

*Sternum* elongate heart-shaped or subtriangular; the posterior extremity drawn out gradually into a fine point between the coxæ of the fourth pair of legs.

*Abdomen* large, short, broad, equally broad at each end, oval, very convex above, and projecting a good deal over the base of the cephalothorax.

This genus is nearly allied to *Meta*, C. L. Koch.

### **Metabus gravidus**, sp. n.

*Adult female*, length 5 lines.

*Cephalothorax* yellow-brown; the caput and sides of the thorax deep brown.

*Legs* yellow-brown; the femora broadly and obscurely banded with dark yellow-brown. The tarsi and metatarsi have no spines.

*Falces* yellow-brown.

*Maxillæ* and *labium* deep blackish brown, with a pale narrow border at their extremities.

*Sternum* deep blackish.

*Abdomen* deep brown, covered with closely approximated silvery and dull yellowish-white spots; the silvery spots in curved transverse lines round and just below the anterior margin of the upperside, and continued backwards along each side by a row of four similar silvery patches to just above the spinners, and two converging rows of similar but less distinct spots or patches along the median line, decreasing gradually in size and coalescing into short transverse lines above the spinners. The sides are of a deeper brown, and have an oblique indistinct whitish-yellow stripe near the middle. The underside is black-brown, with four whitish markings in a quadrangle rather longer than broad; the two foremost are short lines, the two hinder ones smaller, oblique, elongate spots. Spinners very short, blackish, compact. Genital aperture small and inconspicuous, but of characteristic form.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA (*Sarg*).

## TETRAGNATHA, Latreille.

### **Tetragnatha digitata**, sp. n.

*Adult male*, length  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lines; *adult female*, length 3 lines.

The general form and appearance of this species is normal.

The *cephalothorax* is yellow-brown, the normal indentations marked by darker lines.

The *eyes* are on tubercular black spots. The posterior row is very slightly curved, the convexity of the curve directed forwards; that of the anterior row, which is strongly curved, is in the same direction. The interval between the hind-central pair is less than that between them and the hind-laterals. The central quadrangle is a square, with its fore side shorter than the hinder one. The laterals are well separated by rather less than the diameter of the fore-lateral eye. The height of the clypeus is about equal to the diameter of a fore-central eye.

*Legs* long, slender, 1, 2, 4, 3, and of a pale dull brownish-yellow hue. Spines few, short, and fine.

*Palpi* moderate in length; cubital and radial joints short and about equal in length. The digital joint has its anterior finger-like extension of abnormal length, equal to double that of the large and highly-developed palpal lobe, and as long as, or even longer than, the humeral joint of the palpus. The palpal organs are large, and have a long tapering corneous process directed forwards in close proximity to the finger of the digital joint, and in connection with it a slightly curved, slender, pointed spine extends beyond the extremity of the finger.

*Falces* tolerably strong, prominent, divergent, rather more than half the length of the cephalothorax; a strong pointed tooth near the fore extremity towards the outer side and a longitudinal row of several strong teeth (diminishing in strength from the foremost backwards) towards the inner side, and another row below the fang. Colour dark yellow-brown.

*Maxillæ* normal in form, dark yellow-brown.

*Labium* normal and of a deep black-brown colour.