

determination is correct, inasmuch as the abdomen is nearly black, save upon the margins, and not "red or brownish-red." The mesonotum, moreover, has the "coalescent stripes" united. The Guerrero example agrees with the description otherwise, and especially does it agree with my recollection of the antennæ, which have a peculiar basal dilatation of the third joint. The scutellum is nearly triangular.

5. *Microdon* — ?

Hab. PANAMA, Taboga Island (*Champion*).

A single male specimen, without head. The mesonotum is reddish-yellow, with a black disc, the moderately elongate abdomen red, the legs yellow, with the tip of the hind tibiæ and the hind tarsi, in part, brownish; the hind tibiæ are dilated and ciliated. The wings are small and nearly hyaline. It may belong to the species mentioned by me in my Synopsis, p. 8.

6. *Microdon* — ?

Hab. GUATEMALA, San Gerónimo (*Champion*).

A female specimen, which resembles structurally *M. falcatus*; but it has the third antennal joint regular, and the scutellum less triangular in shape, the emargination more distinct. The colour is light translucent yellow, the antennæ and legs black; the wings are strongly pubescent, and the mesonotum has three coalescent black stripes.

7. *Microdon niger*, sp. n., ♂. (Tab. I. figg. 3, ♂; 3 a, head.)

Face rusty-black, with rusty and white pile, not at all shining; front black, not shining, except about the antennæ, its least width about four-fifths of the distance from the foremost ocellus to the antennæ. Antennæ black, the first joint slightly reddish; elongate, slender, the third joint cylindrical, and a little longer than the first two joints together. Eyes bare. Thorax and abdomen deep, opaque, brownish-black, finely roughened, bare. Scutellum with two rather small points. Abdomen narrowed, elongate, the second segment the widest, thence gently tapering; fourth segment about as long as the first three segments together. Pleuræ and the stout legs deep brown. Wings dark blackish-brown; the distal fourth yellowish-white, with light-coloured veins, the extreme tip clouded; terminal section of the fourth vein and the posterior cross-vein without stumps.

Length 14 millim., of the antennæ $3\frac{1}{2}$ millim.

Hab. MEXICO, Panama in Vera Paz (*Champion*).

One specimen. This species, like its congener *M. mirabilis*, Willist., is remarkable for its black and light yellow wings. It is not impossible that, as in *M. mirabilis*, the two sexes may differ in the wing-markings.