

middle. The metathoracic episterna are broad, but they are a little more narrowed behind than in *I. fuscomaculatus*.

PHELYPERA.

Phelypera, Capiomont, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr. 1867; Petri, Monogr. Hyperini, p. 5 (1901).

Eight species were referred to this genus by Capiomont, one of these being a common and widely distributed insect within our limits, the genus ranging from Mexico to Uruguay.

I. *Pronotum without transverse impression at the base.*

1. *Phelypera isthmica*, sp. n. (Tab. I. figg. 8, ♂; 8 a, profile of head.)

Broad-ovate, pitchy-black, the antennæ and tarsi in part ferruginous; thickly clothed with narrow tawny scales, the elytra mottled with whitish and blackish scales, the lighter-coloured ones showing a tendency to form spots on the alternate interstices. Head closely punctate; the eyes large, coarsely faceted, and contiguous above; rostrum slightly longer than the prothorax, moderately stout, thickly punctured, obsolete carinate down the middle; joints 1 and 2 of the funiculus subequal in length. Prothorax transverse, as wide at the middle as at the base, the sides slightly sinuate behind and rounded and converging in front, the hind angles acute; the surface densely, finely punctate, without trace of transverse depression before the base. Elytra comparatively short, broad, nearly twice the width of the prothorax, the humeri rounded; rather coarsely seriate-punctate, the interstices convex, and minutely, rugulose punctate, the fifth very little raised posteriorly. Beneath closely, finely punctate. First and second ventral segments slightly depressed along the middle. Legs comparatively short.

Length 7, breadth 4 millim. (♂.)

Hab. PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui 4000 feet (*Champion*).

One specimen, slightly abraded. This insect has the head and rostrum formed as in *P. distigma*, but differs otherwise in the less dilated, unimpressed thorax, the shorter, dissimilarly coloured elytra, which are without setæ and have the fifth interstice much less raised posteriorly, the shorter legs, &c.

II. *Pronotum transversely impressed at the base.*

2. *Phelypera distigma*. (Tab. I. figg. 9, ♂, var.; 9 a, profile of head; 10, ♀.)

Phytonomus distigma, Boh. in Schönh. Gen. Curc. vi. 2, p. 344¹.

Phelypera distigma, Capiom. Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr. 1867, p. 465, t. 11. fig. 7 (episternum, &c.), t. 12. fig. 18 (pronotum, &c.)².

Phytonomus signatus, Chevr. in litt.³.

Phytonomus brevicollis, Dej. in litt.⁴.

Phelypera bimaculata, Capiom. in litt.⁵.

Hab. MEXICO¹⁻⁵, Ventanas, Acapulco, Misantla, Tapachula (*Höge*), Guanajuato, Playa Vicente, Tehuantepec (*Sallé*); BRITISH HONDURAS, Rio Hondo (*Blancaneaux*); GUATEMALA, Panzos, Telemán, Chacoj, La Tinta and Tamahu in Vera Paz, El Reposo, San Isidro, Pantaleon, Mirandilla, Paso Antonio (*Champion*); PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui, David (*Champion*).—COLOMBIA².