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ARGYRODES ABCISSA, sp. n. (Plate XXIX. fig. 7.)

Adult male, length to the spinners  $1\frac{2}{3}$  line, and to the apex of the abdomen  $2\frac{1}{4}$ .

In the form of the fore part of the caput this Spider is not unlike *Argyrodes epeira*, Sim., with the lower prominence or lobe cut off near its base. This lobe has therefore a truncated appearance, and is much shorter and less robust than the upper one; its extremity is furnished thickly with strong prominent hairs forming a tuft; those of the upper lobe are less numerous, and, as usual, directed forwards; this latter lobe forms a strong subconical eminence rounded at its apex and protruding upwards from between the four central eyes, its base occupying the whole of the quadrate area comprised within them.

Looked at in profile, the caput rises gradually from the thorax, and there is a slight dip or depression between the eyes of the hind central pair. The thorax is more than usually gibbous just behind the thoracic indentation.

The colour of the *cephalothorax* is dark yellowish brown.

The *legs* are dull brownish yellow, the genual joints and a small portion at the fore extremity of the tibiae and metatarsi of those of the third and fourth pairs being of a darker hue, giving those legs a slightly annulate appearance; they are long and slender, but not inordinately so, and are furnished with short fine hairs only.

The *palpi* are rather long and strong. The radial and cubital joints are of about equal length; both are strong, the latter bent and clavate, the former broad and dilated at the anterior extremity. The digital joint is rather large, strongly bifid at its extremity, and

of a dark yellow-brown colour. The palpal organs are tolerably complex, but compact, and, like those of most others of the genus, devoid of any very remarkable process.

The *falces*, *maxilla*, *labium*, and *sternum* are of normal form and structure, and similar in colour to the cephalothorax.

The *abdomen* has its hinder extremity produced in an oblong form, the apex being a little dilated but slightly bifid, becoming somewhat of a fish-tail form; the length from the fore extremity to the spinners is a little less than that from the spinners to the apex. The colour of the abdomen is brownish black, marked, mottled, and speckled with pale yellowish-white and silvery spots and markings. The most conspicuous of the latter form two longitudinal slightly curved lines or bars along the fore part of the upperside, enclosing an oblong or somewhat coffin-shaped black-brown marking; also on the hinder part of each side, a little above the spinners, is a somewhat V-shaped marking formed in a similar way.

Two adult males of this very distinct Spider were contained in the small Madagascar collection received from Mr. R. H. Meade several years ago.

