

*Abdomen* of a subtriangular form, or nearly diamond-shape, rounded in front, obtusely pointed behind. At its broadest part on each side, rather nearer the fore than the hinder extremity, is a short subconical prominence. Its colour is a dull yellowish-brown, with a central, longitudinal row of white spots, of which the foremost is elongate and much the largest; on each side, just behind the conical eminence, is also a white spot or patch, behind which, again, is a small black spot. Underside bordered with white and with a black spot on each side.

Nearly allied to *M. bigibbosus*, Cambr. (antea, p. 133), and *M. rapax* (p. 296). The different structure of the palpi and palpal organs distinguishes it at once from both.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA (*Sarg.*).

### **Mimetus hirsutus**, sp. n.

*Adult female*, length rather over 1 line.

General form and structure normal.

*Cephalothorax* furnished with some long spine-like bristles and of a dull orange-yellow colour, with a longitudinal central tapering band, including the ocular area, more or less suffused with blackish, its margins on the hinder portion black-brown.

*Legs* rather long, slender; spiny armature normal, also with numerous long hairs. Colour yellow, somewhat irregularly and sparingly marked and spotted with dark brown and blackish, and a more distinct brown annulus at the fore extremity of the tibiae, metatarsi, and tarsi of the first and second pairs, the femora tinged with orange.

*Abdomen* subtriangular, the anterior corners slightly subconical. Colour dull whitish-yellow, the upperside mostly occupied by a tapering, longitudinal, blackish band, somewhat dentate on the lateral margins, and spotted with whitish; its upper surface furnished with some long pale spiniform bristles like those on the cephalothorax, and numerous long bristly hairs.

The single example received of this spider was in a much shrunken state, and consequently the form of the genital aperture could not be seen; but the markings of the cephalothorax and abdomen sufficiently indicate its distinction from any other species known to me.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Amula in Guerrero (*H. H. Smith*).

### METABUS\*, gen. nov. (fam. Epeiridæ).

*Cephalothorax* rather flat, very short, as broad as or broader than long; lateral marginal impression at the caput tolerably strong; from the posterior margin to the eyes is a gradual slope with a slight convexity at the occiput. The height of the clypeus, which is rather retreating, is equal to or a little exceeds half that of the facial space.

*Eyes* subequal, moderately closely grouped together in two transverse rows (or four pairs) of equal, or very nearly equal, length; the posterior row is straight; the curve of the anterior row is strong, and its convexity is directed forwards. The central quadrangle is square, with its fore side a little shorter than the rest. The eyes of the posterior row are equally separated by more than an eye's diameter; the hind-centrals are rather the smallest, the fore-centrals largest, of the eight, separated by less than a diameter and much further from the fore-laterals. Those of each lateral pair are seated on a moderate tubercle, the posterior eye being the largest.

*Legs* very unequal in length, 1, 2, 4, 3, those of the first pair being at least three times the whole length of the spider, moderately strong, furnished with hairs and a few short fine spines.

*Falces* moderately strong.

*Maxillæ* rather long, strong, considerably broadest at their extremity, very divergent.

*Labium* as long as broad, subtriangular at the apex.

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\* Nom. propr.