BIOLOGIA CENTRALI-AMERICANA.

ZOOLOGIA.

Class INSECTA.

Order DIPTERA.

Fam. SYRPHIDÆ*.

MIXOGASTER.

Mixogaster, Macquart, Dipt. Exot. ii. 2, p. 14 (1842).

1. Mixogaster mexicana.

Mixogaster mexicanus, Macq. Dipt. Exot. 1er Suppl. p. 123, t. 10. f. 15 1.

Hab. Mexico ¹, Omilteme in Guerrero 8000 feet, Chilpancingo 4600 feet (H. H. Smith).

Five specimens. Easily distinguished from *M. conopsoides* by the shorter antennæ, which are not much longer than the front.

2. Mixogaster bellula, sp. n., s. (Tab. I. figg. 1, s; 1a, head in profile; 1b, head seen from in front.)

Face reddish-yellow, with a median black stripe and light yellow pile. Antennæ longer than the face; first joint slender, black, yellow at the base; second and third joints ashy-black; third joint thickened, spindle-shaped. Least width of front equal to about half the distance from the foremost occllus to the base of the antennæ; front, below the constriction, black, not shining, with yellow pile, above forming a large, bare, shining black tubercle. Eyes bare. Thorax opaque black; the dorsum of the scutellum, and a narrow, broadly interrupted band on the mesonotum, extending on the pleuræ, clothed with golden-yellow, appressed pile. Abdomen opaque black; second segment with two long, narrow, yellowish-white stripes, which are separated from each other and from the lateral margins by a slender black space; third segment with a narrow, golden-yellow-pilose posterior band; fourth segment broadly, triangularly, sparsely yellow-pilose behind. Legs dark brown, the base of all the tibiæ light yellow; hind tarsi elongate and dilated. Wings nearly hyaline; base of the marginal cell and a cloud along the third vein brown; no stump on