

and is margined at the sides; its process is received into a cavity on the lower face of the mesosternum, separated by a considerable space from the metasternum.

Six examples were met with. The unique Mexican exponent is in an extremely dirty state, and is apparently a variety of narrower and more elongate form, with the marmorations of the wing-cases extending more to the front.

21. *Spermophagus pictus*.

Ovalis, ochraceo fuscoque variegatus; antennis basi pedibusque rufis, illis extrorsum nigris; scutello angusto, elongato.

Long. 5 millim.

Hab. MEXICO, Vera Cruz (*Sallé*).

This is a very distinct species, readily distinguished by the elytra and pygidium being covered with numerous and very distinct marks, arranged quite irregularly, of dark chocolate and griseo-ochraceous colours. The eyes are small, but prominent and moderately coarsely faceted; the penultimate joints of the antennæ are transverse. The thorax is strongly transverse, and has no coarse punctuation on the middle; there are some coarse punctures, much obscured by the clothing, at the sides; the surface is variegate with colours similar to those of the elytra, but the spots are not so sharply defined. The scutellum is remarkably narrow and elongate. The front coxæ are not very widely separated; the prosternal process projects scarcely at all backwards, and is received on the anterior face of the mesosternum considerably above its lowest point.

One example.

22. *Spermophagus barcenæ*.

Bruchus barcenæ, Dugès, Ann. Soc. Ent. Belg. xxiv. p. 37, t. 1¹.

Hab. MEXICO, Guanajuato¹ (*Sallé*).

The metamorphoses of this insect, which feeds in the seeds of *Barcena guanajuatensis*, have been described and figured as above by Dr. Eug. Dugès.

23. *Spermophagus irroratus*. (Tab. XXVI. fig. 25.)

Breviter ovalis, convexus, fusco-niger vel fusco-rufus, confertim griseo irroratus; antennis basi testacea; capite angustulo, oculis nullo modo convexus, subtiliter granulatis.

Long. 4-4½ millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Toco (Champion); PANAMA, Bugaba, Caldera, Volcan de Chiriqui (Champion).

Antennæ rather short and broad, the second and third joints subequal, each rather longer than the fourth joint, the penultimate joints transverse. Thorax rather elongate, convex, much curved at the sides and narrowed in front, the sculpture quite obscured by the dense clothing. Scutellum short and broad, subquadrate. Elytra not very long, scarcely three times as long as the thorax, extremely finely striate; black, irregularly irrorated with grey; the thorax variegate in a similar manner, so that the upper surface