</sup> segments; pieds fauves, intermédiaires et antérieurs avec la base des cuisses et l'extrémité des tarses noirâtres, postérieurs avec les cuisses presque entièrement noirâtres, un large anneau sur les tibias, les tarses entièrement noirâtres; ailes hyalines, la macule stigmatique étroite, d'un jaunâtre pâle. Antennes, 3<sup>e</sup> segment ovaloïde allongé; ailes, 5<sup>e</sup> nervure longitudinale (Rondani) conformé comme chez la précédente espèce.—2 specim.

The "preceding species" (*Chrysogaster ? notata* from New Zealand) has the distal section of the fourth vein "oblique après le coude, mais courbé de manière à former un angle presque droit, brièvement appendiculée après le coude." Is it a *Melanostoma*?

**Melanogaster ochripes**, Annales, 1884, 555.—Mount Hood.

Is a synonym of *Chilosia par va*.

**Orhoneura sinuosa**, Annales, 1884, 556.—Washington Territory.

Is *Chrysogaster stigmata*?

**Melanostoma cyaneocincta**, Annales, 1885, 251.—Mexico.

**Ocyptamus fenestratus**, Annales, 1885, 251.—Mexico.

**Eristalis rufoscutatus**, Annales, 1880, 221.—Mexico.

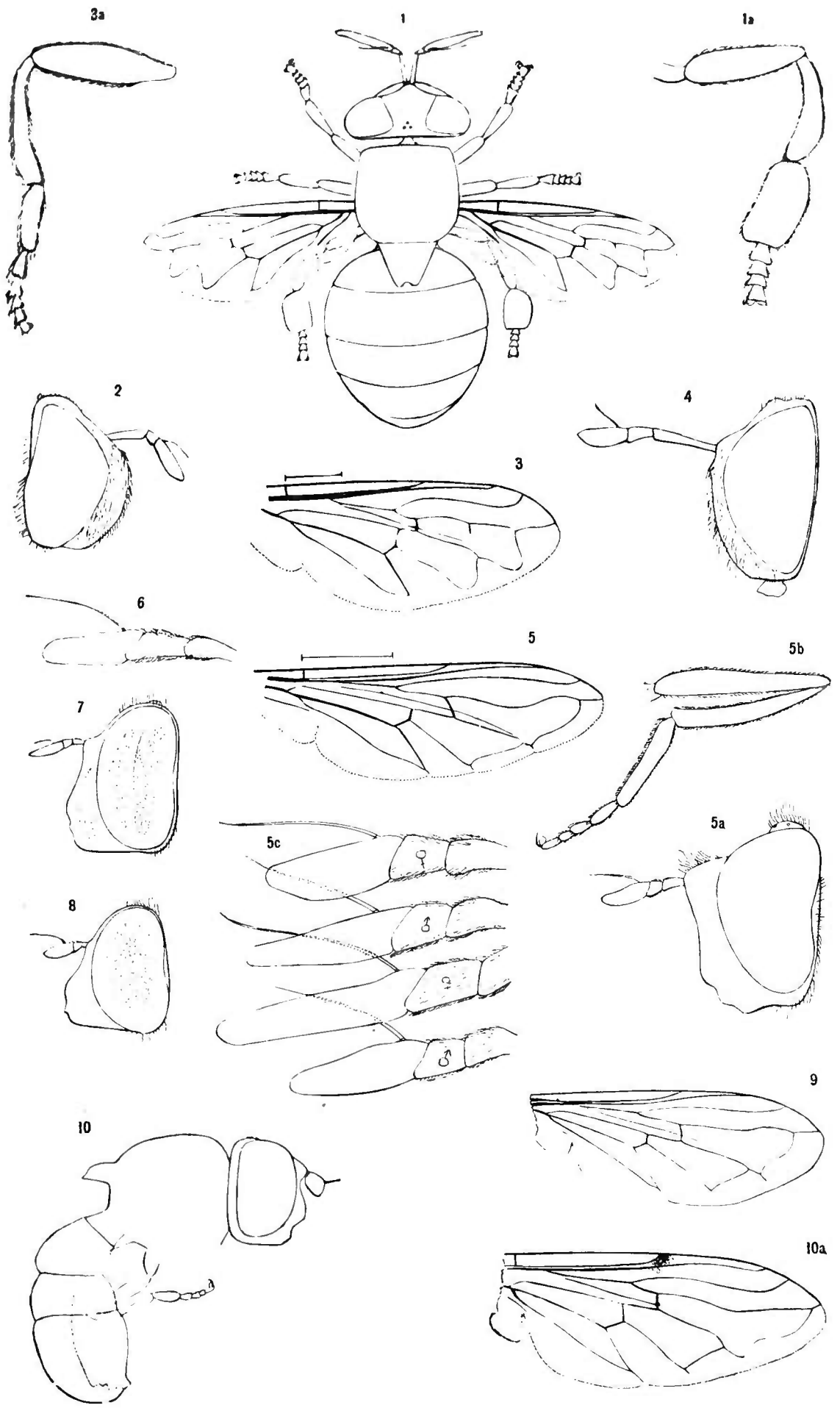


*EXPLANATION OF PLATES.*

[All the figures are from nature, by the author.]

PLATE I.

1. *MICRODON FUSCIPENNIS* Macq., 1*a*, hind leg of male.
2. *MICRODON BALIOPTERUS* Loew?, head of male.
3. *MICRODON TRISTIS* Loew, wing; 3*a*, hind leg.
4. *MICRODON GLOBOSUS* Fabr., head of male.
5. *CHRYSOTOXUM DERIVATUM* Walker, wing; 5*a*, head of male; 5*b*, hind leg; 5*c*, antennae of four different individuals.
6. *CHRYSOTOXUM*, sp. (*PUBESCENS*?).
7. *PARAGUS BICOLOR* Fabr., head of female.
8. *PARAGUS TIBIALIS* Fallen, head of female.
9. *PARAGUS BICOLOR* Fabr., wing.
10. *NAUSIGASTER PUNCTULATA* Will., male; 10*a*, wing, var.



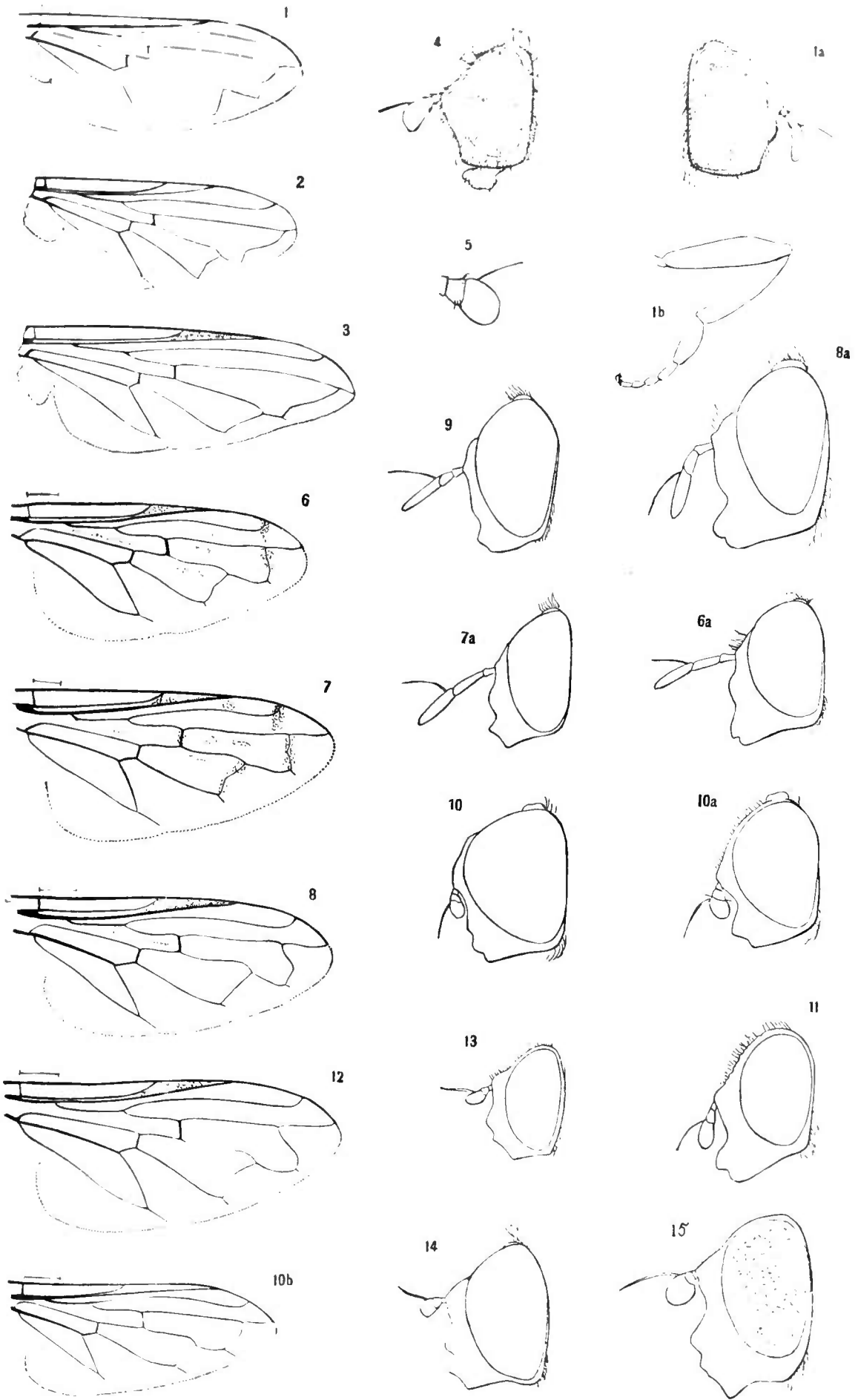






## PLATE II.

1. *PIPIZA PULCHELLA* Will., wing; 1*a*, head of female; 1*b*, hind leg.
2. *PIPIZA PISTICA* Will., wing.
3. *PIPIZA PUELLA* Will., wing.
4. *PIPIZA FESTIVA* Meigen, head of female.
5. *PIPIZA PISTICOIDES* Will., antenna.
6. *CHRYSOGASTER BELLULA* Will., wing; 6*a*, head of male (the convexity of the face is a little too great).
7. *CHRYSOGASTER NITIDA* Wied., wing; 7*a*, head of male.
8. *CHRYSOGASTER NIGROVITTATA* Loew, wing.
- 8*a*. *CHRYSOGASTER STIGMATA* Will., head of male.
9. *CHRYSOGASTER PULCHELLA*, Will., head of male.
10. *CHRYSOGASTER NIGRIPES* Loew, head of male; 10*a*, head of female; 10*b*, wing.
11. *CHRYSOGASTER NIGROVITTATA* Loew, head of female.
12. *CHRYSOGASTER STIGMATA* Will., wing.
13. *CHILOSIA PARVA* Will., head of female.
14. *CHILOSIA NIGRIPENNIS* Will., head of male.
15. *CHILOSIA PETULCA* Will., head of female (the lower border of the cheeks descends too much in front).

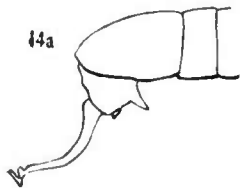
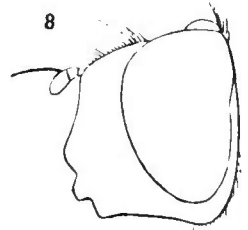
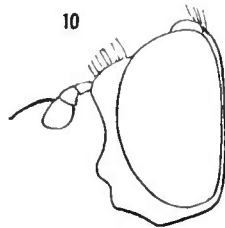
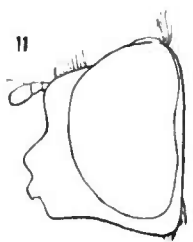
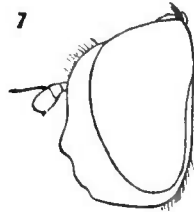
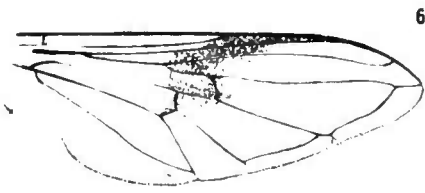
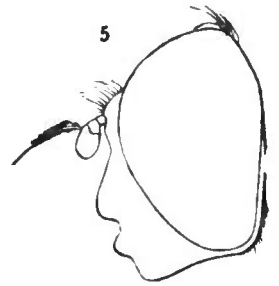
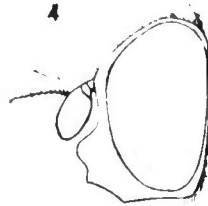
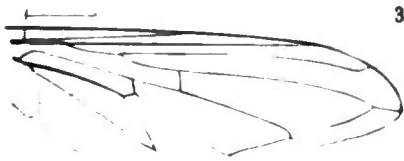
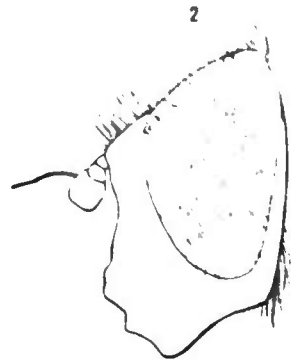
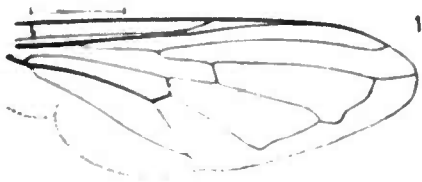




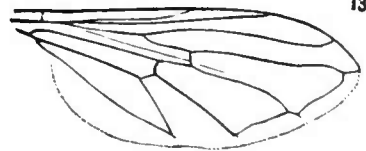
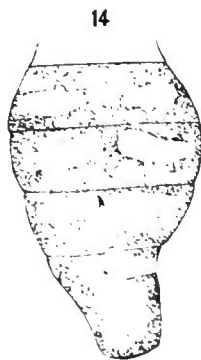
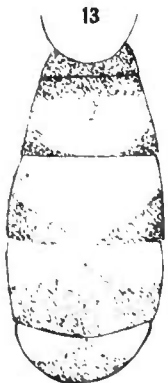
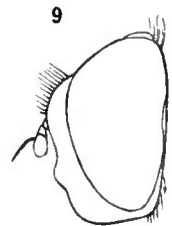
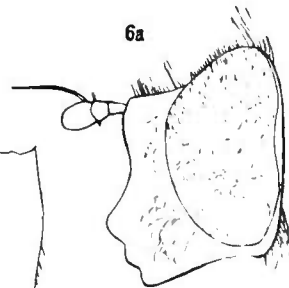
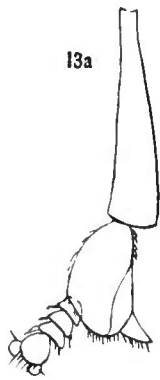


## PLATE III.

1. *CHILOSIA OCCIDENTALIS* Will., wing; 1a, head of male.
2. *CHILOSIA LASIOPHTHALMA* Will., head of male.
3. *CHILOSIA CYANESCENS* Loew, wing.
4. *CHILOSIA PLUMATA* (*CYANESCENS*) Loew, head of female.
5. *CHILOSIA TRISTIS* Loew, head of male (Washington specimen).
6. *LEUCOZONA LUCORUM* Linné, wing; 6a, head of male.
7. *MELANOSTOMA ANGUSTATUM* Will., head of male.
8. *MELANOSTOMA TIGRINUM* O. S., head of male.
9. *MELANOSTOMA MELLINUM* Linné, head of male.
10. *PLATYCHIRUS QUADRATUS* Say, head of male; 10a, right front tibia and tarsus of male.
11. *PLATYCHIRUS PELTATUS* Meig., head of male; 11a, left front tibia and tarsus of male.
12. *PLATYCHIRUS HYPERBOREUS* Staeger, right front tibia and tarsus of male.
13. *PYROPHÆNA OCYMI* Fabr., abdomen of female; 13a, right front tibia and tarsus of male; 13b, left middle tibia and tarsus of male; 13c, wing.
14. *EUPEODES VOLUCRIS* O. S., abdomen of male; 14a, hypopygium.



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## PLATE IV.

1. *CATABOMBA PYRASTRI* Linné, head of male, from in front; 1*a*, head of female.
2. *SYRPHUS LESUEURII* Macq., wing.
3. *SYRPHUS GENICULATUS* Macq., head of male.
4. *DIDEA LAXA* Q. S., wing; 4*a*, head of male.
5. *MESOGRAPTA GEMINATA* Say, head of male; 5*a*, hind leg of male.
6. *XANTHOGRAMMA ÆQUALE* Loew, head of female.
7. *BACCHA AURINOTA* Walker, wing.
8. *BACCHA FUSCIPENNIS* Say, head of male; 8*a*, the same, front view.
9. *BACCHA BABISTA* Walk., head of female.
10. *NEOASCIA GLOBOSA* Walk., wing; 10*a*, head of male.
11. *SPHEGINA KEENIANA* Will., wing.
12. *SPHEGINA INFUSCATA* Loew, wing; 12*a*, head of male.
13. *PELECOCERA PERGRANDEI* Will., male.
14. *CHALCOMYIA ÆREA* Loew, head of male; 14*a*, head of female.
15. *MYIOLEPTA NIGRA* Loew, head of female.
16. *SPHÆROPHORIA CYLINDRICA* Say, head of male; 16*a*, abdomen of male.

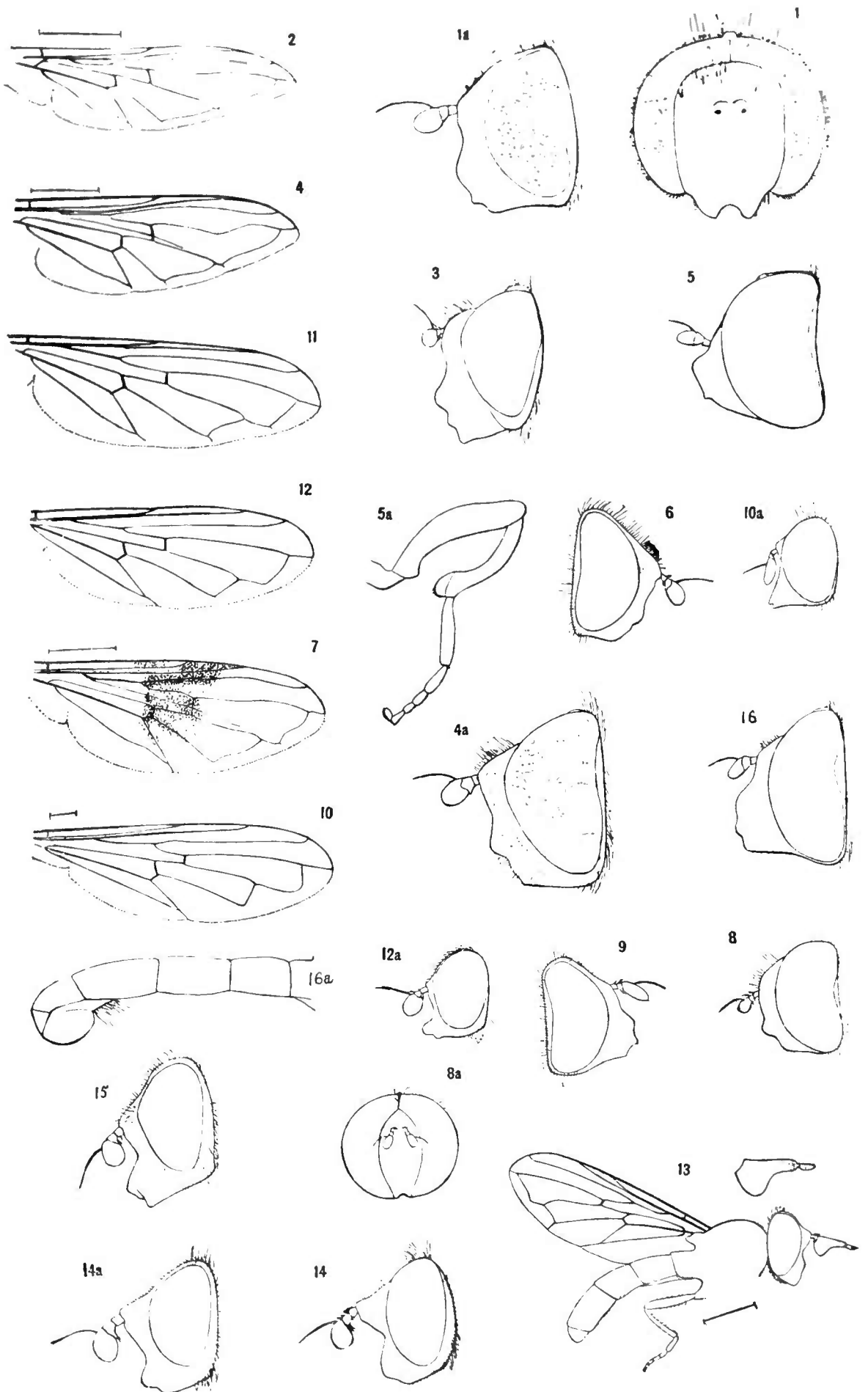






PLATE V.

1. MYIOLEPTA VARIPES Loew, wing; 1*a*, head of male; 1*b*, head of female.
2. MYIOLEPTA BELLA Will., head of female; 2*a*, wing.
3. RHINGIA NASICA Say, head of male; 3*a*, wing.
4. EUGENIAMYIA FERRUGINEA Fallen, wing; 4*a*, head of male; 4*b*, the same, front view.
5. BRACHYOPA NOTATA O. S., wing; 5*a*, head of female.
6. BRACHYOPA NOTATA O. S., head of male.
7. BRACHYOPA MEDIA Will., head of female.
8. VOLUCELLA HAGII Jerm., head of male.
9. VOLUCELLA OBESA Fabr., head of male.
10. BACCHA DIMIDIATA Fabr., wing, female.

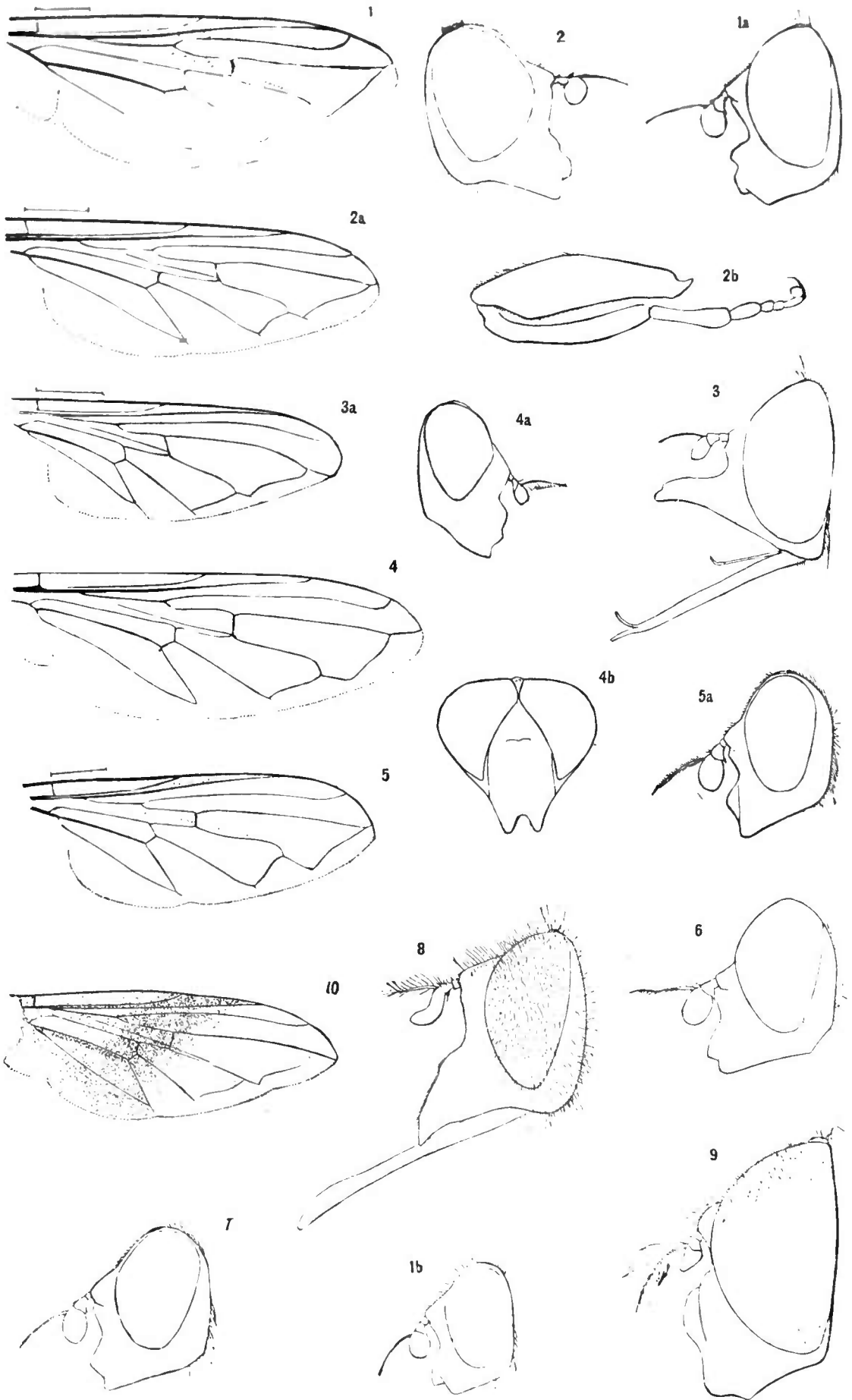


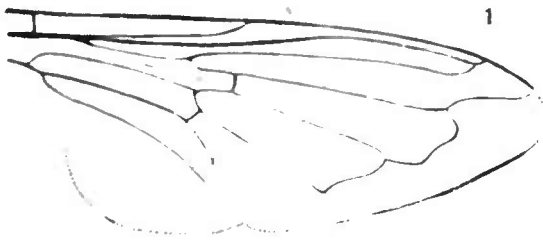




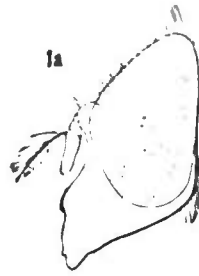


PLATE VI.

1. *VOLUCELLA VESICULOSA* Fabr., wing; 1*a*, head of male.
2. *VOLUCELLA SEXPUNCTATA* Loew, wing.
3. *VOLUCELLA PUSILLA* Macq., wing; 3*a*, head.
4. *VOLUCELLA FASCIATA* Macq., wing.
5. *VOLUCELLA MEXICANA* Macq., wing; 5*a*, head of male.
6. *VOLUCELLA ERECTA* Walk., wing; 6*a*, head of male.
7. *VOLUCELLA*, sp.
8. *VOLUCELLA* sp., head of male.
9. *VOLUCELLA COMSTOCKI* Will., head of male.
10. *VOLUCELLA EUGENIA* Will., head of male.
11. *VOLUCELLA SEXPUNCTATA* Loew.
12. *VOLUCELLA SATUR* O. S., wing neuration; 12*b*, antenna.
13. *VOLUCELLA TAU* Bigot, antenna.



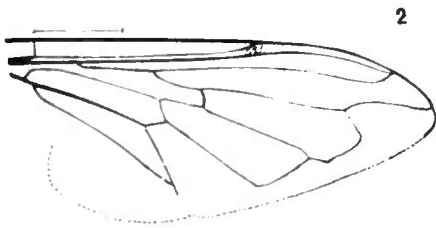
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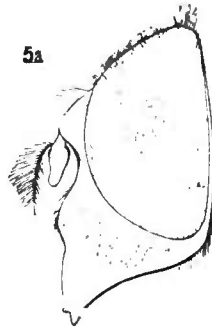
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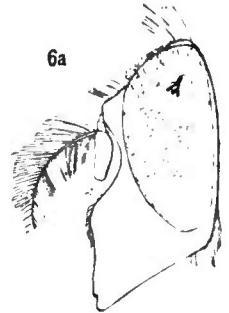
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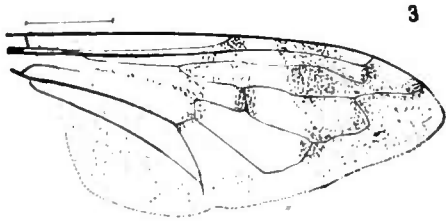
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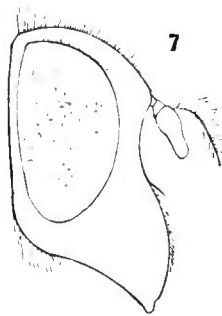
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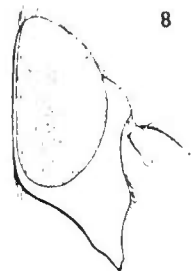
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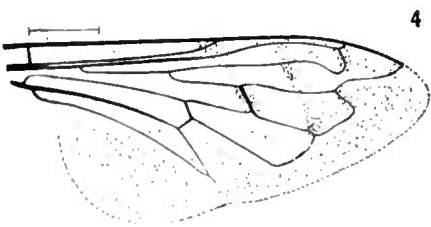
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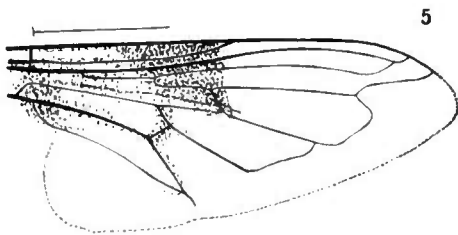
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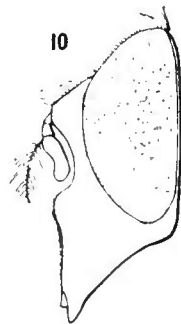
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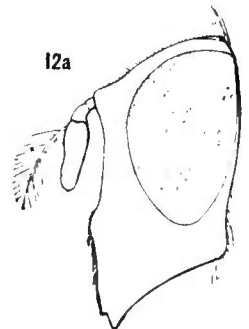
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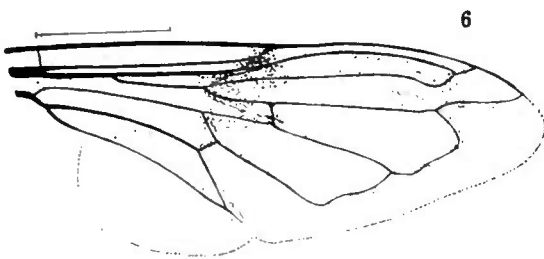
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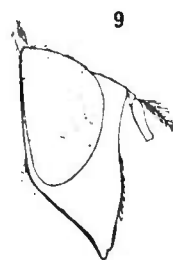
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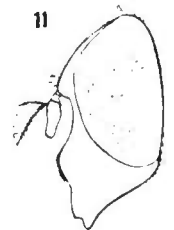
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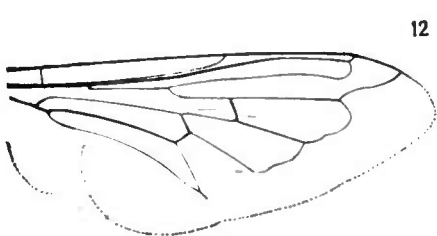
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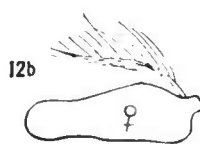
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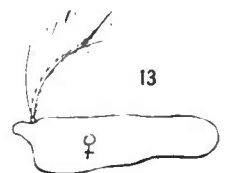


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## PLATE VII.

1. COPESTYLUM MARGINATUM Say, wing; 1*a*, head of female; 1*b*, antenna.
2. SERICOMYIA CHALCOPYGA Loew, wing; 2*a*, head of male.
3. SERICOMYIA MILITARIS Walker, wing; 3*a*, hind leg of male; 3*b*, head of male.
4. SERICOMYIA CHRYSOTOXOIDES Macq., antenna of male; 4*a*, antenna of female.
5. ARCTOPHILA FLAGRANS O. S., wing; 5*a*, head of male; 5*b*, hind leg of male.
6. TEUCHOCNEMIS BACUNTIUS Walk., wing.
7. ERISTALIS TENAX Linné, wing; 7*a*, head of male; 7*b*, antenna; 7*c*, hind leg of male.
8. ERISTALIS TRANSVERSUS Wied., head of male.
9. ERISTALIS VINETORUM Wied., hind leg of male.
9. ERISTALIS COMPACTUS Walker, head of female.
10. ERISTALIS HORTORUM Fabr wing.



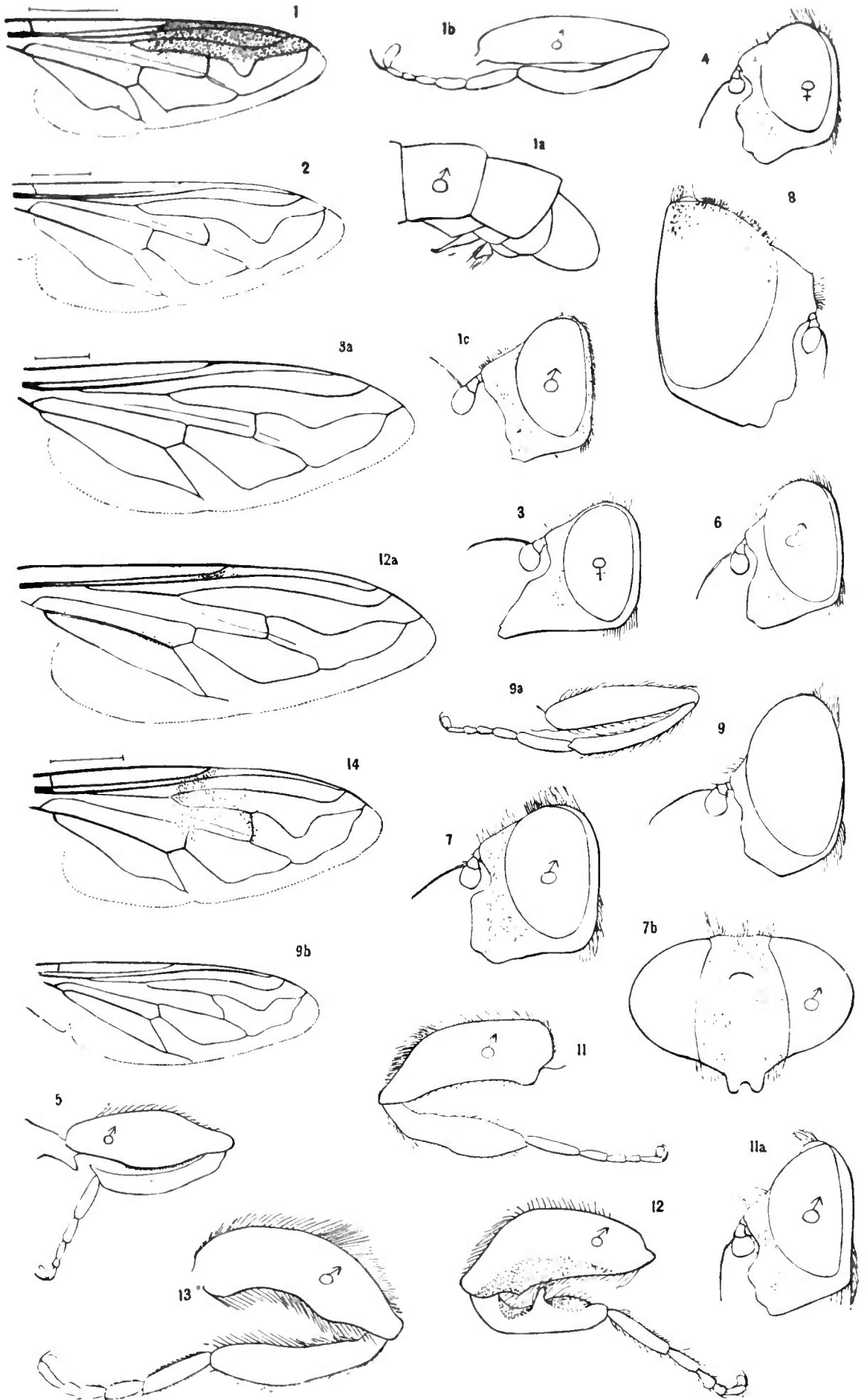






## PLATE VIII.

1. *PTEROPTILA CRUCIGERA* Wied., wing; 1*a*, distal end of male abdomen; 1*b*, hind leg of male; 1*c*, head of male.
2. *HELOPHILUS SIMILIS* Macq., wing.
3. *HELOPHILUS CONOSTOMUS* Will., head of female; 3*a*, wing.
4. *HELOPHILUS MODESTUS* Will., head of female.
5. *HELOPHILUS CHRYSOSTOMUS* Wied., hind leg of male.
6. *HELOPHILUS LETUS* Loew, head of male.
7. *HELOPHILUS MEXICANUS* Macq., head of male; 7*b*, the same, front view.
8. *DOLIOSYRPHUS RILEYI* Will., head of male.
9. *PTERALLASTES THORACICUS* Loew, head of male; 9*a*, hind leg of male.
11. *MALLOTA CIMBICIFORMIS* Fall., hind leg of male; 11*a*, head of male.
12. *TEUCHOCNEMIS LITURATUS* O. S., hind leg of male; 12*a*, wing.
13. *MALLOTA POSTICATA* Fabr., hind leg of male.
14. *MALLOTA SACKENI* Will., wing.

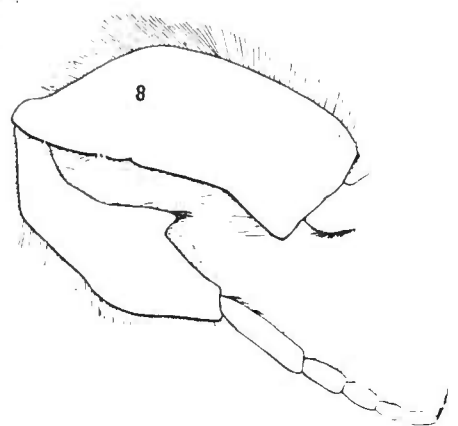
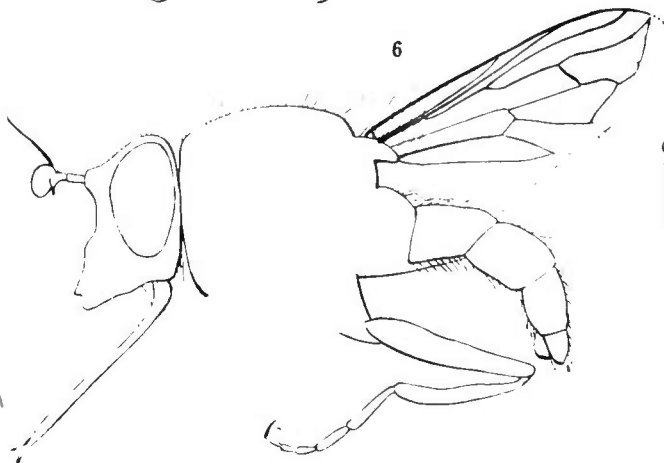
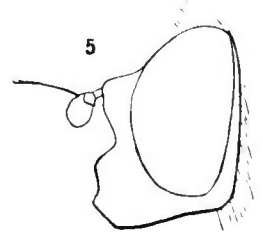
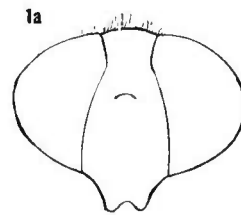
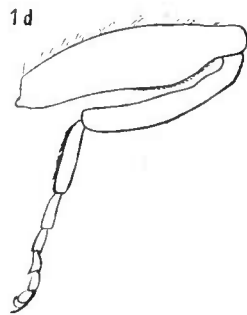
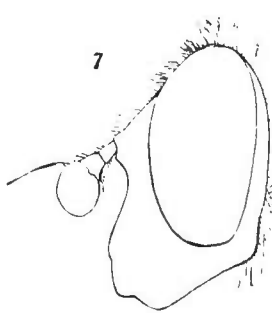
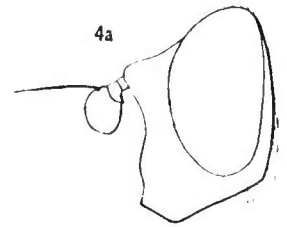
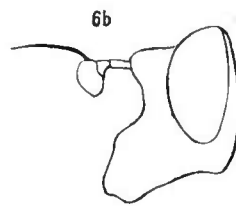
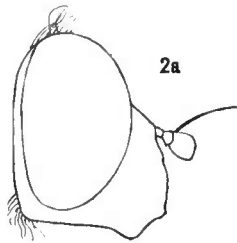
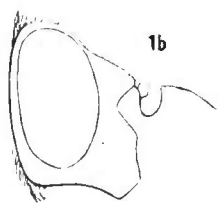
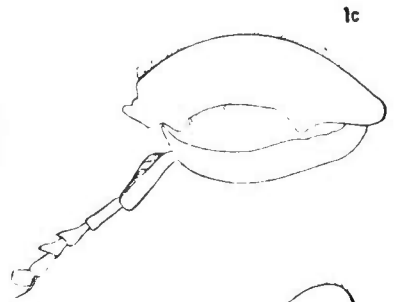
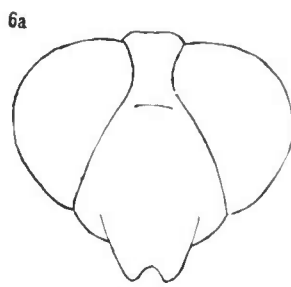
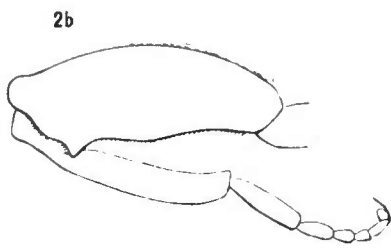
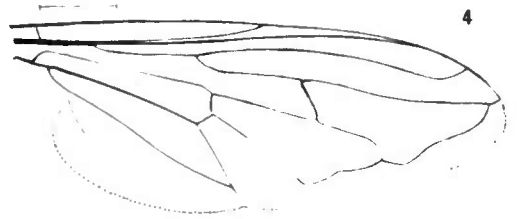
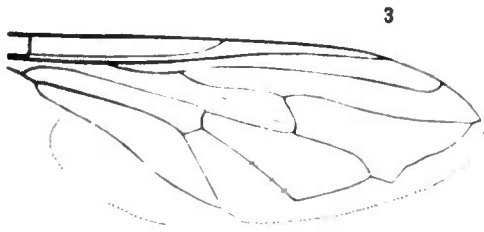
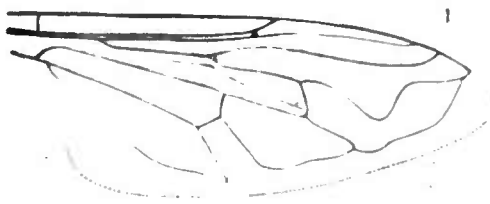






## PLATE IX.

1. *TRIODONTA CURVIPES* Wied., wing; 1*a*, head of male, front view; 1*b*, head of male; 1*c*, hind leg of male; 1*d*, hind leg of female.
2. *TROPIDIA QUADRATA* Say, wing; 2*a*, head of male; 2*b*, hind leg of male.
3. *CRIORHINA ANALIS* Macq., wing.
4. *CRIORHINA HUMERALIS* Will., wing; 4*a*, head of male.
5. *CRIORHINA SCITULA* Will., head of male.
6. *CRIORHINA LUPINA* Will., female; 6*a*, head of male, front view; 6*b*, the same, side view.
7. *CRIORHINA UMBRATILIS* Will.
8. *MALLOTA CIMBICIFORMIS*, form *BAUTIAS* Walk., hind leg of male.



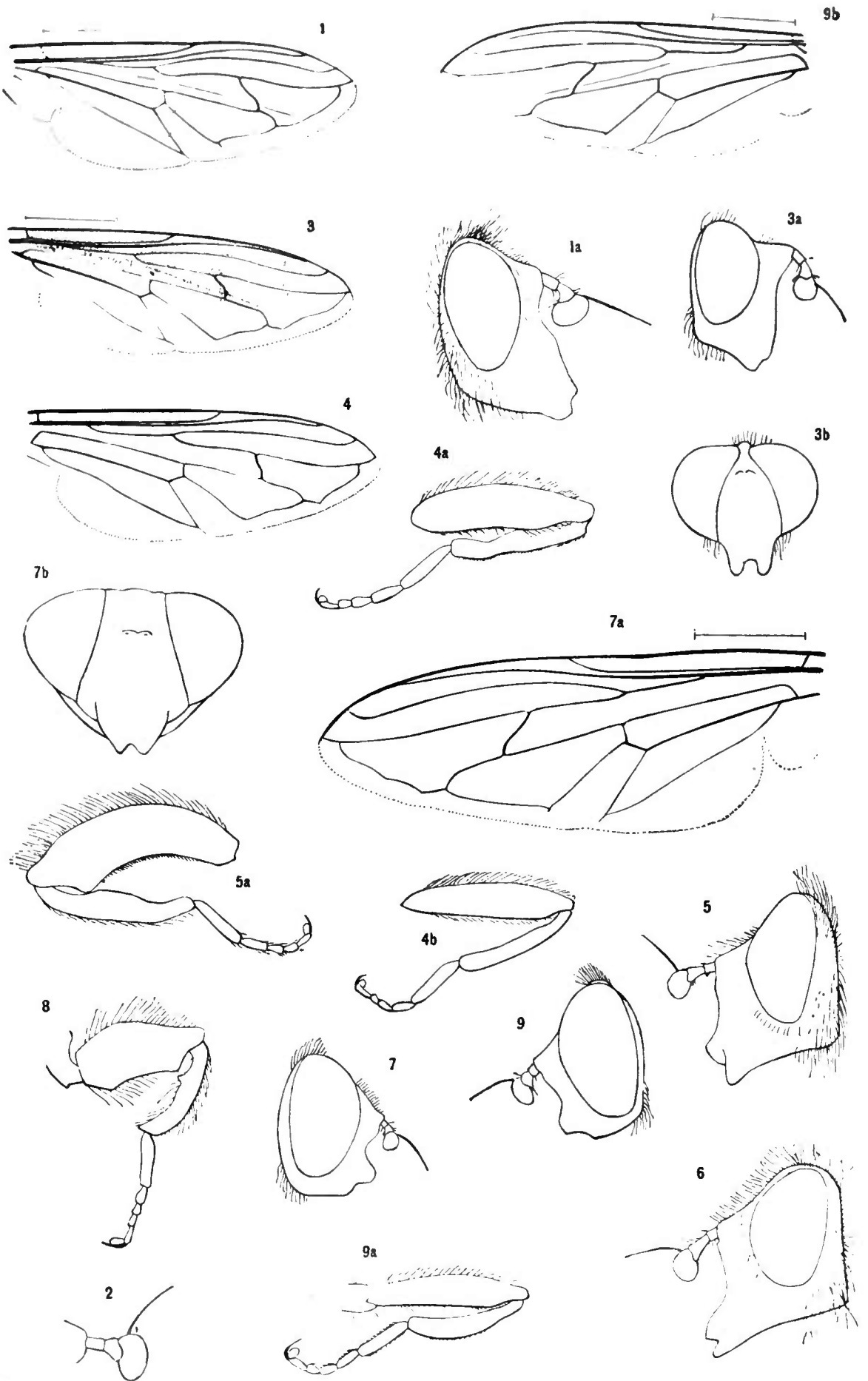






## PLATE X.

1. *CRIORHINA NIGRIPES*, Will., wing; 1*a*, head of female (the angle of the cheek and occiput is too much rounded); 1*b*, the same, front view.
2. *CRIORHINA VERBOSA* Harris, antenna.
3. *CRIORHINA (SOMULA) DECORA* Macq., wing; 3*a*, head of male; 3*b*, the same, side view.
4. *CRIOPRORA CYANELLA* O. S., wing (♀); 4*a*, hind leg of male; 4*b*, hind leg of female.
5. *CRIOPRORA FEMORATA* Will., head of male; 5*a*, hind leg of male.
6. *CRIOPRORA CYANELLA* O. S., head of female.
7. *POCOTA GRANDIS* Will., head of male; 7*a*, wing.
8. *BRACHYPALPUS FRONTOSUS* Loew, hind leg of male.
9. *BRACHYPALPUS (CALLIPROBOLA) PULCHER* Will., head of male, 9*a*, hind leg; 9*b*, wing.

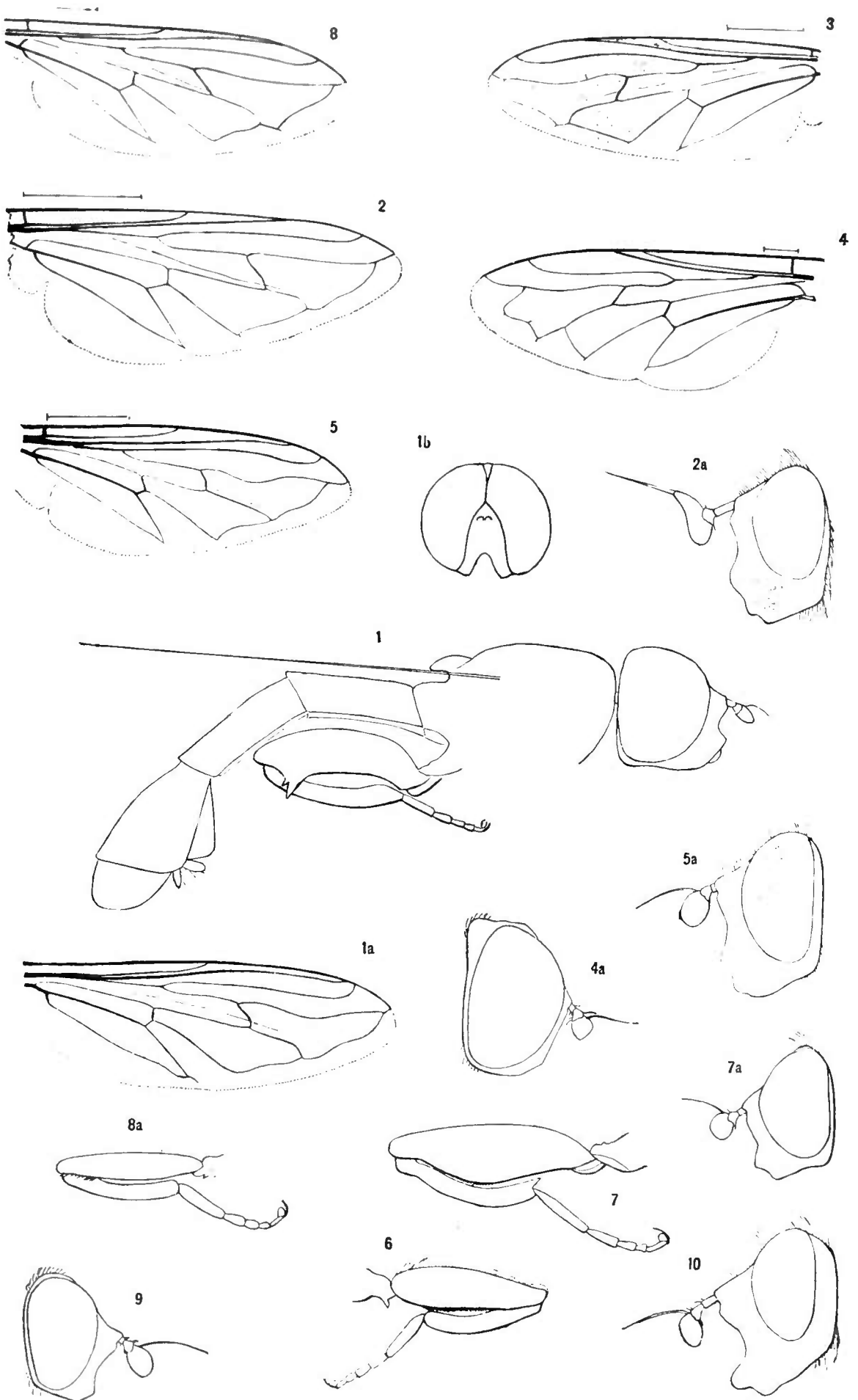






## PLATE XI.

1. *SENOGASTER COMSTOCKI* Will., male; 1*a*, wing; 1*b*, head of male, front view.
2. *MERAPIOIDUS VILLOSUS* Bigot, head of female; 2*a*, wing.
3. *XYLOTA PIGRA* Fabr., wing.
4. *EUMERUS SABULONUM* Fallen (Europe), wing; 4*a*, head of male.
5. *CHRYSOCHLAMYS DIVES* O. S., wing; 5*a*, head of male.
6. *XYLOTA FLAVITIBIA* Bigot, hind leg of male.
7. *XYLOTA PIGRA* Fabr., hind leg of male; 7*a*, head of male.
8. *XYLOTA EJUNCIDA* Say, wing; 8*a*, hind leg of male.
9. *XYLOTA ANGUSTIVENTRIS* Loew, head of male.
10. *BRACHYPALPUS FRONTOSUS* Loew, head of male (the posterior orbit is too broad above).



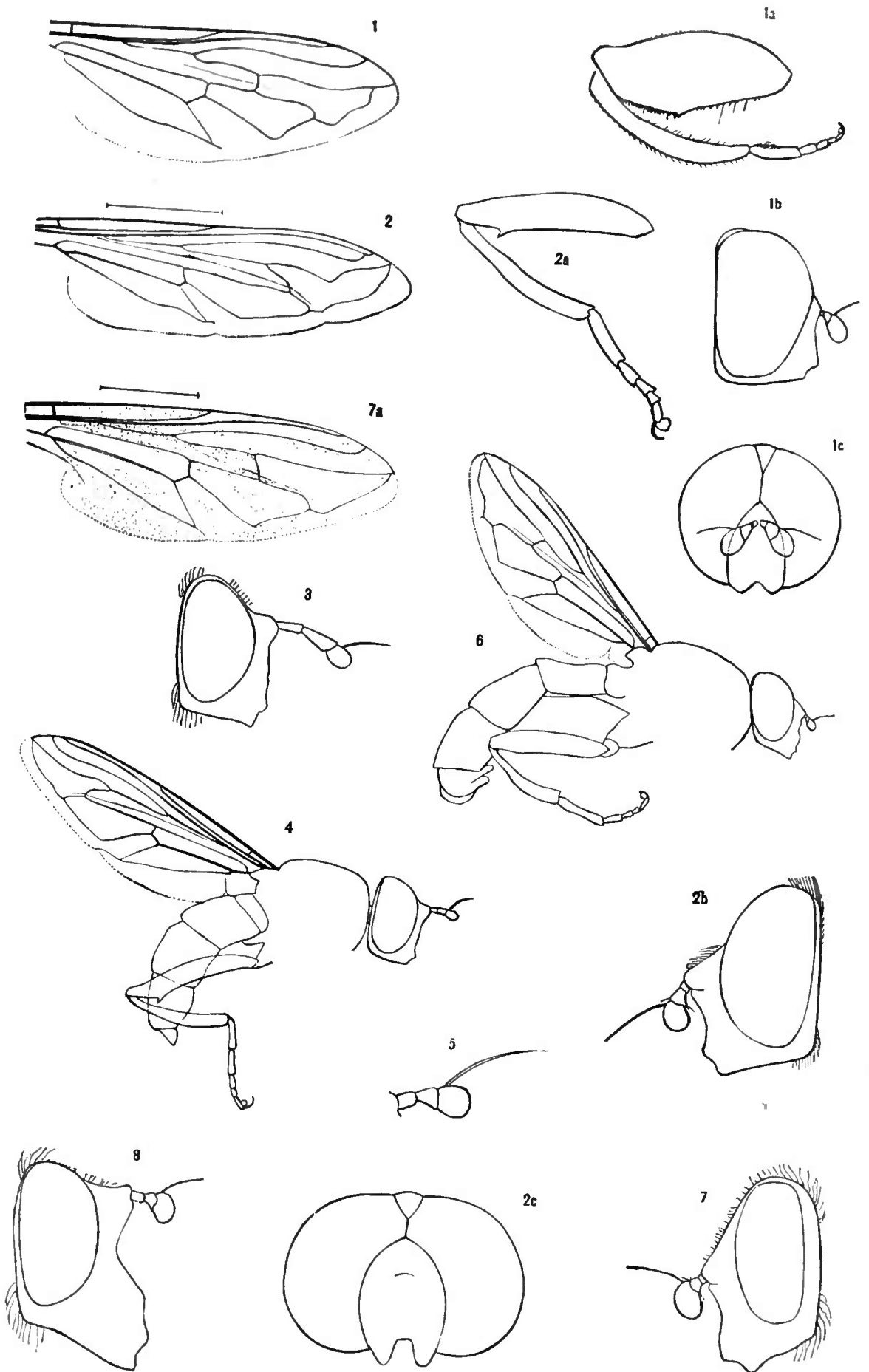






## PLATE XII.

1. SYRITTA PIPIENS Linné, wing; 1*a*, hind leg of male; 1*b*, head of male; 1*c*, the same, front view.
2. MILESIA ORNATA Fabr., wing; 2*a*, hind leg.
3. SPILOMYIA QUADRIFASCIATA Say, head of male.
4. SPILOMYIA INTERRUPTA Will., male.
5. SPILOMYIA FUSCA Loew, antenna (the third joint is a little too much rounded).
6. TEMNOSTOMA BOMBYLANS Fabr., male.
7. TEMNOSTOMA ALTERNANS Loew, head of female.
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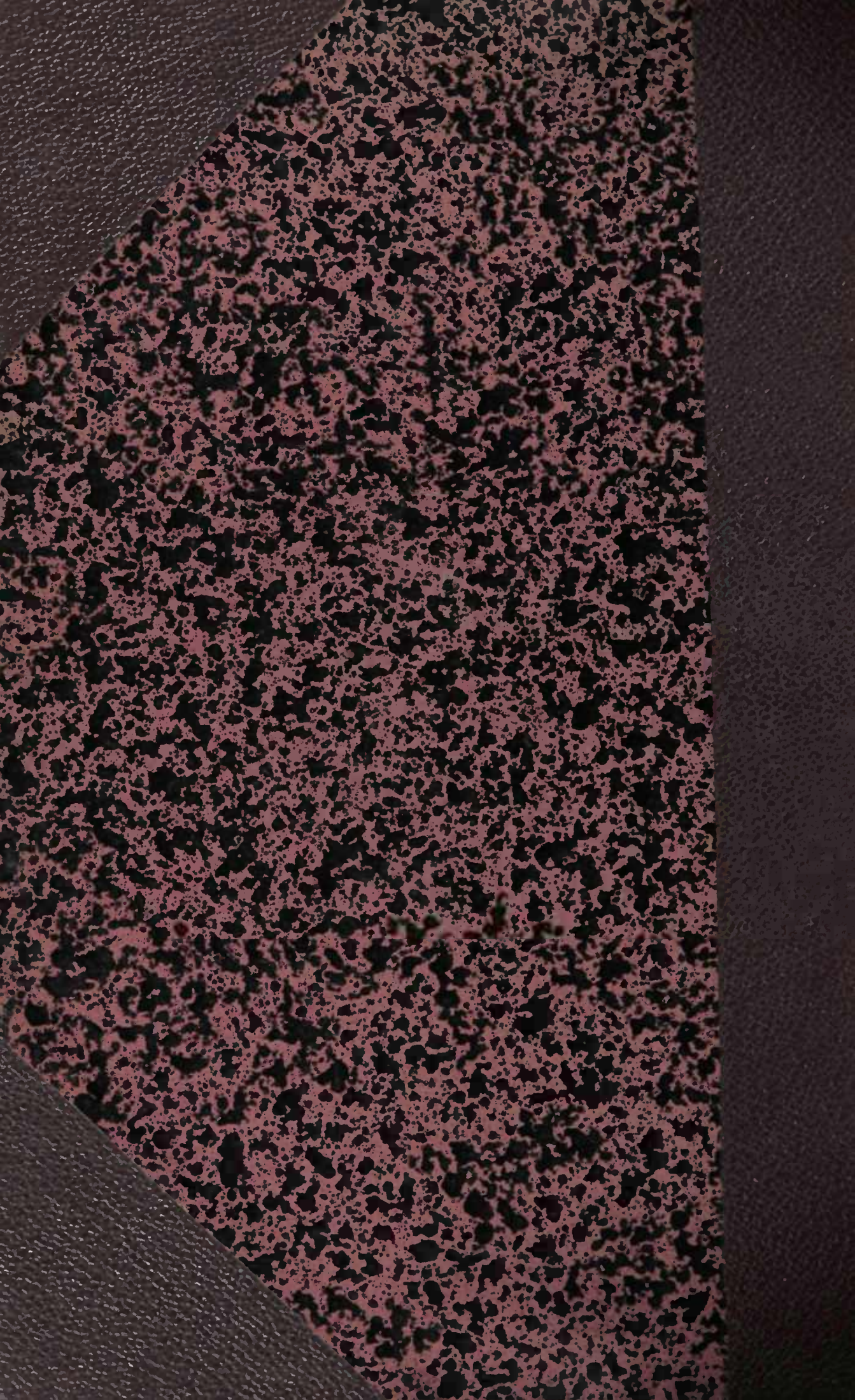












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