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## PART XII

With 62 Text-figures

The Genera NYSSON Latr., ARPACTUS Jurine, KOHLIA Handl.,  
and the BEMBEX Group.

THE genus *Nysson* is an isolated one and cannot be attached to any of the main groups of the Sphegidae. The nearest ally appears to be *Paranysson* Guerin of the *Larra* Group. *Arpactus* Jur. and *Kohlia* Handl. are also rather isolated, but they occupy an intermediate position between the *Alyson* Group (not represented in the Ethiopian Region) and the Bembex Group.

The arrangement of the above genera and groups may be set out as follows:

Group	Subgroups	Genera
		NYSSON Latr.
		ARPACTUS Jur.
		KOHLIA Handl.
		SPHECIUS Dahlb.
		HANDLIRSCHIA Kohl
		STIZUS Latr.
		BEMBEX Latr.
		MICROBEMBEX Patton <sup>1</sup>
		BEMIDULA Burm. <sup>1</sup>
		STENIOLA Say. <sup>1</sup>
		MONEDULA Latr. <sup>1</sup>
BEMBEX F.	STIZUS Latr.	
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The arrangement adopted by some American authors of uniting *Sphecius* and *Nysson* into one tribe, *Nyssonini*, appears to me to be entirely artificial.

<sup>1</sup> Not African genera.

## Genus NYSSON Latr.

*Précis des caract. génériques*, p. 125. 1796.

CHARACTERS. The eyes reach the base of the mandibles and converge below. Ocelli normal, round and convex. Occiput and temples fairly well developed. Maxillary palpi 6-, labial palpi 4-jointed. Tongue short and broad. Mandibles not excised on the outer margin; the inner margin without teeth, the apex acute. Labrum short and not exposed. Clypeus convex, wider than long. Antennae inserted close to the hind margin of the clypeus, 13-jointed in the ♂, 12-jointed in the ♀, the apical joint in the ♂ often truncate at the apex, or strongly arcuate, or excised below. Pronotal collar short, but not linear above. Mesopleurae with an epicnemium in front. Episternal suture indistinct. Mesopleurae swollen, the metapleurae distinctly defined. Scutellum flat, sometimes concave, with the sides raised; the metanotum in a few species lobed on each side posteriorly. Epinotum with a well-defined median area, the posterior angles of the dorsum produced into sharp spines. The whole thorax is very convex lengthwise from the scutellum to the end of the epinotum. Abdomen ovate or conical, the first segment wide, rarely much narrower than the second. A pygidial area present in both sexes, triangular in the ♀, trapezoidal in the ♂. In some species the apical angles of the sternites are subdentate, and in some males the sternites have long fimbriae of curved hairs. In the ♂ the abdomen has seven tergites and six sternites visible; the seventh tergite usually bears two or more teeth on the apical margin. Tarsal comb absent; tibiae feebly spinose. Trochanters of the fore legs 2-jointed. Middle tibiae with two spurs. Claws small and unarmed, the pulvillus developed but not large.

Fore wing. Pterostigma small; radial cell ending on the costa, pointed at the apex, rarely rounded there. Three cubital cells present, the first large, the second small, stalked on the radius and receiving both recurrent veins. The basal vein arises before the end of the first submedial cell, and meets the subcosta close to the pterostigma.

Hind wing. Retinaculum entire. The cubital vein arises close to the end of the submedial cell, either a little before or behind it, or sometimes interstitial. Basal lobe small and round, the basal sinus deep, the anal very shallow.

The ♂♂ are usually larger than the ♀♀, and in the latter the last two or three abdominal segments are usually curved downwards after death, so that they are not visible when the insect is viewed directly from above.

DISTRIBUTION. In both hemispheres and in all the zoo-geographical regions, with a greater number of species in the temperate than in the tropical regions. Although fully 100 species are known, it is a strange fact that nothing seems to be known about the life-history of these insects. By some authors they have been regarded as parasitic in their habits, but there is no evidence to support such a view.

In all our species the ventral surface of the thorax and abdomen and the legs, excepting the tarsi, and the sides of the thorax more or less, are covered with a dense silky tomentum not unlike that which occurs in many species of *Sphex*. A long pilosity is usually lacking. The posterior corners of the mesonotum end in a truncated lobe, which is slightly raised and projects beyond the hind margin of the tegulae.

In some species the eyes have a "shot silk" appearance, sometimes with iridescent colouring. In the ♀ the anterior fourth or less of the clypeus is sharply deflected, so that it forms almost a right angle with the rest of that part, and is therefore barely visible from in front.

## KEY TO THE SPECIES, ♀♀ AND ♂♂.

- (8) 1. Face without a median tubercle behind the antennal sockets.
- (5) 2. Abdomen with yellow apical bands on the basal tergites, all black or with the last two or three segments ferruginous.
- (4) 3. Tergites black, coarsely and fairly closely punctured, shining between the punctures; apical angles of the pygidium in the ♂ produced into sharp spines. minutus Arnold
- (3) 4. Tergites dull, finely and sparsely punctured, the last two or three segments ferruginous, the apical margin of the pygidium in the ♂ tridentate. willowmorensis Brauns
- (2) 5. Abdomen ferruginous or fusco-ferruginous.
- (7) 6. Tergites 2-5 blackish in the middle, 1-3 with ivory white apical bands; pronotal collar ferruginous above. 5 mm. long. Ruspolii Schult.
- (6) 7. Abdomen ferruginous, tergites 1-5 with yellow apical bands. rufoniger Turner
- (1) 8. Face with a cariniform tubercle or a low triangular prominence behind the antennal sockets.
- (10) 9. Face with a triangular prominence between the antennal sockets. 4.2-5.5 mm. long. (Epinotal spines short and broad; posterior tibiae not spinose; the ♂ without long apical fimbriae on the sternites.) Braunsi Handl.
- (9) 10. Face with a cariniform tubercle behind the antennal sockets. Larger species, 7-11 mm. long.
- (12) 11. Shoulders of the pronotal collar produced into slightly curved, denticiform angles. decipiens Arnold
- (11) 12. Shoulders of the pronotal collar rounded.
- (14) 13. Clypeus with two yellow spots. (First tergite with large deep punctures not very close together, and without a distinct median longitudinal carina. Dorsal face of the pronotal collar two-thirds as long in the middle as the apical joint of the flagellum.) capensis Handl.
- (13) 14. Clypeus without yellow spots.
- (16) 15. First tergite shallowly and closely punctured, almost reticulate-punctate, and with a shining, somewhat flattened, median longitudinal carina on its basal half; the second tergite very closely and finely punctured in the middle. (Dorsal face of the pronotal collar in the middle less than half the length of the apical joint of the flagellum. In the ♂ the apical margin of the seventh tergite is convex between the lateral spines, as in *capensis*.) rhodesiae Arnold
- (15) 16. First two tergites with a puncturation like that of *capensis*; seventh tergite in the ♂ with the apical margin transverse between the lateral spines. ludovici Turner

*N. Gregoryi* Turner, *N. nasutus* Cam. and *N. Magretti* Mant. have not been included in this key as they are unknown to me in nature.

*N. Braunsi* Handl. (figs. 1, 1a and b). *Verh. Zool. Bot. Ges. Wien*, L, p. 510, ♂. 1900. Brauns, *ibid.* LXI, p. 136, ♀. 1911.

♀. 4.2-5.5 mm. long. Black. Mandibles, scapes, first four or five joints of the flagellum, pronotal tubercles, tegulae and posterior corners of the mesonotum, last three or four abdominal segments and the legs, ferruginous. Sometimes the shoulders of the pronotal collar, the sides of the epinotum and the base of the first tergite are more or less ferruginous. A streak across the middle of the pronotal collar and apical bands on the first two tergites, more or less widely interrupted in the middle, are yellow. Wings hyaline, slightly

tinged with fuscous, especially round the margins; the veins blackish. Face, clypeus, temples, sternum, sides of the mesothorax and base of the epinotal spines with a short silvery pubescence. The sternites have a sparse whitish tomentum, and the tergites a very fine and sparse whitish pubescence, but fairly dense on the first tergite which is almost pruinose at certain angles.

Face and vertex very finely and closely punctured, with a few larger punctures above in the middle. Occiput and temples with a widely spaced and low reticulate rugosity. The whole head dull. Mesonotum, mesopleurae and scutellum dull, reticulate rugose, the round spaces between the reticulations with a small puncture in the centre. Metanotum reticulate rugose. Median area of the epinotal dorsum with eight longitudinal and slightly oblique carinae, the spaces between them slightly shining. The metapleurae and the sides of the epinotum in front nitidulous and impunctate; the posterior upper part of the sides of the epinotum dull and reticulate rugose. Abdomen dull, the tergites with a microscopic fundamental rugulose sculpture on which is superimposed a sparse and not coarse puncturation. The punctures are largest on the first tergite, mostly separated by spaces four times the width of the largest puncture. Pygidial area elongate triangular, dull, coriaceous and punctate, about one and a half times longer than wide at the base.

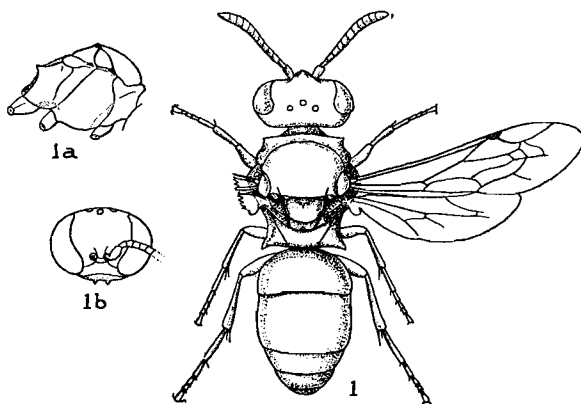


Fig. 1. *Nysson Braunsi*, ♀; a, thorax; b head.

Anterior margin of clypeus straight and deflected. Eyes strongly convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being a little more than twice the distance between the eyes across the base of the clypeus. First joint of the flagellum ovate, a little longer than wide in the middle and a little longer than the second joint; the latter hardly longer than the third. Frontal tubercle not prominent, rounded in front. Temples produced into a sharp tooth below just behind the mandibles, their lower margins carinate. On the lower surface of the head, on the gular region, there is a spine in the middle. Posterior ocelli as far from the eyes as they are from each other. Pronotal collar convex anteriorly, the shoulders obtusely angular. Mesonotum convex, without a concave longitudinal area in the middle. Scutellum parallel-sided. Mesopleurae with a tubercle just below the base of the wings, not auriculate as in *N. capensis*. Dorsum of the epinotum about two-thirds the length of the scutellum. Posterior corners of the epinotal dorsum not distinctly spined, having only a short triangular tooth. Second sternite convex, the basal

truncation rounded. Tibiae not spinose. Second cubital cell about as high as its stalk is long; the cubitus of the hind wing arises at the end of the sub-medial cell.

♂. 4.5–5.5 mm. long. Pronotal collar nearly all black above, only a very small area in the middle of a dull yellow colour. Sculpture of the head and thorax somewhat stronger than in the ♀. Sixth tergite on each side with a carina which is free at the end, forming a blunt tooth. Pygidial area trapezoidal, longitudinally rugose and punctured between the rugae, the apical margin tridentate. Otherwise like the ♀. Sternites not fimbriated.

Rhodesia to the Cape. A common species. (R.M. and T.M. colls.)

*N. capensis* Handl. (figs. 2, 2a and b). *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, xcv, p. 325, ♀. 1887.

♀. 8–10 mm. long. Black. First three joints of the antennae, pronotal collar above excepting a small median area, posterior angles of the mesonotum, tegulae, legs excepting the coxae and trochanters, and the underside more or less of the middle and hind femora, ferruginous. A spot on each side of the

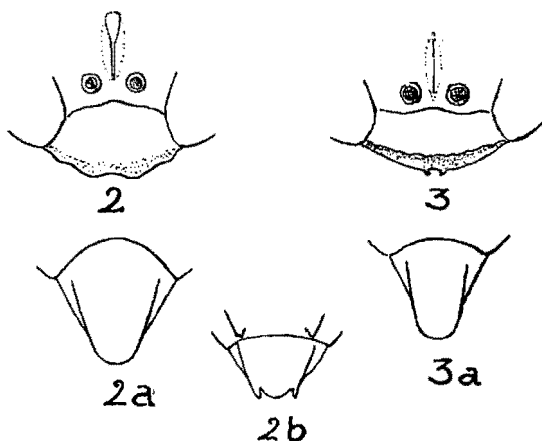


Fig. 2. *Nysson capensis*, ♀, clypeus; a, ♀, sixth tergite; b, ♂, seventh tergite.  
Fig. 3. *Nysson rhodesiae*, ♀, clypeus; a, ♀, sixth tergite.

clypeus, the base of the mandibles, and a minute spot on each side behind the ocellar area, yellow. Epinotal teeth testaceous. First tergite with a more or less oblong macula on each side; the second, and sometimes also the third tergite, with a transverse yellow band behind the apical margin, narrowed medially and sometimes interrupted. Apical margins of the abdominal segments testaceous. Wings pale fusco-hyaline, the apical margin slightly darker, the veins dark brown. Silky tomentum whitish, almost obscuring the sculpture on the sides of the thorax and on the ventral surface of the abdomen. Clypeus smooth. Face finely and closely punctured below and at the sides, in the middle above it is very coarsely punctured, like the vertex and occiput, with the intervening spaces raised to form a reticulate rugosity. Anterior face of the pronotal collar shining at the sides and sparsely punctured, the rest of the collar, like the mesonotum and mesopleurae, very coarsely punctured and reticulate rugose. The middle longitudinal fourth of the mesonotum is concave and margined by a distinct ridge on each side. Scutellum coarsely

reticulate rugose. Median area of the epinotal dorsum sharply defined, trapezoidal, with two or three longitudinal rugae in the middle, reticulate rugose at the sides. Declivity and sides of the epinotal spines finely reticulate rugose. The abdomen has a microscopic and fairly dense fundamental puncturation, and a coarser one superimposed. On the first tergite the latter consists of fairly large, elongated punctures set fairly close together; on the second and following tergites the punctures are scanty and barely half as large.

Clypeus about twice as wide as long, the anterior margin feebly concave over the middle third. Interocular distance across the vertex three-quarters greater than across the base of the clypeus. Lower margin of the temples sharply carinate. Scapes short and oblong. First joint of the flagellum globose, the second, third and fourth subequal, all the joints except the first longer than wide. Behind the antennal sockets there is a longitudinal cariniform tubercle, narrowed anteriorly. On the inner margin of the posterior ocelli the surface is raised into a slight ridge, barely visible from above. Posterior ocelli farther from the eyes than from each other. Dorsal face of the pronotal collar flattened, the shoulders rounded, the anterior margin slightly produced over the middle third. Scutellum roundly quadrate, the sides nearly parallel, one-third wider than long. Metanotum coarsely rugose, not distinctly raised in the middle. On the mesopleurae under the wing-bases there is a sharply marginate, and more or less hollowed-out or auriculate tubercle; on the lower margin there is a small and inconspicuous tooth. Pygidial area subtriangular, longer than wide at the base, the apex broadly truncate. Posterior tibiae with a row of short spines on the outer margin. Second cubital cell wider on the cubitus than high, its height slightly greater than the length of its stalk on the radius.

♂. 9 mm. long (hitherto undescribed). Colour and sculpture as in the ♀, but the third to fifth tergites also have apical yellow bands, those on the fourth and fifth not extending to the sides. The third to fifth sternites have their apical margins deflected and like the apical margin of the second sternite are fringed with long, yellow and curved hairs. The pubescence on the face and clypeus, and the silky tomentum on the thorax is silvery and very dense, more or less obscuring the underlying sculpture. The sixth tergite bears a tooth on each side at the apex, and the seventh or pygidial area has the apical margin convex, with a sharp tooth on each side. First joint of the flagellum transversely globose, wider than long; the second joint a little longer than the third, the apical joint arcuately emarginate below. Otherwise like the ♀.

Willowmore, C. P. (Dr H. Brauns).

*N. nasutus* Cam. Sjöstedt, *Kilimanjaro-Meru Exp.* VIII, p. 293. 1910.

"Black, the basal six joints of the antennae, tegulae, the tubercles, the four front legs and the last abdominal segment dark red; the hinder tarsi of a darker red colour; the basal abdominal segment with a large mark on the sides, narrow at the base, becoming roundly dilated inwardly at the apex towards the middle of the segment, the yellow of this part being bordered with dark rufous, and the third and following segments, yellow; the fourth segment with a narrow, the fifth with a broad black band down the centre; the apices of the second to fourth abdominal segments narrowly pale yellow. Wings hyaline, the apex narrowly smoky, the nervures and stigma black; the third cubital cellule much narrowed in front, it being there not the length of the distance between the second recurrent and the second transverse cubital nervures, the accessory nervure in the hind wing is received at a good distance behind the cubitus. The front below, at the antennae, projects into a pro-

minent, rounded, nose-like projection, which is keeled in the centre. Clypeus, face and lower two-thirds of the inner orbits densely covered with depressed golden pubescence; the sides of the metanotum densely covered with silvery pubescence. Third joint of antennae slightly, but distinctly longer than the fourth, and almost of the same length as the fifth. Pronotum at the apex clearly separated, the base rounded, the sides oblique. Mesonotum and scutellum irregularly rugosely punctured; the scutellum with the base broadly rounded, flat; the post-scutellum has the middle depressed. Metanotal area smooth, bare, and bearing eight irregular keels; its apex with an oblique slope, smooth. The second ventral abdominal segment is broadly rounded at the base; it is coarsely shagreened. Length 11 mm.

"Meru low lands, December."

Cameron has omitted to indicate the sex.

*N. Gregoryi* Turner. *Ann. Mag. N.H.* ix, 52, p. 417, ♀. 1912.

"♀. Nigra; antennis, prothorace, pedibus, tegulisque ferrugineobrunneis; clypeo, segmento dorsali primo macula magna utrinque, secundo fascia apicali subinterrupta, 3-6 totis flavo-ochraceis; alis hyalinis, venis fuscis. Long. 9 mm.

"♀. Eyes very strongly convergent towards the clypeus, the inner margin sinuate; posterior ocelli a little farther from the eyes than from each other, and more than half as far again from each other as from the anterior ocellus. Antennae inserted a little farther from each other than from the eyes; first joint of the flagellum globular, second distinctly shorter than the third or fourth, all the joints except the first longer than broad. A moderately elevated longitudinal carina between the antennae, the front higher than the base of the clypeus and narrowly truncated at the apical end of the carina. Head rather distinctly and not coarsely punctured; pronotum rounded at the anterior angles; scutellum not separated by a groove from the mesonotum or post-scutellum, rectangular, less than twice as broad as long; postscutellum not depressed in the middle; basal area of the median segment coarsely longitudinally striated, the surface of the posterior truncation shining, with a few indistinct transverse striae, the angles of the segment produced into stout spines directed outwards and backwards. Abdomen punctured, most strongly on the basal segment, very finely and indistinctly on the four apical segments. Second ventral segment strongly punctured and moderately convex; sixth dorsal segment distinctly margined at the sides, shallowly emarginate at the apex. Sides of the first ventral and second dorsal segments dark ferruginous. Third cubital cell almost pointed on the radius, not reaching nearer to the apex of the wing than the radius. Both recurrent nervures received by the second cubital cell, the first close to the base, almost interstitial, the second at four-fifths from the base. Spines of the hind tibiae very small and indistinct, almost obsolete.

"*Hab.* Nyomps Ndogo, British East Africa (Gregory).

"This belongs to the same group as *capensis* Handl., and *nasutus* Cam. The cubitus of the hind wing originates far beyond the transverse median nervure. The frontal carina is better defined than in *capensis* and the antennae inserted farther apart, the posterior ocelli are more widely separated, the proportionate length of the joints of the flagellum very different, and the spines of the hind tibiae much less developed. The colour of the apical abdominal segments is also different, and the punctures on the head are larger in *capensis*."

To judge by the descriptions it is quite possible that this is synonymous with *nasutus* Cam.

*N. Ludovici* Turner (figs. 4, 4a and b). *Ann. S.A. Mus.* xvii, p. 495, ♂, ♀. 1920.

♂. 10 mm. long. Black, base of the mandibles, anterior margin of the clypeus, antennae, pronotal tubercles and the collar above, tegulae, posterior corners of the mesonotum and the legs, excepting the coxae, ferruginous. The lateral margins near the apex of the first five tergites, and the whole of the sixth and seventh tergites and sternites, ferruginous. A small spot on each side a little behind the posterior ocelli and the apices of the epinotal spines, yellow. First tergite with a more or less quadrangular spot of yellow on each side near the apex; the spot widens towards the apex and is as wide there as long. Tergites 2-5 with narrow apical bands of yellow, slightly interrupted in the middle on the second and third, entire on the others. Wings hyaline, slightly tinged with fuscous, the veins brown. Clypeus and lower face with a dense yellowish white pubescence; the vertex, pro- and mesonotum, scutellum, metanotum and base of the first tergite have a very short, decumbent and dull yellowish pubescence, somewhat longer and paler on the base of the epinotal spines. On the mesopleurae the pubescence is whitish, and on the underside of the thorax, coxae and second sternite there is a silvery tomentum, very dense on the second sternite and obscuring the sculpture. Sternites 2-5 with long pale yellowish fimbriae on the middle of their apical margins.

Anterior third of the clypeus deflected, the extreme anterior margin with two small and very inconspicuous tubercles in the middle. Face and occiput dull, strongly reticulate rugose, the vertex very closely and finely punctured, with some larger punctures here and there. Pronotal collar finely and closely punctured, with a few large punctures above and in the middle in front. Mesothorax coarsely reticulate rugose, the sides of the epinotum posteriorly above finely so, anteriorly below punctulate and slightly shining, like the metapleurae. Median area of the epinotal dorsum shining, with eight longitudinal carinae. First tergite not quite dull, fairly strongly but not closely punctured, the basal half also longitudinally striato-rugose. Second tergite with punctures less than half as large as those on the first, but equally abundant. Tergites 3-6 dull, microscopically and closely punctured, the sixth with lateral carinae on the apical half; seventh tergite coriaceous and punctate, the lateral margins carinate, the carinae ending as a blunt tooth at the apex; between the teeth the apical margin is slightly concave. Eyes moderately convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being two-thirds greater than across the base of the clypeus. Face with a strong cariniform tubercle in the middle behind the antennal sockets, highest in the middle and longer than high. Posterior ocelli twice as far from the eyes as from each other. First joint of the flagellum globose, a little wider than long, as long as the second which is very slightly longer than the third; the apical joint arcuately emarginate below.

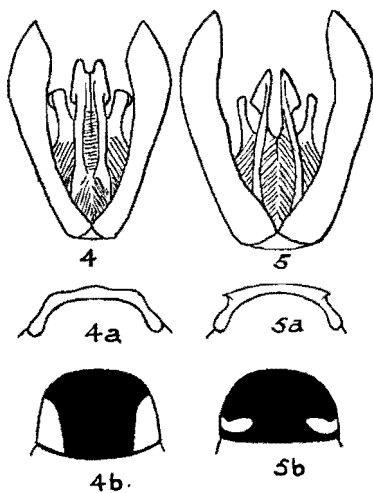


Fig. 4. *Nysson Ludovici*, ♂, genitalia; a, ♂, pronotum; b, ♂, first tergite.

Fig. 5. *Nysson decipiens*, ♂, genitalia; a, ♂, pronotum; b, ♂, first tergite.



Temples with a dentiform angle behind the base of the mandibles and with their lower margins feebly carinate. On the underside of the head the anterior margin of the gula is raised and carinate, having the appearance of a spine when viewed in profile. Shoulders of the pronotal collar widely rounded. The epicnemium ends in a dentiform angle below, behind which there is a small black tooth at the junction of the mesopleurae and mesosternum. Mesopleural tubercle below the wing bases well developed, ending in a slight tooth on its lower anterior angle. Scutellum half as wide again as long in the middle, its lateral margins convex. Disc of metanotum raised, its posterior margin serrate owing to the projecting rugae. Epinotal spines long and acute. Posterior tibiae spinose on the outer side. The cubitus of the hind wing originates far beyond the end of the submedial cell.

♀. 9.5 mm. long. Tergites ferruginous, fusco-ferruginous to blackish in the middle, the yellow margins as in the ♂, but the macula on the first tergite is not widened apically. First joint of the flagellum a little wider than long, only two-thirds as long as the second, which is a trifle longer than wide at the apex and as long as the third. Pygidial area semi-elliptical, two-thirds longer than wide at the base, the apex narrowly rounded. Otherwise like the ♂.

Mfongosi, Zululand, 3 ♂♂ including the type (W. E. Jones); Bembesi, S. R. January, 2 ♂♂, 1 ♀ (G. Arnold). Type in S.A. Museum.

A ♀ taken at the same time and place as the type, in the S.A. Museum collection, was wrongly ascribed to this species by Turner, it is the ♀ of the species described hereunder.

*N. decipiens* n.sp. (figs. 5, 5a and b).

♂. 9.5–10.5 mm. long. Deceptively like *Ludovici*, from which it differs as follows. Colour like that of *Ludovici* but the third and fourth tergites are entirely yellow, the fifth yellow except for a small ferruginous mark in the middle near the apex, and the maculae on the first tergite are more or less ovate and transverse and continued in a narrow line along the sides of the segment. Last five joints of the flagellum blackish. The pubescence on the vertex, mesonotum and scutellum is denser and has a somewhat brassy yellow tint, very noticeable at some angles. The pubescence on the basal half of the first tergite is slightly golden and denser, obscuring the sculpture at the sides. Posterior ocelli half as far again from the eyes as from each other. Frontal tubercle much more prominent, abruptly truncate in front, highest at that point and as high there as long. First joint of the flagellum less globose, as long as wide in the middle. Pronotal collar with the shoulders produced into slightly curved, dentiform angles. Triangular tooth on the lower margin of the mesopleurae longer and more acute than in *Ludovici*. Epinotal spines broader towards the apex, which is less acute. Lateral margins of the pygidial area more convex.

These differences alone would not justify the separation of this form as a species, but the genitalia are also different. The inner lobes of the outer paramera are longer and thinner, and the inner paramera are wider in their apical portion and more acute at the apex.

♀. 10.5 mm. long. Colour as in the ♂ but the fifth tergite is more widely suffused with red in the middle. First joint of the flagellum ovate, as long as wide in the middle, shorter than the second, which is as long as the third. Pygidial area lanceolate, twice as long as wide at the base, the apex narrowly rounded.

Mfongosi, Zululand, 1 ♀ (W. E. Jones); Bembesi, S. R. 2 ♂♂ and 1 ♀ (G. Arnold); Bulawayo 1 ♂ (R. H. R. Stevenson).

It is remarkable that in both Zululand and S. Rhodesia this insect should have been taken flying with *Ludovici*, but in view of the differences noted above, it seems necessary to regard it as a distinct species.

The ♀ agrees closely with Turner's description of *Gregoryi*, but in that species the pygidial area is shallowly emarginate at the apex.

Type in R.M. coll.

*N. rufoniger* Turner (fig. 6). *Ann. Mag. N.H.* ix, 52, p. 418, ♂. 1912.

♀. 8 mm. long. Head and thorax black. Clypeus, base of the mandibles, scapes, first joint of the flagellum, pronotal collar above excepting a short space in the middle, upper face of the tibiae and apical bands on the first five tergites, yellow. Flagellum, legs and abdomen ferruginous. Tegulae testaceous. Wings hyaline, the veins blackish. Face and clypeus with dense whitish pubescence. Mesopleurae, mesosternum, bases of the epinotal spines and ventral surface of the abdomen with a whitish tomentum. Vertex and base of the first tergite with sparse whitish pubescence. Face, vertex, temples, pronotum and mesopleurae closely and fairly strongly punctured; the sides of the pronotum striate, punctate and slightly shining. Mesonotum and scutellum dull, more closely punctured than the mesopleurae, the punctures larger but shallow. Metanotum longitudinally striate. Median area of the epinotal dorsum coarsely longitudinally striate, the declivity irregularly rugose, the sides striate and sparsely punctured. The posterior angles of the epinotum are produced into sharp spines, shorter than wide at the base. Tergites 1-5 strongly but not very closely punctured, and also with a microscopic rugulose sculpture. The punctures are smallest on the second tergite. Pygidial area dull,



Fig. 6. *Nysson rufoniger*, ♂, seventh tergite.

Fig. 7. *Nysson minutus*, ♂, seventh tergite.

very coarsely and closely punctured, triangular, about as long as wide at the base, the apex rounded. Anterior margin of the clypeus convex, with a feeble incision in the middle. Eyes strongly convergent below, the interocular distance across the vertex being nearly twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. Face with a low tubercle between the antennal sockets, which is rounded apically. First joint of the flagellum globose, the second slightly longer than the third and as long as wide at the apex. Posterior ocelli as far from the eyes as from each other. Anterior margin of the pronotal collar very convex, the shoulders rounded. Mesonotum evenly convex, without a median longitudinal concave depression. Scutellum parallel-sided, two-thirds wider than long in the middle. First and third abscissae of the radius subequal, the second shorter than the stalk of the second cubital cell. The first recurrent vein enters the second cubital cell at one-fifth from its base, and the second recurrent vein is nearly interstitial with the second transverse cubital vein. The cubitus of the hind wing arises from the end of the submedial cell.

♂. 7-8 mm. long. Colour and sculpture like that of the ♀. Second joint of the flagellum nearly as long as wide at the apex, almost twice as long as the

third which is as long as the fourth. The apical joint is arcuately emarginate below at the base, and is about twice as long as wide. Seventh tergite much wider than long, armed with a tooth on each side of the apical margin and a pair of smaller teeth near the middle; the sides with two dentate projections. The sternites are without long fimbriae, but the apical one has a row of short, stiff hairs on the apical margin.

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*N. minutus* n.sp. (fig. 7).

♂. 4.5 mm. long. At a first glance not unlike a small specimen of *N. Braunsi*, but with a very different sculpture. Black. The underside of the scapes and the first five joints of the flagellum yellowish white. A streak on the pronotal collar widely interrupted in the middle and not reaching the shoulders, and narrow apical bands on the first two tergites also widely interrupted in the middle, yellowish white. Mandibles fusco-ferruginous. Tegulae reddish brown. Fore legs pale brownish yellow, the tarsi a little paler. Middle and hind legs pale brown, the tibiae yellowish on the outside. Wings hyaline, the veins black. Face, clypeus and thorax with a whitish pubescence, fairly dense on the clypeus and face. Abdomen with a microscopic and sparse, greyish pubescence above, and a thin tomentum of the same colour below. Head, excepting the clypeus, strongly punctured, the puncturation fairly sparse on the face but becoming closer and coarser above, without a reticulate rugosity between the punctures, except on the occiput. The vertex and occiput slightly shining between the punctures, the rest of the head dull. Temples carinate on the lower margin and produced into a short tooth below behind the base of the mandibles; a median spiniform process on the gular region, such as is present in *Braunsi*, is lacking in this species. Mesonotum coarsely and closely punctured, the punctures twice as large as those on the vertex, slightly shining; mesopleurae dull, closely reticulate rugose. Scutellum and metanotum reticulate rugose, the meshes fairly large. Dorsum of epinotum with a well-defined median area, traversed by six oblique rugae; the lateral areas are finely rugose and the apical angles are produced into spines which are as long as wide at the base, and fairly acute. Declivity and sides of the epinotum reticulate rugose. Tergites nitidulous, strongly and fairly closely punctured, much more so than in *Braunsi*. The punctures of the first tergite are largest, a little larger than those on the vertex and about twice as large as those on the rest of the abdomen. Sternites dull, fairly closely punctured, the apical one coarsely so. The apical margin of the pygidial area is produced into a strong spine on each side, the space between them slightly concave. Anterior margin of the clypeus deflected. Interocular distance on the vertex two and a third times as great as across the base of the clypeus. First joint of the flagellum subglobose, a little longer than wide in the middle, and half as long again as the second, which is as long as the third; apical joint arcuately emarginate below. Posterior ocelli a little farther from the eyes than from each other. Shoulders of the pronotal collar rounded. Mesonotum with a very shallow median longitudinal impression. Scutellum half as wide again as long, its sides feebly convex. Second sternite with the brow of its basal declivity widely rounded. Tibiae not spinose.

Sawmills, S. R., December, 1 ♂. Type in R.M. coll.

*N. willowmorensis* Brauns. *Verh. Zool. Bot. Ges. Wien*, LXI, p. 137, ♀. 1911.

♀. 4 mm. long. Black. The front of the scapes and the mandibles ferruginous, the apices of the latter black. Basal half or more of the flagellum

fusco-ferruginous below. Tegulae and legs ferruginous, the femora reddish brown. First abdominal segment and the base of the second, ferruginous, with narrow transverse apical yellow streaks on each side. The pronotal tubercles and a small spot on each side of the middle of the pronotal collar are also pale yellow. Wings pale fusco-hyaline, the veins black. Clypeus, face and temples with a sparse whitish pubescence; apical angles of the epinotum also finely pubescent. Sternites without tomentum. Clypeus sparsely punctured. Face and vertex dull, microscopically alutaceous and also with a fairly sparse, fine puncturation. Occiput a little more coarsely and more closely punctured. Temples not dentate below and not carinate on their lower margin. Pronotal collar, mesonotum, metanotum, scutellum and mesopleurae finely reticulate rugose and closely punctured between the reticulations. The auriculate prominence on the upper part of the mesopleurae is low and small. Median area of the epinotum dull, fairly closely and obliquely rugose, the rest rugulose and coriaceous; the apical teeth short and blunt. Tergites dull, the first two closely punctured, the punctures on the first not half as large as those on the vertex, and on the second smaller than on the first except at the sides. The puncturation on the following segments is finer and closer than on the second. Pygidial area triangular, longer than wide at the base, closely punctured. Sternites slightly shining, the second fairly strongly and not sparsely punctured, the punctures larger than those on the first tergite. Clypeus convex, its anterior margin convex, slightly depressed, feebly and narrowly excised in the middle. Eyes not so strongly convergent below as in our other small species of the genus, the interocular distance on the vertex being only half as great again as across the base of the clypeus. Face without a median tubercle behind the antennal sockets. Posterior ocelli as far from the eyes as from each other. First joint of the flagellum subglobose, as long as wide, the second joint slightly shorter than the third. Anterior margin of the pronotal collar very convex. Legs without spines. Third cubital cell much narrowed above, the distance between the third transverse cubital vein and the stalk of the second cubital cell being barely half the length of the stalk. The cubital vein of the hind wing is emitted from the end of the submedial cell.

Willowmore, C. P. Type in coll. Brauns.

*N. rhodesiae* n.sp. (figs. 3 and 3 a).

♀. 7–8 mm. long. Colour for the greater part like that of *capensis* but the clypeus is immaculate, the base of the mandibles ferruginous, the basal joints of the flagellum paler and the pronotal collar darker above, almost black. The yellow maculae on the first tergite are wider and more triangular, the yellow apical band on the second much narrower, and the bands on the remaining segments wider than in *capensis*. The eyes are more convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. The sculpture of the head and thorax is like that of *capensis*, but the mesonotum is convex right across, not having the longitudinal median depression present in that species. The sculpture of the abdomen differs considerably from that of *capensis*. On the first tergite the puncturation at the sides apically is not very coarse or close, in the middle of the apical half it is shallow, much finer than in *capensis* and closer, so that the sculpture is almost reticulate punctate; the basal half or less of the segment is longitudinally rugose and punctate, with a flattened, median, longitudinal and shining line. The puncturation on the sides and base of the second tergite is finer than on the sides of the first and not so dense, but in the middle it is very fine and close. Clypeus two and a half times wider than long in the middle, the apical fourth

sharply deflexed, the anterior margin with two very small teeth in the middle. Frontal carina acute along its whole length, not slightly flattened as in *capensis*. Pronotal collar shorter, less than half as long in the middle as the apical joint of the flagellum, the anterior margin more evenly convex, the middle third not produced forwards as in *capensis*. Scutellum half as wide again as long in the middle. Pygidial area longer, nearly half as long again as wide at the base, more parallel-sided than in *capensis*. Otherwise like *capensis* ♀.

♂. 7-8.5 mm. long. Like the ♀ in colour and sculpture. The two apical tergites shaped as in *capensis* but not coarsely sculptured, only closely punctate. The genitalia hardly differ from those of *capensis*.

Sawmills, Victoria Falls and Insiza, S. R. Types in R.M. coll.

#### Genus ARPACTUS Jurine

Panzer and Jurine, *Intelligenzblatt der Litt. Zeitung*, Erlangen, pp. 160-5. 1801.

*Ceropales* Latr., *Nat. Hist.* III, p. 339. 1802.

*Gorytes* Latr., *Hist. Nat.* XIII, p. 305. 1805.

I have already had occasion in this work to refer to the paper by Morice and Durrant in the *Trans. Ent. Soc. London*, 1914, regarding Panzer's review of Jurine's *Nouvelle Méthode* and to a subsequent paper on the same subject by J. C. Bradley. It would be out of place here to discuss at length the reasons which lead to the adoption of *Arpactus* for the name of the genus so long known under the name of *Gorytes*, but they may be stated briefly as follows. The argument of Bradley that *Ceropales* Latr. should replace *Gorytes* would hold good if it could be admitted that *Ceropales* and *Arpactus* are not, from the modern point of view, synonymous. But this is precisely what they are, and the type of *Ceropales*, 1796, not having been selected by Latreille until 1802, that name is antedated by *Arpactus* Jurine, 1801, with type *mystaceus*.

The genus was monographed by Handlirsch in 1888 (*Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, xcvi). In a long introductory chapter he gave a critical review of the taxonomy, and advanced cogent reasons for including in the genus as many as 17 genera and subgenera of other authors. It appears to me that on the whole the soundness of his conclusions are unassailable, and that with the exception of a few species which form a distinct subgenus (*Ammatomus* Costa), it is not possible to do more than to arrange the species into species-groups. Kohl (*Die Gattungen der Sphegiden*) rightly says that this is a large genus in a state of dissolution, comparable to the genus *Crabro*.

CHARACTERS. Mandibles not excised on the outer margin, the apex acute, the inner margin with one or more teeth. Maxillary palpi 6-, labial palpi 4-jointed. Labrum hidden or slightly exserted. Inner margins of the eyes not sinuate, parallel or convergent below, sometimes convergent in the ♀ and parallel in the ♂. The facets on the inner side of the eyes below are often enlarged, as in some species of the genus *Thyreopus*. Clypeus moderately convex, the anterior margin not dentate. Ocelli round and convex, arranged in a low triangle. Temples well developed or almost obsolete, in the latter case the back of the head is truncate almost immediately behind the eyes, thereby making the vertex very short and the junction between it and the occiput almost rectangular. Antennae 12-jointed in the ♀, 13-jointed in the ♂, the flagellum filiform or incrassate apically, some of the joints in the ♂ often armed with teeth or other projections. Scapes fairly short, inserted a little above the posterior margin of the clypeus. Pronotal collar very short, usually linear above, not sunk much below the level of the mesonotum. The pronotal tubercles do

not extend back as far as the tegulae. An epicnemium is present on the mesopleurae, and the epinotal suture is sometimes absent. Sometimes there is on each side of the mesosternum a longitudinal carina extending from the epicnemium in front to the metapleurae behind. The metapleurae are short. Epinotum wider than long; the dorsum always has a well-defined median triangular area and its posterior margin is not clearly defined, as the junction of the dorsum with the declivity is nearly always widely rounded, rarely rectangular. The first abdominal segment is either of the usual shape or more or less constricted and elongate, sometimes forming a distinct petiole. Pygidial area distinctly defined in the ♀, triangular and marginate at the sides. In the ♂ the seventh tergite lacks a pygidial area and is often hidden under the sixth. There are only six ventral plates visible in the ♂. The eighth dorsal plate is only feebly chitinated and the eighth ventral is trifurcate at the base and usually produced to a point or truncate at the apex. Trochanters of the first two pairs of legs 2-jointed. Middle coxae inserted close together. Middle tibiae with two spurs. Anterior tarsi usually with a comb of long cilia, the basal joints often asymmetrical. Claws unarmed; pulvilli well developed.

Fore wing. Pterostigma well developed, radial cell lanceolate, without an accessory cell. Three cubital cells present, the second receiving both recurrent veins and narrowed towards the radius. The basal vein is emitted before the end of the submedial cell and meets the subcosta not far from the pterostigma.

Hind wing. Retinaculum unbroken, medial cell long, ending not far from the apical margin, the cubitus originates either in front of or behind the end of the submedial cell, or is sometimes interstitial. Basal lobe oblong, shorter than the submedial cell.

DISTRIBUTION. Both hemispheres, but the Palaearctic, Neotropical and Nearctic regions are the richest in species.

The insects of this genus provision their larvae with Homoptera (Cicadidae, Fulgoridae, etc.).

#### KEY TO THE SPECIES ♀♀.

- (20) 1. Temples well developed, the head not being abruptly truncate just behind the eyes; posterior tarsi not very long. Flagellum not clavate.
- (7) 2. Mesosternum without a carina on each side.
- (6) 3. Median triangular area of the epinotum smooth and shining. Thorax not strongly and closely punctured.
- (5) 4. Second abdominal segment almost entirely pale yellow. Large species, 16–19 mm. long. *natalensis* Smith
- (4) 5. Second abdominal segment black and ferruginous, with a narrow yellow apical band. *effugiens* Brauns
- (3) 6. Median triangular area of the epinotum strongly, closely and longitudinally rugose. Thorax closely and deeply punctured. *Kraepelini* Brauns
- (2) 7. Mesosternum with a carina extending from the posterior inferior angle of the epicnemium to above the middle coxae.
- (9) 8. Epicnemium with an acute curved tooth below. Eyes strongly convergent below, their distance apart at the base of the clypeus being only a fifth of the interocular distance on the vertex, and equal to the length of the first two joints of the flagellum. Punctuation coarse. *monstrosus* Handl.
- (8) 9. Epicnemium unarmed below. Eyes less convergent below, or subparallel.
- (11) 10. The raised lateral margins of the pygidial area at about the middle are abruptly deflected inwards towards the base. *aglaia* Handl.

- (10) 11. Lateral margins of the pygidial area not incurved.
- (15) 12. Inner margins of the eyes parallel over the greater part of their length, only slightly convergent below. Small species, about 7 mm. long.
- (14) 13. Thorax, excepting the mesosternum and the median triangular area of the epinotum, bright ferruginous. *rufithorax* Brauns
- (13) 14. Thorax black, the pronotal collar above and the posterior half of the scutellum pale yellow. *vicarius* Handl.
- (12) 15. Inner margins of the eyes clearly convergent below.
- (19) 16. Thorax and abdomen in greater part ferruginous, with some yellow markings.
- (18) 17. Second joint of the flagellum half as long again as the third. Declivity and sides of the epinotum transversely rugose. 11 mm. long. *umtalicus* Arnold
- (17) 18. Second joint of the flagellum one-third longer than the third. Declivity and sides of the epinotum without rugae, only punctured. 8.5 mm. long. *Marshalli* Turner
- (16) 19. Thorax and abdomen black, with yellow markings. (Second joint of the flagellum not quite one-fourth longer than the third.) *thalia* Handl.
- (1) 20. Temples almost obsolete, the head being abruptly truncate just behind the eyes; the latter are nearest together at about the middle of the face, divergent above and below. Flagellum strongly clavate. Posterior tarsi very long. (subgenus *Ammatomus* A. Costa)
- (28) 21. First segment of the abdomen forming a distinct petiole, at least two-thirds longer than wide; the apical margin of the second segment at least twice as wide as that of the first.
- (25) 22. Mesonotum coarsely punctured; first segment of the abdomen widest in the middle, the apical margin of the second segment fully three times wider than that of the first.
- (24) 23. Petiole two-thirds longer than wide in the middle; puncturation of the mesonotum fairly close. *elongatulus* Turner
- (23) 24. Petiole twice as long as wide in the middle; puncturation of the mesonotum irregular and scattered. *gemellus* Arnold
- (22) 25. Mesonotum more finely punctured.
- (27) 26. Second tergite half as wide again at the apex as the first. *spiniferus* Du Buyss.
- (26) 27. Second tergite three times as wide at the apex as the first. *africanus* Turner
- (21) 28. First segment of the abdomen of the usual shape or only subpetiolate; the second segment at its apex less than twice as wide as the first.
- (30) 29. First tergite one-fourth wider at the apex than long; posterior tarsi yellowish white. *Stevensoni* Arnold
- (29) 30. First tergite subpetiolate, slightly narrowed from the middle to the base, about one-third longer than wide; posterior tarsi brown. *fuscipes* Arnold

## KEY TO THE SPECIES ♂♂.

- (18) 1. Temples well developed, the head not being abruptly truncate behind the eyes; posterior tarsi not very long. Flagellum not clavate.
- (7) 2. Mesosternum without a longitudinal carina.
- (6) 3. Median triangular area of the epinotum smooth and shining. Thorax not strongly and closely punctured.
- (5) 4. Second abdominal segment almost entirely pale yellow. *natalensis* Smith
- (4) 5. Second abdominal segment ferruginous, with a yellow apical band. *Jonesi* Turner

- (3) 6. Median triangular area of the epinotum closely, strongly and longitudinally rugose. Thorax closely and deeply punctured. **Kraepelini** Brauns
- (2) 7. Mesosternum with a longitudinal carina.
- (9) 8. Epicnemium with an acute, curved tooth below. Eyes strongly convergent below, their distance apart at the base of the clypeus being only as long as the first two joints of the flagellum. Puncturation of the head, thorax and abdomen coarse. **monstrosus** Handl.
- (8) 9. Epicnemium unarmed below; eyes less convergent below, or sub-parallel.
- (11) 10. Thorax, excepting the mesosternum and median area of the epinotum, bright ferruginous. **rufithorax** Brauns
- (10) 11. Thorax black or fusco-ferruginous, the pronotal collar above more or less yellow, the scutellum with yellow markings (or ferruginous if the rest of the thorax is black).
- (15) 12. Clypeus short, three times wider than long, or if slightly less then the inner orbits are parallel.
- (14) 13. Lateral areas of the epinotal dorsum obliquely rugose. Posterior ocelli nearer to the eyes than to each other. **vicarius** Handl.
- (13) 14. Lateral areas of the epinotal dorsum punctured; posterior ocelli as far from the eyes as from each other. **thalia** Handl.
- (12) 15. Clypeus longer, less than three times wider than long.
- (17) 16. Tergites distinctly and not very sparsely punctured; second and third joints of the flagellum slightly dilated below. **aglaia** Handl.
- (16) 17. Tergites very sparsely and very finely punctured; second and third joints of the flagellum simple. **Marshalli** Turner
- (1) 18. Temples almost obsolete, the head being abruptly truncate behind the eyes; the latter nearest together at about the middle of the face, divergent above and below. Flagellum strongly clavate. Posterior tarsi very long. (subgenus **Ammatomus** A. Costa)
- (22) 19. First segment of the abdomen forming a distinct petiole, at least twice as long as wide.
- (21) 20. Mesonotum dull, coarsely and not very sparsely punctured. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first four joints of the flagellum. **elongatulus** Turner
- (20) 21. Mesonotum coarsely and rather sparsely punctured. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first five joints of the flagellum. **gemellus** Arnold
- (19) 22. First segment of the abdomen less narrow; mesonotum sparsely and not coarsely punctured.
- (26) 23. First segment of the abdomen subpetiolate, half as long again as wide, or less, its apical margin only half as wide as that of the second.
- (25) 24. Femora black. **spiniferus** Du Buyss.
- (24) 25. Femora ferruginous. **pictipes** Arnold
- (23) 26. First segment of the abdomen not subpetiolate, slightly wider at the apex than long, its width there being two-thirds of the width of the second segment at the apical margin. **Stevensoni** Arnold

## SECTION I.

Species with well-developed temples. Eyes convergent below. Pronotal collar short and nearly linear. First abdominal segment subpetiolate. The cubitus of the hind wing originates before the end of the submedial cell. Flagellum filiform. Mesosternum not carinate.



*A. natalensis* Smith (figs. 8, 8a and b). *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* iv, p. 365, ♀. 1856.

♀. 16–19 mm. long. Black, the second abdominal segment pale chrome yellow, except the extreme apical margin and sometimes a small spot in the middle of the base. Mandibles excepting the black apex, flagellum, pronotum, tegulae, the upper corners of the mesopleurae in front, scutellum, last abdominal segment, the fifth tergite and the legs excepting the tarsi, ferruginous. The upper side of the flagellum with a blackish stain along the joints. Scapes in front, base of the clypeus, the frontal triangle, sides of the lower half of the face and the tarsi, yellow. The outer side of the tarsi and the base of the first joint sometimes fusco-ferruginous. The upper side of the coxae, trochanters and femora often fuscous. Wings hyaline, slightly tinged with yellow, and with a brownish cloud on the radial, and on the upper part of the second and third cubital cells, and extending beyond them to the apical margin. Clypeus and lower margin of the face with a thin silvery pubescence, the vertex and upper surface of the thorax with an erect brownish pubescence, short and scanty except on the epinotum. Underside of the thorax and the coxae, trochanters and femora with a fairly dense, very fine and greyish pubescence. Clypeus shallowly, finely and sparsely punctured in front. Face and vertex

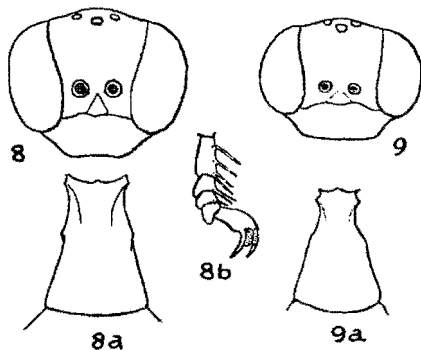


Fig. 8. *Arpactus natalensis*, ♀, head; a, ♀, first tergite; b, ♀, anterior tarsus.

Fig. 9. *Arpactus effugiens*, ♀, head; a, ♀, first tergite.

moderately shining, finely and sparsely punctured, the temples shining and impunctate. Thorax shining, microscopically and very shallowly punctured, except the scutellum, where the punctures are a little larger. Scutellum twice as wide as long, separated from the mesonotum by a clathrate suture. Median triangular area of the epinotum defined by a shallow and feebly clathrate groove on each side. Abdomen smooth and shining above, the pygidial area triangular, sparsely and finely punctured, longer than wide at the base. Sternites shining, the third and following ones finely and sparsely punctured. First segment subpetiolate, narrowed towards the base, about one-third longer than wide at the apex, the tergite with a small tooth on each side at the base, the sternite longitudinally carinate in the middle. Interocular distance on the vertex two-thirds greater than across the base of the clypeus, and equal to the length of the first three joints of the flagellum. The latter is filiform, its second joint nearly half as long again as the third. Posterior ocelli as far from the eyes as from each other. Anterior tarsi with a comb of brownish cilia; the basal joint as long as the following united, the latter wider than long. Second recurrent vein usually interstitial with the second transverse cubital vein.

The cubitus of the hind wing originates a good distance before the end of the submedial cell.

♂. 15 mm. long. Last two abdominal segments reddish brown. The third and fourth tergites and the apical margins of the fifth and sixth covered with a black, short and fairly dense pubescence. Interocular distance on the vertex nearly twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum only a trifle longer than the third. Second joint of the anterior tarsi as long as wide. Otherwise like the ♀.

Natal; Vumbu Mts and Sanyati River, S. R. The prey is a Fulgorid, *Ptyelus grossus*. (R.M. and T.M. colls.)

*A. effugiens* Brauns (figs. 9 and 9a). *Verh. Zool. Bot. Ges. Wien*, LXI, p. 133, ♀. 1911.

*A. fugax* Turner. *Ann. Mag. N.H.* xvi, p. 289, ♀. 1915.

♀. 13 mm. long. Black. The following parts are fusco-ferruginous: clypeus, mandibles, pronotum, sides of the mesonotum, pronotal tubercles, tegulae, scutellum and metanotum, sides of the epinotum, first, second and sixth abdominal segments, legs and antennae. Base of the mandibles, scapes in front, sides of the lower half of the face, frontal triangle, pronotal collar above, posterior angles of the mesonotum, posterior margin of the scutellum, apical bands on tergites 2-4 and sides of the second sternite, pale yellow. The apical band on the second tergite is widened laterally, those on the third and fourth very narrow or almost linear. The first tergite is black in the middle, the black mark narrowed towards the apical margin and not reaching it. The second tergite has a transverse lunate black mark on the basal half. Antennae pale ferruginous below, darker above. The tibiae are pale yellow underneath and the tarsi are dark brown. Wings hyaline, tinged with brownish yellow at the base, over the radial cell and on the costal margin. Head with a very sparse, short and greyish yellow pubescence. Epinotum and metapleurae with a thin, fairly long and greyish yellow pilosity. Tergites 2-4 with decumbent, yellowish and fairly dense pubescence. Clypeus sparsely punctured and slightly shining. Face, vertex and temples shining, with a few small punctures. Thorax shining, with only a microscopic and scanty puncturation. Tergites smooth and shining, the pygidial area sparsely punctured and shaped like that of *natalensis*; sternites shining, very finely and very sparsely punctured. Clypeus wider than in *natalensis*, about twice as wide as long, the anterior margin straight. Eyes less convergent below than in *natalensis*, the interocular distance on the vertex being barely more than one-fourth greater than across the base of the clypeus, but equal to the length of the first three joints of the flagellum as in that species. The second joint of the flagellum is only a trifle longer than the third. Posterior ocelli a little farther from the eyes than from each other. There is a clathrate suture between the scutellum and mesonotum, and clathrate grooves at the sides of the median area of the epinotum, continued at the junction as a single groove to the end of the declivity (as in *natalensis*). First segment of the abdomen subpetiolate, relatively wider at the apex than in *natalensis*, being less than one-third longer than wide. Tibiae feebly spinose, the anterior tarsi as in *natalensis*.

Durban, 1 ♀, type in coll. Brauns; Makindu, B.E. Africa.

I have no hesitation in sinking *fugax* Turner in synonymy. Turner was misled by Brauns's description of the eyes as "strongly convergent below" and as for the so-called four short carinae on the anterior part of the mesonotum, no importance can be attached to them since they are very indistinct and when

viewed somewhat obliquely appear to be grooves such as are stated to be present in *fugax*. The absence of the yellow band on the third tergite in *fugax* is merely an individual variation, even in *effugiens* it is quite inconspicuous.

*A. Jonesi* Turner (figs. 10 and 10a). *Ann. S. Afr. Mus.* xvii, p. 494, ♂. 1920.

♂. 9 mm. long. Ferruginous. Clypeus and lower half of the face pale yellow, the rest of the head black. Mesonotum in the middle narrowly, the scutellum, metanotum, median area of the epinotal dorsum, apex of the declivity, mesosternum and extreme base of the third to fifth tergites, black. Mandibles at the base, scapes in front, a triangular spot on the temples below, pronotum excepting the anterior face of the collar, posterior margins of the scutellum and metanotum, episternum of the mesothorax, anterior and middle coxae below, narrow apical bands on the first, second and fourth tergites, the whole of the fifth and sixth tergites and sternites, pale yellow. Anterior and middle femora below, anterior and middle tibiae in front and the anterior tarsi, pale yellow. Wings hyaline, the veins dark brown, the pterostigma ochreous. Head and thorax above and the third to fifth tergites with a yellowish decumbent pubescence, the epinotum with longer and whitish pubescence on its sides and declivity. Head, pro-mesothorax and abdomen shining and almost smooth. Sutures between the mesonotum and scutellum and the latter and the metanotum crenulated. Median area of the epinotum strongly and longitudinally rugose, margined on each side by a crenulated groove. Clypeus twice as wide as long, the anterior margin convex. Eyes moderately convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being half as great again as across the middle of the clypeus, and equal to the length of the first four joints of the flagellum. Posterior ocelli a little nearer to the eyes than to each other. Flagellum filiform, the third and fourth joints of equal length, the second a little longer than the third. First segment of the abdomen subpetiolate, three-quarters longer than wide at the apex, twice as wide there as at the base. First sternite not carinate longitudinally in the middle. Tibiae not spinose. Second cubital cell receiving both recurrent veins; second abscissa of the radius about as long as the first, the third nearly four times as long as the second. The cubitus of the hind wing originates a little before the end of the submedial cell.

M'fongosi, Zululand (W. E. Jones), 1 ♂. Type in S.A. Museum.

The description given above, which differs in one or two small points from that of Turner, is based on an examination of the type. The species is closely allied to *effugiens*.

*A. nyasicus* Turner. *Ann. Mag. N.H.* xvi, p. 288, ♂. 1915.

♂. 11 mm. long. Black; antennae, mesonotum and a broad basal band on the second tergite, ferruginous; clypeus, mandibles at the base, the scapes below, the inner orbits narrowly, pronotum, sides of the mesonotum and two longitudinal fasciae, tegulae, the mesopleurae in front, an apical band on the scutellum, postscutellum, a broad, oblique stripe on each side of the epinotum, the metapleurae in front, a basal spot on the first tergite and a band at its apex widely dilated at the sides and interrupted in the middle, wide apical bands on the second to fifth tergites, the whole of the sixth segment, the first sternite, triangular maculae on each side of the second sternite, the coxae above, the

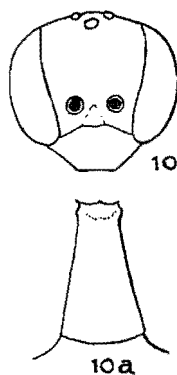


Fig. 10. *Arpactus Jonesi*, ♂, head; a, ♂, first tergite.

femora and tibiae below, yellow; the femora and tibiae above and the tarsi fusco-ferruginous; wings hyaline, the veins black, the pterostigma testaceous, the radial cell distinctly clouded.

"Antennae simple, the second joint of the flagellum longer than the scape, equal to the third joint. Clypeus very slightly convex, the apical margin straight; a distinct groove running from the anterior ocellus to the antennae. Eyes converging towards the clypeus, but not quite as strongly as in *natalensis* Smith. The whole insect shining, the punctures microscopic; head and abdomen clothed with a fine silky pubescence; a transverse row of large punctures at the base of the scutellum; four indistinct longitudinal grooves from the anterior margin of the mesonotum; the marginal and median grooves of the smooth basal area of the median segment striated. First abdominal segment slender, distinctly constricted at the apex. Second abscissa of the radius a little longer than the first; second recurrent nervure received a little farther from the apex of the second cubital cell than in *natalensis*. Cubitus of the hind wing originating before the transverse median nervure.

"*Hab.* Nyasaland, S.-W. of Lake Chilwa; January (S. A. Neave)."

## SECTION II.

A longitudinal carina between the mesopleurae and mesosternum, extending from the epicnemium in front to the metapleurae behind. Wings with some dark markings. Puncturation of the thorax not very fine. Median area of the epinotum longitudinally and coarsely striate. In the ♂ there is a pencil of hairs at the sides of the clypeus. ♀ with a tafsal comb. First abdominal segment short and wide. Lower margins of the temples carinate; temples well developed, the head not vertically truncate just behind the eyes. Flagellum filiform.

*A. intricans* Grib. *Bull. Soc. Ent. Ital.* xvi, p. 276, ♂. 1884. *Rassegna degl' Imen. Mozamb. R. Accad. Bologna*, pp. 130 and 132, ♀. 1894. Handlirsch, *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, xcvi, p. 541, ♂. 1888. *Ibid.* civ, p. 893. 1895.

"♂. 9 mm. long. Robust, reddish ferruginous, covered with a pruinose pubescence, the face with silvery pubescence; the apex of the antennae, middle of the mesonotum, median triangular area of the epinotum, the pleurae diffusely, sternum, coxae, trochanters and femora above, a line on the outer side of the tibiae, hind tarsi and the middle segments of the abdomen diffusely at the base, blackish; mandibles, clypeus, cheeks, front of the scape, the pronotal collar above, the pronotal tubercles, apical fasciae on the first to fifth segments, wide on the first, second and fifth, narrow on the third and fourth, and the pygidium, yellow; wings hyaline, with a fuscous cloud on the radial cell and upper half of the second and third cubitals; scapes incrassate; ninth and eleventh joints of the flagellum emarginate below; the head very finely, the thorax fairly coarsely, closely and irregularly punctured, subcoriaceous and dull; median triangular area of the epinotum with divergent and fairly coarse striae; the first two abdominal segments sparsely and moderately strongly punctured, the remaining segments fairly closely but more finely punctured; sixth segment plano-convex, triangular, coarsely and closely punctured; second sternite plano-convex.

"♀. 9-10 mm. long. Very much like the ♂ but the body is somewhat more coarsely and more closely punctured, less sericeous and more shining; scapes cylindrical, only very slightly tumid; terminal joints of the flagellum

not impressed; pygidial area flattened at the apex, carinate on each side, the carinae arcuate, not confluent above; clypeus ferruginous."

Port Elizabeth.

Handlirsch remarks that this species is possibly synonymous with one of those which he himself described from South Africa. Without having seen the type of Gribodo's species I am unable to come to any definite conclusion on that point, but it should be noted that Gribodo's description fits *A. aglaia* Handl. very closely. Should the synonymy be proved, Gribodo's name takes priority.

*A. Emeryi* Grib. *Loc. cit.* p. 130. ♂. Handlirsch, *loc. cit.* p. 889.

"♂. 8 mm. long. Small but robust, blackish, greyish pruinose, especially on the abdomen; antennae, pronotal tubercles, tegulae, legs, the whole of the first, sixth and seventh abdominal segments, the greater apical part of the fifth and second, the margins of the third and fourth on each side, reddish ferruginous; mandibles, clypeus, lower half of the face at the sides, scapes in front, dorsal face of the pronotal collar, fore and middle tibiae in front and the hind tibiae on the inner side, tarsi and apical margins of the first four abdominal segments, sulphur yellow; apex of the flagellum fusco-ferruginous; apical half of the posterior tarsi blackish; first abdominal segment suffused with blackish colour lengthwise in the middle; the yellow marginal bands on the first, third and fourth segments narrowed, on the second widened, laterally. Wings clear hyaline, with a fuscous cloud over the whole of the radial and half of the second cubital cells; head and thorax fairly stout, the abdomen comparatively slender; head densely, fairly finely, irregularly punctured and subcoriaceous; the pleurae moderately and unevenly punctured; epinotum closely and coarsely reticulate-punctate, the median triangular area longitudinally, coarsely and irregularly striate; first abdominal segment shining, the following segments dull, all sparsely punctulate, but somewhat more closely and more strongly on the apical margins; scapes slightly swollen; flagellum short and thick, the third to seventh joints short, especially the fourth to seventh, the apical joint fairly long; the third to seventh swollen behind, the eighth to tenth impressed behind; first abdominal segment subpetiolate, feebly constricted; second segment tumid, conical basally, subhemispherical apically; sixth segment acutely conical; the pygidium short and small; wings fairly short."

Magnarra River, Mozambique.

*A. aglaia* Handl. (figs. 11 and 11a-f). *Loc. cit.* p. 887, ♂.

*A. euphrosyne* Handl. *Loc. cit.* p. 888, ♀.

♀. 10-10.5 mm. long. Black. Clypeus, mandibles excepting the apex, lateral margins of the upper half of the face, anterior margin of the temples, prothorax, tegulae, sides of the mesonotum, the upper part and sometimes the whole of the mesopleurae, scutellum, metanotum more or less, the first abdominal segment excepting the base above, all the sternites and the legs, ferruginous. Second to sixth tergites ferruginous, becoming darker or fusco-ferruginous to blackish towards the base. The dorsal face of the pronotal collar sometimes yellow. First, second and fourth tergites with apical bands of yellow, the fifth and sixth sometimes entirely yellow. The lower corners of the face and the lateral margins halfway up, the front of the scapes and the fore and middle tibiae on the inside, the posterior margin of the pronotal tubercles, the base of the mandibles and the apical margin of the second sternite are yellow. Flagellum pale ferruginous, darker towards the apex.

Wings hyaline, the veins blackish, the pterostigma ochreous. The radial, the greater portion of the upper part of the second and third cubitals, and sometimes the upper margin of the second discoidal are clouded with brown. Lower margin of the face and the clypeus with a thin whitish pubescence. On the rest of the body there is a pruinose pubescence, whitish on the sides and undersurface of the thorax, first tergite and the sternites, yellowish elsewhere, especially on the apical tergites which in some lights look almost dull golden. Clypeus shallowly and not very closely punctured, slightly shining. Face, except at the sides and below, and the vertex strongly but not closely punctured, the spaces between the punctures being mostly three times the width of a puncture. Pronotal collar sparsely and finely punctured. The rest of the thorax, excepting the median triangular area of the epinotum, strongly punctured; the punctures about twice as large as those on the vertex. On the sides of the epinotum anteriorly the punctures are sparse, elsewhere fairly abundant. Median triangular area of the epinotum distinctly defined by the difference of sculpture, with about 12-14 longitudinal carinae which are more or less parallel. Tergites 1-5, second sternite and apical margins of the

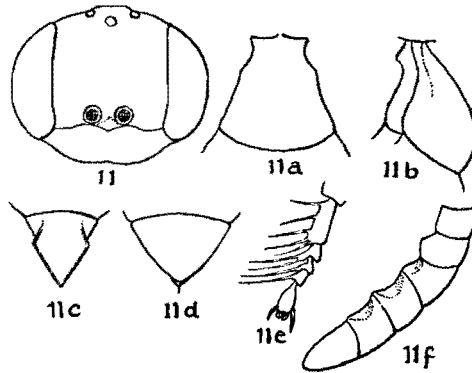


Fig. 11. *Arpactus aglaia*, ♀, head; a and b, ♀, first tergite; c, ♀, pygidium; e, ♀, anterior tarsus; d, ♂, seventh tergite; f, ♂, apical joints of the flagellum.

remaining sternites fairly strongly punctured, but not so closely or strongly as the mesonotum. Pygidial area closely and coarsely punctured, subtriangular, the apex acute, the raised lateral margins abruptly turned inwards at about the middle towards the base. Clypeus convex lengthwise, three times wider than long, the anterior margin nearly straight. Inner margins of the eyes parallel. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first six joints of the flagellum. Second joint of the flagellum fully half as long again as the third. Posterior ocelli as far from the eyes as from each other. Vertex convex. First segment of the abdomen reversed trapezoidal, two and a half times wider at the apex than at the base, about as wide at the apex as long in the middle, and not constricted apically. Middle and hind tibiae feebly spinose, the anterior tarsi with a long comb, the second joint asymmetrical. Second abscissa of the radius about as long as the distance between the two recurrent veins on the cubitus.

♂. 10.5 mm. long. Colour as in the ♀, but the third tergite sometimes has a very narrow apical band of yellow, and the apical tergite is entirely pale yellow. Mandibles yellow, only the apex reddish. Eyes slightly convergent

below. The face narrower than in the ♀, and the joints of the flagellum shorter. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first seven joints of the flagellum. The second joint of the flagellum is about a quarter longer than the third, the ninth angulated below in the middle and wider than the preceding joint, the 10th-12th arcuately excavated below. Apical tergite broadly triangular, half as wide again at the base as long, the apex narrowly rounded, not quite so coarsely punctured as in the ♀.

Willowmore, C. P.: Bulawayo, Sawmills and Sanyati Valley, S. R. (R.M. and T.M. colls.)

*A. Marshalli* Turner (figs. 12 and 12a). *Ann. Mag. N.H.* xvi, p. 287, ♂, 1915.

"♂. 9 mm. long. Ferruginous; mandibles, clypeus, inner orbits, scapes below, pronotum, basal half of the scutellum, a fascia on the apical margin of the first tergite broadly dilated at the sides, apical fasciae on the fourth, very narrow ones on the second and third, yellow; wings hyaline, radial cell infuscated, the pterostigma testaceous, the veins black.

"Clypeus broad, transverse at the apex, labrum shallowly emarginate in the middle; eyes slightly convergent towards the clypeus, posterior ocelli almost twice as far from each other as from the eyes. Second joint of the flagellum longer than broad, joints 3-10 as broad as long, or broader; a distinct sulcus from the anterior ocellus to the base

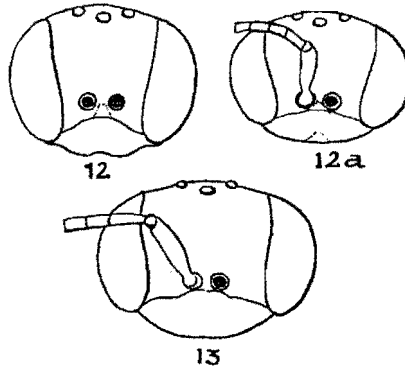


Fig. 12. *Arpactus Marshalli*, ♂, head; a, ♀, head.

Fig. 13. *Arpactus umtalicus*, ♀, head.

of the antennae. Head finely and not very closely punctured, thorax and abdomen with larger punctures, pronotum and first dorsal segment shining and almost smooth, the triangular basal area of the median segment rather coarsely obliquely striate. Mesonotum broad and robust; median segment short. First abdominal segment gradually broadened from the base; pygidium broadly triangular, without a distinct pygidial area. Anterior tarsi without a comb. Carina of the mesosternum as in *aglaia* Handl. Cubitus of the hind wing interstitial with the transverse median nervure; second abscissa of the radius as long as the first.

"*Hab.* Chirinda Forest, Gazaland; March 1907 (G. A. K. Marshall).

"This is a more robust species than *aglaia* Handl., or *thalia* Handl. The penultimate joint of the antennae is slightly excavated beneath, but not as strongly as in *aglaia*. The yellow apical bands on the second and third dorsal segments are extremely narrow, almost obsolete. The thorax is more sparsely punctured than in *aglaia*."

A ♂ and a ♀ from Bulawayo (coll. Stevenson) appear to belong to this species. If this identification is correct, the following characters may be added to the description of the ♂.

Last four joints of the flagellum blackish. Fore and middle tibiae pale yellowish on the outside. Fore and middle tarsi yellowish in front, fuscous behind. Hind femora and tibiae dark brown, the former almost black. Hind

tarsi blackish, the basal halves of the second and fourth joints pale yellow. Mesonotum sparsely and fairly strongly punctured, scutellum and metanotum smooth and almost impunctate. First tergite slightly shining, and like the rest of the tergites very finely and very sparsely punctured. Interocular distance on the vertex nearly one-third greater than across the base of the clypeus. The latter twice as wide as long. Mesopleurae and epinotum, excepting the median area, sparsely and as strongly punctured as the mesonotum.

♀. 8.5 mm. long. Tarsi ferruginous, the apical joint of the anterior pair yellow. Vertex and the face except at the sides, blackish. Middle of the mesonotum fusco-ferruginous, the median triangular area of the epinotum black. The apical yellow band on the first tergite narrower than in the ♂; second tergite with a narrow apical band of yellow slightly widened at the sides; third tergite with a very narrow apical band of the same colour, and the fourth with a wide one. Anterior tarsi with a comb of whitish cilia. Pygidial area semi-elliptical, shining, sparsely and strongly punctured. Clypeus three times wider than long, the anterior margin feebly convex. Face wider than in the ♂, the eyes feebly convergent below; the interocular distance on the vertex is one-third greater than across the base of the clypeus and is equal to the length of the first six joints of the flagellum. Second joint of the flagellum one-third longer than the following joint, the 2nd-6th and the apical joints longer than wide. Posterior ocelli a little nearer together than in the ♂. Median area of the epinotum with about 12 longitudinal carinae, which are much larger than in the ♂. Otherwise like the ♂.

*A. umtalicus* n.sp. (fig. 13).

♀. 11 mm. long. Very much like *Marshalli* in colour and sculpture, from which it differs as follows. Sides of the lower half of the face and the whole of the scapes, bright ferruginous. Mandibles pale yellow, excepting only the extreme apex. Pronotal collar testaceous above. The posterior margins of the metanotum and the scutellum yellow. Apical fascia of the first tergite as in *Marshalli*, but of the following tergites only the second and fourth have apical bands of yellow, which are very narrow, almost linear. Middle of the second tergite, the whole of the basal two-thirds of the third and the basal half of the fourth, black. The decumbent and tomentose pubescence on the thorax is much denser, and the yellowish pubescence on tergites 2-4 is so dense as to hide the underlying colour when the segments are viewed from behind. Legs darker, the middle and hind femora and tibiae blackish above, the hind tarsi black. Mesonotum with a closer and larger puncturation. Declivity and sides of the epinotum transversely rugose, the former coarsely so. Median area of the epinotal dorsum with 12 almost parallel longitudinal carinae which are stronger than in *Marshalli*; the lateral areas of the dorsum shallowly punctured anteriorly, transversely rugose posteriorly. Pygidial area triangular, about as long as wide at the base, the apex narrowly rounded. Lower half of the face smooth, shining and almost impunctate. Head very wide. The inner margins of the eyes are almost parallel, or only feebly convergent below. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first four joints of the flagellum plus half of the fifth. Second joint of the flagellum half as long again as the third. Posterior ocelli slightly nearer to the eyes than they are to each other. Otherwise like *Marshalli*.

Umtali, S. R., 1 ♀, type (G. Arnold); Pinetown, Natal, 1 ♀ (Leigh). Type in R.M. coll.

The specimen from Natal in the Transvaal Museum's collection differs a little from the type, the anterior half of the clypeus being ferruginous, and



the lower half of the sides of the face yellow. The median triangular area of the epinotum is also a little longer.

*A. thalia* Handl. *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, civ, p. 888, ♀. 1895.

*A. transvaalensis* Cameron. *Ann. Trans. Mus.* II, p. 143, ♀. 1910.

♀. 8-9 mm. long. Black. Tegulae, lateral margins of the mesonotum, sides of the first tergite, apical abdominal segment and the legs, ferruginous. Anterior half or more of the clypeus, the front of the scapes, a streak margining the lower half of the inner orbits, pronotal collar above and the pronotal tubercles, the posterior half of the scutellum and apical margins of the first four tergites, pale yellow. Apical margin of the second sternite yellow at the sides. The colour is decidedly variable, the yellow band on the clypeus is sometimes interrupted in the middle, and all the yellow markings on the thorax may be replaced with ferruginous, and the third tergite may be without a band (= *transvaalensis* Cam.). A fine pruinose pubescence is present on the head, thorax and abdomen. Clypeus, lower half of the face and the temples smooth and slightly shining; the rest of the head finely and sparsely punctured. Mesonotum, mesopleurae and epinotum, excepting the median area, dull, somewhat irregularly and not closely punctured, the punctures twice as large as those on the vertex; the triangular median area of the epinotum with about 12 slightly divergent carinae. Abdomen very finely and most sparsely punctured, the pygidial area triangular, sparsely punctured, longer than wide at the base, the apex slightly rounded, the lateral margins convex. Eyes very slightly convergent below. Clypeus twice as wide as long in the middle, the anterior margin convex. Second joint of the flagellum not quite one-quarter longer than the third. Posterior ocelli as far from the eyes as from each other. First tergite like that of *aglaia*, but the second is not slightly constricted at the base as in that species. Anterior tarsi with a comb of whitish cilia. Wings hyaline, with the radial and the second and third cubital cells fuscous.

♂. 9 mm. long. Clypeus narrower than in the ♀, only half as wide again as long. The fourth and eighth joints of the flagellum somewhat dilated below, the ninth to eleventh emarginate below. Seventh tergite not entirely hidden, triangular, the apex rounded. Sternites shining, the second coarsely and sparsely punctured in the basal half. Otherwise like the ♀.

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### SECTION III.

Inner margins of the eyes parallel or nearly so. Flagellum long, slender and filiform. Anterior tarsi in the ♀ with a comb. Median area of the epinotal dorsum sharply defined. Epicnemium distinctly defined. The suture between the mesonotum and scutellum crenulate. Puncturation of the head and thorax often fairly coarse. Mesopleurae with a carina below, separating them from the mesosternum. Occiput and temples well developed. Pronotal collar short, but not quite linear above. First segment of the abdomen trapezoidal, not petiolate and not very greatly narrowed towards the base. Hind tibiae sparsely and feebly spinose. Wings not entirely hyaline, extensively clouded with fuscous. Eighth ventral plate in the ♂ bifurcate.

*A. Kraepelini* Brauns (figs. 14, 14 a and b). *Ann. K.K.N.H. Mus. Wien*, XIII, p. 421, ♀, ♂. 1899.

♀. 11-12 mm. long. Black. Mandibles excepting the apex, antennae, dorsal face of the pronotal collar, posterior margin of the pronotal tubercles and the legs, excepting the middle and hind coxae and trochanters, pale

ferruginous. Scapes pale yellow below. Clypeus yellow in front, pale ferruginous in the middle and black at the base. The lateral margins of the lower half of the face very narrowly, the disc of the metanotum and apical bands dilated a little at the sides on the first two tergites, pale chrome yellow. Pterostigma of the fore wing ochreous, the veins blackish, the radial, second and third cubital, both the discoidals and the second submedial cells clouded with brown, the rest of the wing dirty hyaline. The apical half of the hind wing is also clouded with brown, but not so deeply as the fore wing. A microscopic pruinose pubescence is present, and on the clypeus a few longer yellowish hairs, otherwise the insect is glabrous. Posterior half of the clypeus fairly strongly and sparsely punctured. Face and vertex dull, owing to a microscopic fundamental puncturation; in addition there is a larger and fairly close puncturation, which is fairly scanty behind and at the sides of the ocellar area. Temples very finely and sparsely punctured, nitidulous, seen from the side fully half as wide as the eyes, their lower margins carinate. Anterior face of the pronotal collar smooth and shining, the sides posteriorly feebly rugose. Epinotum shining, with a few large punctures, its posterior margin carinate, the carina extending back to above the middle coxae and separating the mesopleurae from the sternum. Mesonotum and mesopleurae closely and coarsely punctured, the posterior angles of the mesonotum distinctly elevated. Scutellum less closely punctured than the mesonotum, but quite as coarsely; they are both a little shining between the punctures. Disc of metanotum shining, sparsely and finely punctured. Metapleurae smooth in front, striato-punctate behind. Median triangular area of the epinotum margined at the sides by crenulate grooves, closely finely rugose, the rugae radiating outwards from the base and continued beyond the crenulate margins over the lateral areas of the dorsum and the upper part of the sides of the epinotum. The spaces between the rugae, outside the median area, are closely and deeply punctured. The lower half of the sides of the epinotum is smooth and shining. First two tergites moderately shining, sparsely and finely punctured, the third to fifth tergites dull, microscopically and sparsely punctured, the pygidial area broadly triangular, shining, sparsely sprinkled with elongate punctures, the apex widely rounded. First sternite rugulose and dull, the second sparsely and sharply punctured and very shining, the rest of the sternites a little duller and very finely, sparsely punctured. Inner margins of the eyes nearly parallel, only slightly convergent on the vertex. Clypeus fairly long, only twice as wide as long, moderately convex, the anterior margin straight. Flagellum filiform, all the joints excepting the first longer than wide; the second joint five times longer than wide at the apex and not quite half as long again as the third. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the second and third joints of the flagellum. Posterior ocelli as far from the eyes as from each other. Dorsal face of the pronotal collar sharply marginate in front. The suture between the mesonotum and scutellum crenulate.

First tergite subconical, very little wider at the apex than long, about three times as wide at the apex as at the base, not nodose. Second tergite more than half as long again as the first, and at its widest nearly one and a half times

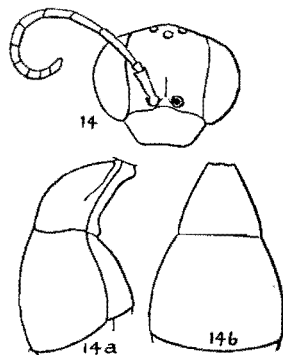


Fig. 14. *Arpactus Kraepelini*, ♀, head; a and b, ♀, first tergite.

wider than the apical margin of the first tergite. Anterior tarsi with a comb of pale yellow cilia which are not so long as the basal joint. Middle and hind tibiae sparsely spinose outwardly. First abscissa of the radius about as long as the second, the third twice as long as the second. The cubitus of the hind wing originates at the end of the submedial cell.

♂. 10-11 mm. long. Clypeus black basally, the anterior third or less fusco-ferruginous. Temples narrower than in the ♀. The vertex is slightly shining. Ninth to eleventh joints of the flagellum arcuately emarginate below. Eyes slightly convergent below. Eighth ventral plate deeply bifurcate, the rami projecting beyond the end of the abdomen. Otherwise like the ♀.

In the ♂ the hind femora are sometimes black, and the hind tibiae dark brown.

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*A. vicarius* Handl. (figs. 15 and 15 a). *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CIV, p. 907, ♂. 1895.

♀. 7 mm. long. Black. The following parts are very pale yellow: labrum, a spot on the lateral margins of the clypeus, the sides of the face widely, the pronotal collar above, the pronotal tubercles, the posterior half or more of the scutellum, a large transverse macula on each side of the first tergite, an apical band abruptly narrowed over the middle third on the second tergite, and the fifth tergite except at the sides. Tibiae and tarsi dark brown. Wings hyaline, faintly tinged with fuscous, the veins and stigma brown.

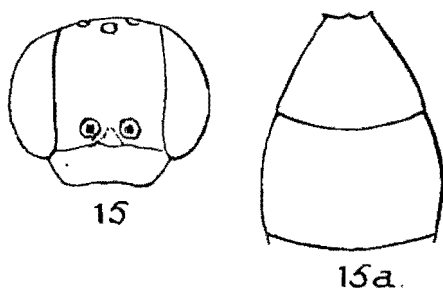


Fig. 15. *Arpactus vicarius*, ♀, head; a, ♀, first and second tergites.

Clypeus with a scanty white pubescence, elsewhere there is only a microscopic pruinose pubescence which is, however, absent from the dorsum of the thorax. Clypeus and lower part of the face microscopically punctured and dull, the anterior margin of the clypeus depressed and shining. Upper part of the face, vertex and occiput slightly shining, sparsely and finely punctured over a microscopic fundamental puncturation. Temples shining, with a few very small punctures. Mesonotum, mesopleurae, excepting the epicnemium, and the disc of the metanotum with the same fundamental puncturation as the vertex, on which is superimposed a sparse and stronger puncturation. The groove between the mesonotum and scutellum is sharply crenulate, the scutellum shining, with a fine, close puncturation. Metapleurae and anterior half of the sides of the epinotum smooth and shining. Median triangular area of the epinotum margined on each side by a groove, longitudinally and not very closely rugose, with a shallow pit before the apex and a deeper one beyond it on the declivity; lateral areas of the epinotal dorsum, the posterior

half of the sides and the declivity, closely and obliquely rugose, the rugae finer than those on the median area. First two tergites finely punctured, the first very sparsely; third to fifth tergites microscopically and closely punctured, the pygidial area triangular, a little longer than wide, fairly strongly but not closely punctured. Sternites dull, microscopically and closely punctured. Clypeus three times wider than long, the anterior margin straight. Inner margins of the eyes slightly convergent above, parallel below. Antennae nearer to each other than they are to the eyes. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first four joints of the flagellum. Posterior ocelli nearly twice as far from each other as they are from the eyes. Flagellum filiform, all the joints except the first longer than wide; the second joint about two and a half times longer than wide and a little more than one-third longer than the following joint. Pronotal collar not linear above, about as long as the first joint of the flagellum. Posterior corners of the mesonotum elevated, as in *Kraepelini*. Dorsum of the epinotum fairly long, the median triangular area only half as wide again at the base as long. First segment of the abdomen short, nearly three times wider at the apex than at the base, and as long as the second. Anterior tarsi with a comb of pale fuscous spines, the middle and hind tibiae with only a few thin spines on the outer margin. First abscissa of the radius not much shorter than the second, which is only a little shorter than the third. The cubitus of the hind wing originates beyond the end of the submedial cell.

♂. 6 mm. long. Clypeus entirely pale yellow. Flagellum excepting the first two joints ochreous below, the scapes pale yellow in front. Tibiae of the fore and middle legs and the apices of their femora, rufescent. Joints of the flagellum relatively shorter than in the ♀, the ninth and tenth arcuately emarginate below. Seventh tergite exposed, triangular, sparsely and finely punctured. Otherwise like the ♀.

Algoa Bay. Type in coll. Brauns.

*A. vicarius* var. *karrooensis* Brauns. *Verh. Zool. Bot. Ges. Wien*, LXI, p. 130, ♀. 1911.

♀. Yellow markings on the clypeus larger, the scapes yellow in front, the legs excepting the coxae, trochanters and base of the femora, ferruginous. The rugae on the median area of the epinotum are more wavy, and the puncturation on the second tergite is a little deeper and closer. Otherwise like the type of the species.

Willowmore, C. P.; Sanyati Valley, S. R. (R. H. R. Stevenson). Type in coll. Brauns.

*A. rufithorax* Brauns. *Loc. cit.* p. 130, ♀, ♂.

♀. 7-7.5 mm. long. Black. The thorax, excepting the median triangular area of the epinotum, sometimes the middle of the declivity, the prosternum and the mesosternum, bright ferruginous. Mandibles ferruginous, pale yellow outside at the base. Clypeus, scapes in front and a streak narrowed above on the lateral margins of the face, pale yellow. A short narrow mark on the upper part of the temples adjacent to the eyes and an indistinct spot behind the ocellar area, fusco-ferruginous. First tergite with a large, transverse, semi-elliptical, yellowish white spot on each side. The second tergite has a round or quadrate mark of the same colour on each side, connected by a narrow apical band. The fifth tergite is entirely yellowish white. Legs blackish, the tarsi and anterior tibiae below, reddish brown; the fore and middle femora at the apex below and the hind tibiae at the base above, with dull

whitish spots. Wings hyaline, the stigma ochreous, the veins brown. Head and thorax with a sparse, oblique and white pubescence, the abdomen and legs with pruinose pubescence, dense on the legs, sparse on the abdomen. Clypeus, face and vertex dull, closely and microscopically punctured, the temples slightly shining. Thorax, excepting the epinotum, dull, with a microscopic and close fundamental puncturation on which are superimposed larger, shallow and scattered punctures. Median triangular area of the epinotum longitudinally rugose, the rugae curved outwards towards the apex, the lateral areas, the declivity and the sides of the epinotum transversely and rather coarsely rugose, and partially reticulate; the anterior third of the sides smooth and shining. First two tergites very shining, the rest of the abdomen very slightly so; the whole abdomen microscopically and closely punctured, the second tergite with a few larger punctures. Pygidial area triangular, with a few elongate punctures, the sides straight, the apex acute. Inner margins of the eyes parallel. The clypeus is like that of *vicarius*, and as in that species the flagellum is also fairly short, all the joints except the first are longer than wide. The second joint is twice as long as wide and not longer than the third. Pronotal collar and shape of the epinotum as in *vicarius*. The first segment of the abdomen is a little wider at the apex than in *vicarius*, and the venation of the wings is the same as in that species.

♂. 4.8-7 mm. long. Mandibles pale yellow, fusco-ferruginous at the apex. Fore and middle femora red, the apical spot of yellowish white much larger than in the ♀. The anterior tibiae blackish behind, pale yellow in front. Seventh tergite fusco-ferruginous, elongate triangular, acute at the apex. Fifth and following joints of the flagellum reddish yellow below. Second joint of the flagellum slightly shorter than the third, the ninth to eleventh joints arcuately emarginate below, the apical joint long, as long as the first and second united, subulate and slightly curved. Anterior margin of the clypeus shallowly concave in the middle. Otherwise like the ♀.

Willowmore, C. P., S. Rhodesia. A common insect, widely distributed throughout Southern Rhodesia. Types in coll. Brauns.

#### SECTION IV.

Eyes large, strongly convergent towards the clypeus, the facets on the inner half below hardly enlarged. Temples wide. Flagellum short. Pronotal tubercles very prominent, the pronotal collar not linear above. Epicnemium margined behind by a carina which is continued at the base of the mesopleurae as far as the middle coxae. Posterior angles of the mesonotum considerably elevated, almost tuberculate. Median triangular area of the epinotum clearly defined and strongly sculptured. First segment of the abdomen subconical, much narrower at its apical margin than the second segment, the latter very globose. Anterior tarsi in the ♀ with a distinct comb, the posterior tibiae and tarsi in both sexes swollen. Wings not clear hyaline. Sculpture very coarse.

*A. monstrosus* Handl. (figs. 16 and 16 a-e). *Ann. K.K.N.H. Mus. Wien*, ix, p. 286, ♀. 1894. *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, civ, p. 940. 1895.  
*A. Silverlocki* Turner. *Trans. Ent. Soc. London*, p. 748, ♀. 1912.

♀. 7-7.5 mm. long. Black. A streak on each side of the pronotal collar, the pronotal tubercles and a narrow apical band on the second tergite a little dilated at the sides, pale yellow. A small spot near the base above on the middle and hind tibiae, a spot on the middle of the basal joint of the hind tarsus, the outer halves of the second and third joints, and the basal half or more of the first three joints of the middle tarsi, pale yellow. Sometimes

the black colour on the first abdominal segment and the legs is replaced by ferruginous. Wings hyaline, the radial cell and the apical margin pale fuscous, the veins and stigma blackish. Face, inner orbits and temples with a very sparse whitish pubescence. A scanty and erect whitish pilosity on the whole body, fairly long on the thorax, especially on the epinotum. Head shining, coarsely but not very closely punctured, the temples more finely and more sparsely punctured than the rest of the head. Mesonotum shining, with a deep and wide longitudinal impression in the middle, shallowly and longitudinally costate, strongly punctured between the costae. Mesopleurae, sides and declivity of the epinotum fairly shining, strongly punctured, the punctures separated by spaces about twice or three times as wide as one of the punctures. Scutellum and metanotum longitudinally rugose and coarsely punctured between the rugae. Median area of the epinotum with about eight longitudinal, slightly divergent and strong rugae, the apex of the area continued as a deep groove down the declivity. The lateral areas of the epinotal dorsum are dull, microscopically reticulate-punctate; they have a few large punctures near the base. Abdomen shining, the third to fifth tergites less so than the others; first two tergites strongly punctured, but rather sparsely in the middle, the third to fifth closely and strongly punctured, the punctures increasing in size

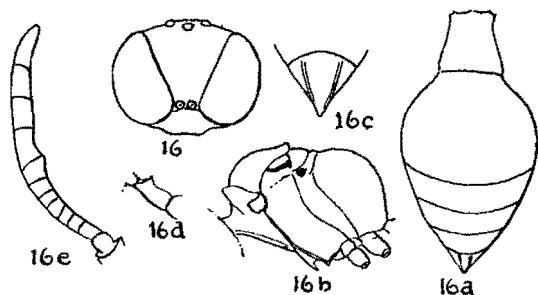


Fig. 16. *Arpactus monstrosus*, ♀, head; a, ♀, abdomen; b, ♀, thorax; c, ♀, pygidium; d, ♀, middle trochanter; e, ♂, flagellum.

gradually towards the apical margin. Sternites shining, the second strongly punctured, the rest smooth. Pygidial area elongate triangular, twice as long as wide at the base, coarsely and sparsely punctured at the base, the apex acute. Clypeus short and convex, the anterior margin slightly raised. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the scape and the first five joints of the flagellum and nearly five times greater than the distance between the eyes across the base of the clypeus. Ocelli arranged in a very obtuse triangle, the posterior pair nearly half as far again from each other as they are from the eyes. Flagellum short, all the joints at least as long as wide, the second barely longer than the first and a little shorter than the third. Dorsal face of the pronotal collar short but not linear, about as long as the first joint of the flagellum, convex transversely. The posterior angles of the mesonotum are strongly elevated. The epicnemium is produced below into an acute, curved tooth. Just behind it there is another but blunter tooth, which is formed by the anterior angle of the carina which separates the mesopleurae from the sternum. Abdomen petiolate, the first segment forming a truncated cone, as long as, or a little longer than, wide at the apex. Second segment coarctate at the base, very globose, widest in the middle where it is quite twice as wide as the apical margin of the first. Anterior tarsi with a comb of dirty white

cilia, the first joint flat and short, the three following joints wider than long. Middle and hind tibiae with a few whitish spines; the trochanters of the middle pair of legs with a short tooth on the inner margin close to the base. Hind tibiae swollen, the hind tarsi large, with the first two joints cylindrical and swollen. Second abscissa of the radius very slightly shorter than the first. The cubitus of the hind wing originates at the end of the submedial cell.

♂. 5.5–6.5 mm. long. Seventh tergite exposed, broadly triangular, finely punctured. The sixth tergite is rugose and coarsely punctured. Second joint of the flagellum shorter than the first and as long as wide, the third to eighth wider than long, the eighth swollen at its apex below, the ninth arcuately emarginate below, the ninth to twelfth much longer than wide. Otherwise like the ♀.

Tanga, East Africa; Sinapunga, N. Rhodesia; Sawmills and Victoria Falls, S. R. and S.-W. Africa. (R.M. and T.M. colls.)

That *Silverlocki* Turner is a synonym of this species can hardly be doubted. Turner says that it differs from *monstrosus* in colour, sculpture of the scutellum, postscutellum and epinotum, and in the absence of a spine on the middle trochanters. The colour of the legs, and to a lesser extent of the first abdominal segment, is decidedly variable, and the tooth on the middle trochanter has probably been overlooked in the type of *Silverlocki* as it is very small and situated close to the base. I can see nothing in Handlirsch's description to justify the statement that *Silverlocki* differs from *monstrosus* in sculpture. The absence of the third transverse cubital vein in one wing of *Silverlocki* type is obviously only an individual variation, as Turner himself has recognised.

#### SECTION V.

Subgenus *Ammatumus* A. Costa. *Fauna Napoli*, Nyssonid. p. 36. 1859.

Temples obsolete or nearly so, the head being vertically truncate just behind the posterior margin of the eyes. Flagellum strongly clavate. Eyes nearest together at about the middle of the face, their inner margins divergent above and below, but more strongly so above; the facets on the inner half below greatly enlarged, as in some species of *Thyreopus*. The frontal triangle, between the clypeus and the antennal sockets, elongate. Pronotal collar linear above. Median triangular area of the epinotum not defined at the sides by crenulate grooves. First abdominal segment of the usual shape, or subpetiolate or petiolate, its apical margin always narrower than the base of the second segment. Posterior tarsi decidedly long and thin, often as long as the femur and tibia united; the ♀ without a comb on the anterior tarsi. Wings clear hyaline, without fuscous maculae. Sculpture much more delicate than in the other sections of the genus. Posterior tibiae strongly spinose on the outside. Mesopleurae without a distinct epicnemium in front, and without a carina between them and the mesosternum.

*A. (Ammatomus) africanus* Turner. *Ann. Mag. N.H.* x, p. 374, ♀. 1912.

"♀. 9 mm. long. Black; clypeus, base of the face, scapes below, the posterior margin of the pronotum very narrowly, a small spot on the posterior angles of the mesonotum, a transverse macula on each side of the first tergite, narrow apical bands on the second to fifth tergites, tibiae above and the tarsi, whitish yellow; wings hyaline, the veins black.

"Eyes strongly convergent towards the clypeus, at the base of which they are separated by a distance about equal to two-thirds of the length of the scape; posterior ocelli nearly twice as far from each other as from the eyes.

Antennae clavate, the four apical joints as broad as long or broader. Opaque, covered with very delicate, close-lying, white pubescence; head almost smooth, with a well-marked frontal sulcus reaching the anterior ocellus; thorax and median segment sparsely punctured; the basal area of the median segment distinctly defined, triangular, and very sparsely punctured. Mesopleurae rather closely punctured, the sides of the median segment almost smooth, with a few scattered punctures. Abdomen shallowly and rather sparsely punctured; first segment narrow, nearly three times as long as the apical breadth, of almost equal width throughout, not constricted or inflated at the apex, about equal to the second segment in length, but not more than one-third of the apical breadth of the segment. Hind tarsi very long and slender, fully as long as the tibia and femur combined; hind tibiae with very short feeble spines; anterior tarsi without a comb. Second abscissa of the radius about equal to the first, but distinctly less than half as long as the third. Both recurrent nervures received by the second cubital cell, the distance between them on the cubitus slightly exceeding the length of the second abscissa of the radius (in one specimen slightly less). Cubitus of the hind wing originating a little before the transverse median nervure. The yellow band at the apex of the second dorsal segment is narrowly interrupted in the middle.

"*Hab.* Pakasa, N. Rhodesia (Silverlock); January, 2 ♀♀."

*A. (Ammatomus) spiniferus* Du Buysson. *Ann. Soc. Ent. France*, LXVI, p. 359, ♀. 1897.

"♀. 9 mm. long. Dark black, the following parts pale yellow: the clypeus, front of the scapes, the upper margin of the pronotal collar, the pronotal tubercles, a spot above the wing-bases, two spots on the first tergite, subapical bands, interrupted, on the second and third segments, and entire on the fourth and fifth, the tarsi, tibiae above, the knees and the lower third of the anterior and middle femora. Eyes very large, slightly convergent below; clypeus widely sinuate, margined with black in front; antennae strongly incrassate, ferruginous below, the third joint as long as the two following united; puncturation mediocre, not deep, not close; coarser, more dense and deeper on the mesopleurae, posterior tarsi very long and slender, the end of each joint reddish, of the apical joint black; epinotum very much rounded. First abdominal segment very convex, one-third narrower at the apical margin than the second; close to the apical margins of the fourth to sixth segments there are some widely spaced, pale yellow setae; the first four segments have a narrow marginal band of black; the puncturation is fine and sparse, the spaces between finely shagreened; the seventh segment finely coriaceous and rugulose. Sternites black, with large scattered punctures, the spaces between very finely shagreened."

♂. 9 mm. long. Like the ♀. Makapan; Bulawayo.

In the collection of the South African Museum there is a variety of this species, a ♀, from Cayimaes, S.-W. Africa, in which the middle and hind femora are in greater part fusco-ferruginous, and the first abdominal segment is red.

*A. (Ammatomus) elongatulus* Turner (figs. 17 and 17 a-e). *Ann. S.A. Mus.* XVII, p. 493, ♂. 1920.

♀ (hitherto undescribed). 9 mm. long. Black. Mandibles, tegulae, pronotal tubercles and the legs, excepting the tarsi, ferruginous. Anterior femora with a yellow spot below at the apex. The tarsi pale yellowish white, the last joint of the posterior tarsi blackish apically, the pulvillus also black. Clypeus, face below the antennal sockets, scapes in front, the pronotal collar above,



a small oblique streak at the posterior angles of the mesonotum, the hind margin of the metanotum in the middle, a transverse spot, narrowed outwardly, behind the apical margin of the first tergite, and transverse bands just behind the apical margins of the second to fourth tergites, pale lemon yellow. The extreme apical margins of tergites 1-4 are brownish straw yellow. Flagellum dark brown or blackish brown above, the first six and apical joints ferruginous, the seventh to eleventh blackish, their apical margins narrowly ferruginous. Clypeus and face below the antennae with a fairly dense, whitish pubescence. On the rest of the body there is a very fine, decumbent and whitish pubescence, almost pruinose and not conspicuous. Clypeus with a few small punctures. Face below smooth and shining, the rest of the face and the vertex irregularly and not strongly punctured, almost dull; a median impressed line extends from the antennal sockets to the anterior ocellus. Mesonotum and mesopleurae almost dull, coarsely, irregularly and not closely punctured. Scutellum, metanotum and epinotum with smaller and much more scattered punctures, the median triangular area of the epinotum nitidulous, feebly defined at the sides by a thin impressed line; the declivity concave, with a median longitudinal impressed line. First two tergites slightly shining, the rest nearly dull. First two tergites very sparsely and finely punctured, the punctures much smaller than those on the epinotum, the third to fifth tergites a little more strongly and more closely punctured. Second sternite shallowly and fairly coarsely punctured, its apical margin like that of the third and following sternites, flavo-testaceous. Pygidial area triangular, as wide at the base as long, covered with a dense pubescence, varying from brownish yellow to reddish brown. Eyes nearest together a little below the antennal sockets, where they are separated by a distance equal to three-quarters the length of the scapes. Clypeus, including the frontal triangle, as long as wide in front, the anterior margin nearly straight. Flagellum strongly clavate, the first joint as long as wide in the middle, the second joint four and a half times longer than wide at the apex and somewhat longer than the third and fourth united, the sixth as long as wide, the seventh and following joints wider than long. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first four joints of the flagellum. Posterior ocelli fully three times as far from each other as they are from the eyes. First segment of the abdomen petiolate, narrowed towards the base and the apex, widest a little behind the middle, and when viewed direct from above three-quarters longer than wide, a little shorter than the second segment; its tergite strongly curved. The second segment is bell-shaped, three times wider across the apical margin than across the basal. Middle and hind tibiae strongly spinose on the outer side. Tergites three and four with a row of widely spaced, short, whitish spines just behind the apical margin. Second abscissa of the radius two and a quarter times longer than the first, more than half as long as the third. Cubitus of the hind wing originating a little before the end of the submedial cell.

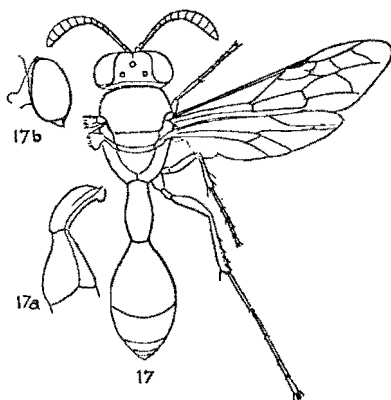


Fig. 17. *Arpactus elongatulus*, ♂; a, ♂, head; b, ♂, first two abdominal segments, lateral view.

♂. 8 mm. long. Anterior femora blackish in front, with a spot of ivory white on the outside at the apex; the middle femora also with a streak of the same colour outside near the apex. Punctuation somewhat coarser than in the ♀. First abdominal segment less narrowed at the base and apex and less convex lengthwise than in the ♀, two and a half times longer than wide in the middle, the sides nearly parallel. The second segment is longer and narrower than in the ♀, one-seventh longer than wide at the apex, the sides less convex than in the ♀. Seventh tergite short and triangular. Otherwise like the ♀.

Mfongosi, Zululand, type (W. E. Jones); Insiza, Khami, Sawmills, Matopos and Bulawayo, S. R. October to March; Ormiston, E. Griqualand. Type in S.A. Museum.

*A. gemellus* n.sp. (figs. 18 and 18 a-c).

♀. 7.3 mm. long. Black. Posterior third of the clypeus, face below the antennae, scapes below, posterior margin of the pronotum at the sides, pronotal tubercles, a spot on the posterior angles of the mesonotum, a small transverse spot on each side of the first tergite just in front of the hind margin, a pre-apical band dilated laterally on the second tergite, and narrow pre-apical bands irregularly serrate posteriorly on the third and fourth tergite, pale yellow. The extreme apical margins of the first four tergites brown. Last two joints of the flagellum ochreous below. Tegulae testaceous. Fore and middle femora and tibiae, and the posterior femora, ferruginous; the posterior tibiae fuscous, the anterior and middle femora fuscous below. The anterior and middle tibiae have a yellow spot at the base. Tarsi pale yellowish white, the apices of the joints on the fore and middle pair ferruginous, on the hind pair black. Wings hyaline, the veins black. Punctuation of the head and thorax coarse and very much like that of *elongatulus*, but on the mesonotum it is scanty and shallower, and on the mesopleurae finer and closer. The lateral areas of the epinotal dorsum are shining (dull and sparsely punctured in *elongatulus*), and impunctate. The epinotum is much more narrowed posteriorly than in *elongatulus*, the width across the apex being less than half as wide as the apical margin of the second tergite (distinctly more than half in *elongatulus*). Punctuation of the abdomen slightly finer than in *elongatulus*. Pygidial area triangular, densely covered with black pubescence. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first five joints of the flagellum and three times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum not longer than the third and fourth united, or about four-fifths longer than the third. Scapes relatively longer and narrower than in *elongatulus*. Posterior ocelli nearly three times as far from each other as from the eyes. Petiole slightly widened towards the middle, twice as long as wide at that

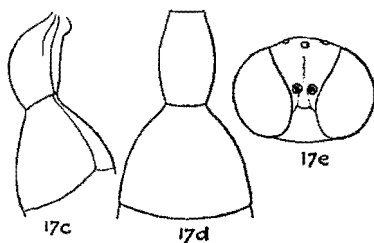
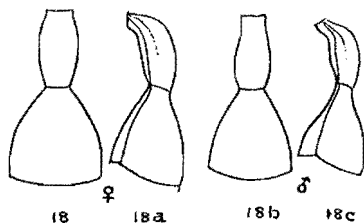


Fig. 17. *Arpactus elongatulus*, ♀; c and d, first two abdominal segments; e, head.



Figs. 18 and 18a. *Arpactus gemellus*, ♀, first two abdominal segments; b and c, ♂.

point; second tergite more than one-third longer than the first, its apical margin three and a half times wider than that of the first. Legs long and slender as in *elongatulus*.

♂. 6.7 mm. long. Middle and hind tibiae fusco-ferruginous above and below, otherwise coloured like the ♀. Second joint of the flagellum twice as long as the third. Petiole widest a little behind the middle, a little more than twice as long as wide at that point. The vertex and mesonotum are slightly shining, and much more sparsely and more finely punctured than in *elongatulus* ♂. The petiole has only a few small and very shallow punctures. Otherwise like the ♀.

Kamanyab, S.W. Africa, 2 ♀♀; Zesfontein and Kaoko Otavi, S.W. Africa, 2 ♂♂. Types in S.A. Museum.

Allied to *elongatulus* but smaller and with finer puncturation, also closely allied to *africanus* but differing from that species by the colour of the legs and by the absence of a yellow apical band on the fifth tergite.

*A. pictipes* n.sp. (figs. 19, 19a and b).

♂. 8-8.5 mm. long. Colour very much like that of *elongatulus*, from which species it differs as follows:

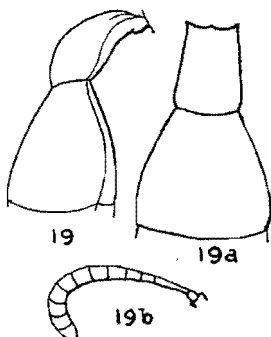
Flagellum and metanotum entirely black. Femora ferruginous above, fusco-ferruginous below, the fore and middle pair with the apical half on the outside pale lemon yellow; on the anterior pair this colour extends over the upper side of the apex. Anterior and middle tibiae lemon yellow outwardly, fusco-ferruginous inwardly. Posterior tibiae black, with a longitudinal streak of lemon yellow on the outside. Tarsi of a brighter yellow than in *elongatulus*. Sculpture much finer than in *elongatulus*. The vertex is almost smooth, slightly shining, with a few small and widely spaced punctures. Mesonotum, scutellum, metanotum and sides of the epinotum shallowly, sparsely punctured, the punctures only half as large as those in *elongatulus*. Mesopleurae a little more strongly and more closely punctured than the mesonotum. Median area of the epinotum impunctate, the lateral areas and the declivity with a very few, exceedingly small punctures.

The abdomen, apart from the microscopic fundamental puncturation, is almost impunctate on the first three tergites, but the fourth has a shallow and very sparse puncturation. First abdominal segment quite different from that of *elongatulus*. It is widest just before the apex, half as long again as wide, and half as wide at the apex as the apical margin of the second segment. The latter is slightly longer than wide, and one-fifth longer than the first. Flagellum less clavate than in *elongatulus*; the posterior tarsi long as in that species.

Bulawayo and Sawmills, S. R. Type in R.M. coll.

*A. Stevensoni* n.sp. (figs. 20, 20a and b).

♀. 9-10 mm. long. Black. Pronotal tubercles, tegulae and the legs excepting the tarsi, fusco-ferruginous; the hind tibiae with a pale yellow spot on the inside at the apex. Tarsi pale straw yellow, the apices of the joints of the middle and hind pair ferruginous, the last joint of the hind pair black over the apical two-thirds. Flagellum ferruginous at the base, becoming gradually



Figs. 19 and 19a. *Arpactus pictipes*, ♂, first two abdominal segments; 19b, antenna.

darker or black towards the apex; the scapes yellow in front, ferruginous behind. Clypeus, face below the antennal sockets, a small spot on the posterior angles of the mesonotum, sometimes absent, a small spot on each side of the first tergite near the apical margin, and complete apical bands on the second to fifth tergites, pale yellow. Clypeus and face below the antennae with silvery pubescence. On the rest of the body there is a fine pruinose pubescence, the apical margins of the fourth and fifth tergites with some stiff whitish hairs, the pygidial area with a dense, long and fulvous pubescence. Clypeus and face below the ocellar area with a few, small, scattered punctures. Vertex a little more strongly but still sparsely punctured. Mesonotum, scutellum, metanotum, mesopleurae and median triangular area of the epinotum sparsely and irregularly punctured, the punctures shallow and a little larger than those on the vertex, for the greater part separated by spaces three or four times the width of a puncture. The median area of the epinotum is nitidulous, the rest of that segment dull, finely and very sparsely punctured. First three tergites very finely and sparsely, the fourth and fifth a little more strongly and more closely, punctured. Pygidial area triangular, as long as wide at the base, the sides straight, the apex narrowly rounded; the dense pubescence obscures the sculpture which appears to consist of longitudinal striae. Sternites dull, fairly strongly, evenly and not closely punctured. Interocular distance on the vertex two and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus, and equal to the length of the first four joints of the flagellum. The second joint of the flagellum is four and a half times longer than wide at the apex, and a little longer than the third and fourth united. The flagellum is strongly clavate, the fifth and following joints being wider than long. Posterior ocelli four and a half times farther from each other than from the eyes. The triangular area of the epinotum is defined only by being shining and less pubescent than the lateral areas, it is not margined by grooves. First segment of the abdomen not petiolate, but more or less campaniform, one-fifth wider at the apex than long. Second segment one-third longer and a little more than one-half wider at the apical margin than the first segment. Posterior tibiae strongly spinose on the outside, the apex with a dense row of whitish spines. Wings clear hyaline, pterostigma and veins black.

♂. 6.7–8.5 mm. long. Last three joints of the flagellum ochreous below. Base of the anterior tibiae and a spot near the apex above, pale yellow. Interocular distance on the vertex three times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum a little thinner than in the ♀. Mesonotum more shining and more finely punctured than in the ♀. First two abdominal segments less convex at the sides than in the ♀, the first relatively narrower, very little wider at the apex than long; the second segment at the apex less than one-half wider than the first. Posterior tibiae feebly spinose. Apical tergite triangular.

Bulawayo, October–December, 9 ♀♀, 5 ♂♂. Type of the ♀ in the Rhodesia Museum, of the ♂ in coll. Stevenson.

Allied to *mesosternus* Handl. and *coarctatus* Spin., but with different sculpture.

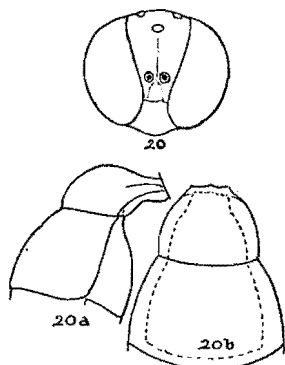
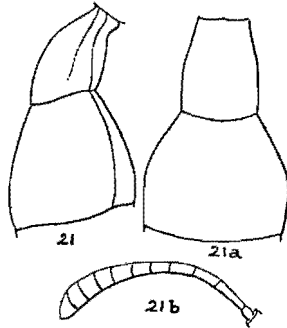


Fig. 20. *Arpactus Stevensoni*, ♀, head; a and b, first two abdominal segments, dotted line = ♂.

*A. (Ammatomus) fuscipes* n.sp. (figs. 21, 21a and b).

♀. 11.5 mm. long. Black. Mandibles excepting the apex, clypeus, pronotum, lateral margins of the mesonotum, upper angle of the mesopleurae just under the wing-bases, and sides of the first two abdominal segments, ferruginous. Fore legs pale ferruginous, the apical tarsal joint yellow above; the middle and hind legs, including the tarsi, fusco-ferruginous. Face below the antennal sockets and the scapes in front, dirty yellow. The back of the scapes and the first five joints of the flagellum and the apical joint below, ferruginous. Second to fourth tergites with narrow apical yellow bands, the fifth tergite on the extreme apical margin and the sixth, fusco-ferruginous. Wings hyaline, the radial cell faintly fuscous, the veins and pterostigma black.



Figs. 21 and 21a. *Arpactus fuscipes*, ♀, first two abdominal segments; 21b, ♀, flagellum.

Clypeus and vertex near the ocelli with a few small punctures; otherwise the head is dull and impunctate. Mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum dull, with a very scanty, fine, shallow and uneven puncturation. The mesopleurae are fairly strongly but not closely punctured. Epinotum and metapleurae, apart from the microscopic fundamental puncturation, smooth. The median triangular area of the epinotal dorsum is indistinct and defined chiefly by being slightly more shining and less pubescent than the lateral areas. Tergites smooth and dull, the fourth and fifth with a few small and scattered punctures. Sternites dull, sparsely and shallowly punctured. Pygidial area triangular, a little wider at the base than long, the apex narrowly rounded, densely covered with brownish red setae. Clypeus and lower part of the face with whitish pubescence, elsewhere the pubescence is pruinose and sparse, slightly brownish on the epinotum. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first three joints of the flagellum and two and a third times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Flagellum less clavate than in *Stevensoni*; the second joint is only three times longer than wide at the apex, and two-fifths longer than the third, the latter and the fourth are of equal length. Seventh joint as long as wide, the following joints wider than long.

Posterior ocelli a little more than twice as far from each other than they are from the eyes.

First abdominal segment subpetiolate, one-third longer than wide, not much narrowed towards the base, slightly shorter than the second segment which at its apical margin is twice as wide as the first. The first segment is not very convex above nor nodose posteriorly. Middle tibiae feebly, the posterior tibiae more strongly, spinose, the spines whitish.

Umtali, S. R., February, 1 ♀. Type in the Rhodesia Museum.

Genus KOHLIA Handl.

*Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CIV, p. 950. 1895.

CHARACTERS. Head large, wider than the thorax. Eyes large, reaching the base of the mandibles. Maxillary palpi 6-, labial palpi 4-jointed. Clypeus large and prominent. Labrum transversely oval and entirely exposed. Temples nearly obsolete, the head being truncate behind the eyes. Ocelli oval, flat or nearly so, the anterior one situated far in front of the posterior pair. Antennae

12-jointed in the ♀, 12- or 13-jointed in the ♂, filiform. Pronotum short and small, depressed far below the level of the mesonotum, the dorsal face linear or obsolete. Pronotal tubercles prominent. Mesopleurae with a narrow epicnemium not distinctly defined above. Episternal suture distinct. Epinotum with a well-defined median triangular area, the apical portion vertical and extending over the upper part of the declivity. Abdomen shaped like that of *Stizus*, the ventral plates rather flat. A triangular pygidial area present in the ♀. In the ♂ seven tergites and six sternites are visible. Legs slender, the tibiae sparsely, the tarsi strongly, spinose. A tarsal comb present in both sexes, the middle tibiae with two spurs.

Fore wing. Pterostigma distinct but small. Radial cell lanceolate, its apex lying below the costa and continued into a short vein. Three cubital cells present, the second receiving both recurrent veins. The first transverse cubital vein emits at about its middle a short stump which is continued as a *vena spuria* towards the base of the pterostigma. The first submedial cell is closed before the origin of the basal vein, and the latter joins the subcosta at some distance from the pterostigma.

Hind wing. Retinaculum unbroken, starting at the origin of the radial vein. The submedial cell ends far beyond the origin of the cubitus. Basal lobe moderately large.

Sculpture of the thorax distinctly coarse. The colour pattern of the abdomen is very similar to that of some species of the Masaridae, e.g. *Ceramius Lichtensteini*.

Only two species of this genus are known, one from Egypt, and the other from South Africa. Kohl says, *teste* Morice, that the ♂ of the Egyptian species has 12-jointed antennae.

The affinities of the genus are with *Sphecius* and *Bembex*.

*K. cephalotes* Handl. (figs. 22 and 22 a-c). *Loc. cit.* p. 951, ♀.

"♀. 13 mm. long. Head very large. Eyes large and globose. Face fairly wide, about as wide above as below. Temples narrow. Vertex slightly impressed in the middle. The ocelli form an acute angle with one another.

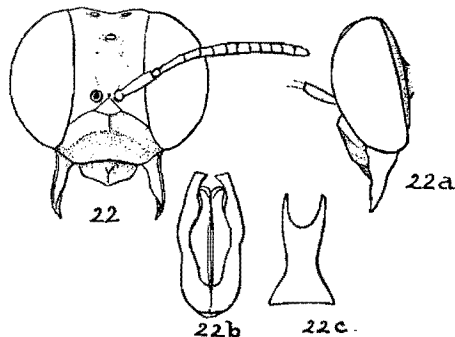


Fig. 22. *Kohlia cephalotes*, ♂, head; a, ♀, head; b, genitalia; c, eighth ventral plate.

Clypeus large, prominent, distinctly depressed in its apical part. Labrum transversely elliptical, unusually large, distinctly carinate longitudinally. Antennae nearer to each other than to the eyes, slender and fairly short, the flagellum hardly clavate. Mandibles not excised on the outer margin.

Thorax large and robust, the prothoracic margin very thin and barely visible from above. Mesonotum very convex, slightly impressed in the middle, and separated from the scutellum by a simple suture. Mesothoracic episternum well-defined, the epimerum merged into the sternum. The declivity of the epinotum is clearly separated from the horizontal dorsum, the median area large, clearly defined and longitudinally rugose, extending over into the declivity. Wings large, almost hyaline, the veins brown. Radial cell four times longer than wide, the apex a little distance from the costa, almost appendiculate. First and third cubital cells of about equal size, the second smaller, considerably narrowed above but not petiolate, receiving both the recurrent veins. The transverse humeral vein ends before the origin of the cubital vein. Stigma distinct. The anal lobe of the hind wing ends a good distance behind the origin of the cubital vein. Legs fairly slender, tibiae feebly, tarsi strongly spinose, the pulvilli distinct; femora not dilated, middle tibiae with two spurs. Anterior tarsi with a very well-formed comb, and not dilated. Abdomen flattened, almost shaped like that of the genus *Tachytes*, the first tergite wide, very declivous towards the base and not coarctate at the apex. Sixth tergite with a large, triangular and longitudinally striated pygidial area. Densely and coarsely punctured, the epinotum almost punctate-rugose, sparsely pilose, the face with silvery pubescence, the epinotum greyish villose; black, the orbits in front, clypeus, labrum, the margin of the pronotum above and the pronotal tubercles, a spot on the episternum, lateral margins of the mesonotum, an interrupted fascia on the metanotum, wide apical fasciae on the abdominal segments, and nearly the whole of the apical segment, yellow. Sternites pale ferruginous. Antennae ferruginous at the base, fuscous at the apex. Legs ferruginous, the middle and hind tibiae and tarsi variegated with yellow."

♂ (hitherto undescribed), 13 mm. long. Costal and subcostal veins of the fore wing ferruginous, the episternum without a yellow spot, mandibles pale yellow outwardly at the base. The tarsi and upper surface of all the tibiae, pale yellow. The yellow on the legs and body is very pale, almost a yellowish white. Otherwise like the ♀ in colour. Lateral areas of the epinotal dorsum covered with a dense, greyish and decumbent pilosity, which obscures the sculpture. Clypeus and labrum nitidulous, sparsely and strongly punctured. Face dull, closely and finely punctured, the back of the head shining, with a sparse but fairly large puncturation. Anterior face of the pronotal collar shining, finely and sparsely punctured. Mesothorax closely, deeply and coarsely reticulate-punctate. Sides of the epinotum with five or six transverse rugae, the spaces between them shining. Tergites fairly dull, the first sparsely and irregularly punctured, the punctures hardly half as large as those on the mesonotum, and much shallower; the remaining tergites fairly finely and more closely punctured than the first. Sternites shining, their apical halves fairly coarsely punctured. Seventh tergite almost semi-circular, the sixth sternite and the apical halves of the fourth and fifth in the middle densely clothed with a yellowish grey and fairly long pubescence. Clypeus almost semicircular, the basal third bevelled off towards the base on each side, thereby forming a short median carina. Eyes slightly divergent above and below. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to a little more than the length of the first five joints of the flagellum. Posterior ocelli nearer to the eyes than to each other, the vertex deeply depressed behind them. Antennae 13-jointed; flagellum filiform, the second joint three and a half times longer than wide at the apex and almost twice as long as the third joint. Eighth ventral plate deeply forked. Anterior tarsi with a comb of long, whitish cilia as in the ♀.

For the unique ♀ Handlirsch gives no more definite locality than South Africa. The ♂ described above was taken by Dr A. J. Hesse at Kaross, S.W. Africa, and is in the South African Museum.

Genus *SPHECIUS* Dahlb.

*Hymen. Eur.* I, p. 154. 1843.

**CHARACTERS.** Head narrower than the thorax. Eyes large, reaching the base of the mandibles or very nearly, their inner margins nearest together at about the level of the antennal sockets, divergent above and below, rarely parallel. Temples moderately developed. Vertex convex. Ocelli round and moderately convex. Maxillary palpi 6-, labial palpi 4-jointed. Labrum exposed. Clypeus large and prominent. Antennae 12-jointed in the ♀, 13-jointed in the ♂. Flagellum filiform, slightly thickened apically, not distinctly clavate, the apical joint in the ♂ curved. Thorax stout, nearly as wide as long, almost globose. Pronotal collar sunk below the level of the mesonotum, the dorsal face very short or linear. Mesopleurae with a narrow and not very distinctly marginate epicnemium. Dorsum of the epinotum very short, with a large median triangular area which extends over the vertical declivity; the sides of the epinotum concave posteriorly. Abdomen massive, the sixth tergite in the ♀ with a very large pygidial area. In the ♂ seven tergites are exposed, the seventh triangular, without a pygidial area; only six sternites are exposed, the seventh being hidden under the sixth, the eighth ends in a sharp spine which projects beyond the end of the abdomen.

Tibiae and tarsi spinose, the anterior tarsi with a short comb in the ♀; middle tibiae with two spurs, those of the hind tibiae long and spatulate.

Fore wing. Pterostigma small. Radial cell lanceolate, ending on the costa. Three cubital cells present, the second more or less narrowed on the radius and receiving both recurrent veins. The basal vein arises at or slightly before the end of the submedial cell.

Hind wing. The cubitus arises a good distance before the end of the submedial cell. The basal lobe is large and the basal sinus deep, as in *Kohlia*.

**DISTRIBUTION.** Palaearctic, Nearctic and Neotropical regions. Only two species are known from the Ethiopian Region.

The insects of this genus provision their young with Cicadas.

*S. Milleri* Turner (figs. 23 and 23 a-d). *Ann. Mag. N.H.* xvi, p. 286, ♀. 1915.

♀. 25-30 mm. long. Head, antennae and legs ferruginous, the clypeus, labrum and sides of the face below the antennae, pale ochreous. Thorax black, pronotum, sides of the mesonotum, tegulae and scutellum ferruginous. Abdomen black, with a slight steely blue lustre, the first tergite with a transversely pyriform yellow macula on each side at the apex, the second tergite with a large, more or less semicircular yellow macula on each side, enclosing on the inner side a round black spot. Apical segment of the abdomen fusco-ferruginous. Wings hyaline, tinged with yellow near the veins which are yellowish red. Clypeus and face below the antennae with silvery pubescence, the temples and dorsal face of the pronotal collar with whitish

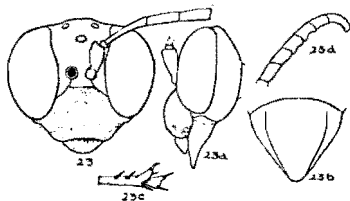


Fig. 23. *Sphecius Milleri*, ♀, head; a, ♀, head; b, ♀, pygidium; c, ♀, first two joints of the middle tarsi; d, ♂, apical half of flagellum.



pubescence, the thorax with a short, erect and greyish pubescence and some longer white hairs on the epinotum. The apical margins of the sternites and of the third to fifth tergites have a row of short, reddish setae; the sixth sternite and sides of the pygidium sparsely covered with longer hairs of the same colour. Head dull, microscopically and closely punctured. Thorax dull, finely and very closely punctured, the scutellum a little less closely than the other parts, and also not so dull. Abdomen moderately shining and fairly strongly punctured, the first two tergites rather sparsely, the rest densely punctured. Pygidial area closely punctured and rugulose lengthwise. Anterior margin of the labrum convex. Clypeus twice as wide as long, bevelled off at the sides behind as in *Kohlia cephalotes*, the anterior portion flat, the anterior margin moderately concave. Eyes slightly convergent towards the clypeus. Antennae as far from the eyes as from each other, the scape short and thick, the flagellum filiform, the first joint wider than long, the second nearly six times longer than wide at the apex and not quite half as long again as the third. Posterior ocelli two and a half times as far from each other as they are from the eyes. Temples very narrow above but well-developed below. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first two joints of the flagellum. Pronotal collar very short above, but not quite linear. Scutellum nearly flat, almost twice as long as the dorsum of the epinotum. The latter is rounded at its junction with the declivity; the median triangular area is defined at the sides by a very fine and shallow impressed line and has a median longitudinal impressed line which extends from the base to the apex, the latter almost reaching the bottom of the declivity. Pygidial area triangular, a little longer than wide at the base, the apex widely rounded. First joint of the middle tarsi asymmetrical, produced at the apex outwardly and ending in a thick spine; the second joint has a similar but shorter projection. Calcaria of the hind tibiae long and flat, three-quarters the length of the basal joint of the tarsus. Second abscissa of the radius only half as long as the first, the recurrent veins both received close to the apex of the second cubital cell. The cubitus is deflected downwards to meet the two recurrent veins.

♂. 20-25 mm. long. Labrum, clypeus and sides of the face below the antennae bright lemon yellow. Sixth to eleventh joints of the flagellum more or less fuscous. The black spot enclosed by the yellow maculae on the second tergite is transverse, not round as in the ♀. Otherwise like the ♀ in colour, sculpture and pubescence. Apical joint of the flagellum strongly curved, the tenth and eleventh arcuately emarginate below. Otherwise like the ♀.

Ambirisao, N. Rhodesia; Sawmills and Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia. November-December.

This insect, which is the bulkiest of our Sphegidae, preys on large Cicadas, such as *Munza furva* Dist., *Platypleura quadratocollis* Butl., *P. lindiana* Dist., and *P. Marshalli* Dist. which live largely on small Mopani trees (*Copaifera mopani*). The *Sphecius* circles round these trees and makes a sudden swoop at its prey, bearing it to the ground where it is paralysed by stinging. It is noticeable that when one of these big wasps comes within a foot or so of the trees, the vociferous din of the Cicadas ceases quite suddenly. The nests are at the ends of rather long tunnels, often placed in the loose sandy walls of burrows which have been dug by ant-bears. (R.M. and T.M. colls.)

*S. citrinus* n.sp. (figs. 24 and 24 a-b).

♀. 15 mm. long. Labrum, clypeus, face below the antennal sockets and the sides of the face to a little beyond the middle of the eyes, chrome yellow; the rest of the head black. Mandibles yellow at the base, ferruginous beyond.

Antennae reddish ochreous below, a little darker above, the scapes chrome yellow in front. Thorax black, the posterior margin of the pronotum, pronotal tubercles, a streak on the lateral margins of the mesonotum widest in front and not reaching the anterior margin nor extending beyond the tegulae, the scutellum excepting the margins, metanotum and a small spot behind the pronotal tubercles, chrome yellow. Tergites chrome yellow, their apical margins widely rufo-testaceous, the first four with a narrow, transverse, blackish band at the base which is triangularly widened in the middle. The pygidial area is rufescent apically. Sternites fusco-ferruginous at the base of the abdomen, becoming brighter or ferruginous towards the apex, the second with a large, round, chrome yellow macula on each side, the third to fifth with smaller spots of the same colour. Legs chrome yellow, the femora above and the apices of the tarsal joints more or less yellowish red. Wings flavo-hyaline, the veins ferruginous. Tegulae ochreous. Clypeus, lower half of the face and the mesonotum with a sparse, short, whitish pubescence. The sides of the thorax with a thin white pilosity, the apical margins of the sternites and the fourth and fifth tergites with a row of short, ferruginous setae. Head and thorax closely and finely punctured, the thorax dull, the mesopleurae somewhat less closely and more strongly punctured than the rest of the thorax. Tergites 1-5 and the second sternite dull, shallowly, finely and closely punctured, the third and following sternites shining, sparsely and coarsely punctured at the sides. Pygidial area half as long again as wide at the base, rounded at the apex, distinctly marginate at the sides and covered with large, shallow punctures which become crowded towards the apex. Temples and occiput much more developed than in *S. Milleri*, the back of the head not being so steeply truncate behind the eyes. Seen from the side, the temples are about two-thirds as wide as the eyes. Clypeus less prominent than in *Milleri*, the bevelled-off basal part more oblique, the flattened anterior part with a shallow and large puncturation, the anterior margin concave and narrowly ferruginous. Interocular distance on the vertex nearly one-third greater than across the base of the clypeus, and equal to the length of the second and third joints of the flagellum plus half of the fourth joint. Inner orbits as in *Milleri*. Second joint of the flagellum about two-thirds longer than the following joint. Posterior ocelli a little nearer to the eyes than to each other. Dorsum of the epinotum very short as in *Milleri*, but sloping much more steeply downwards and without a median longitudinal impressed line. First two joints of the middle tarsi constructed as in *Milleri*. The pygidial area is narrower than in that species, and the cubitus of the fore wing is even more deflected downwards at the junction with the recurrent veins.

Van Wyks Vlei, Carnarvon district, C. P. 1 ♀ (E. Alston). Type in S.A. Museum.

In coloration and build resembling a *Stizus* of the *imperialis* group, for which at a first glance it could easily be mistaken.

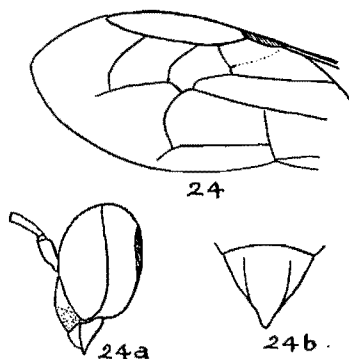


Fig. 24. *Sphecius citrinus*, ♀, fore wing; a, ♀, head; b, ♀, pygidium.

## Genus HANDLIRSCHIA Kohl.

*Ann. K.K.N.H. Mus. Wien*, xi, p. 425. 1896.

*Sphecius* Handlirsch. *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, xcvi, p. 467. 1889.

CHARACTERS. "Body moderately slender. Inner margins of the eyes almost parallel; face fairly wide. Antennae fairly far apart, the eighth to eleventh joints of the flagellum excised below, the apical joint entire. The pronotal tubercles do not extend back as far as the tegulae. Mesopleurae without episternal and epimeral sutures and without an epicnemium. Epinotum longer than in *Sphecius*, parallel-sided, the sides somewhat compressed, the declivity slightly concave, the median area smooth. Abdomen elongate, the apical margins of the segments not depressed. Apical segment without a pygidial area. Six sternites visible, the seventh hidden, the eighth projecting beyond the sixth and not forked. The distance of the radial cell from the junction of the basal and subcostal veins is much less than the length of that cell. First transverse cubital vein hardly curved. First recurrent vein curved at its junction with the cubitus at the second cubital cell. Outer (upper) angle of the second submedial cell obtuse. The cubital vein of the hind wing originates slightly before the end of the submedial cell. Legs slender. Intermediate coxae fairly far apart. Tibiae and tarsi sparsely spinose. Middle tibiae with two spurs. Nearly the whole body coarsely punctured."

One species only, of which only the male is known.

*H. aethiops* Handl. *Loc. cit.* p. 467, ♂. 1889.

"♂. 14 mm. long. Almost the whole body very coarsely punctured and covered with a dense fuscous pilosity; black, the abdomen with a violaceous lustre; the labrum, clypeus, the lower part of the face and the orbits in front, yellow. Antennae fuscous above, testaceous below. The mandibles yellow, piceous at the apex; legs ferruginous, the coxae to some extent black. Head a little narrower than the thorax, the temples narrower than the eyes, the vertex flattened, the eyes not convergent below. Face and clypeus wider than in *Sphecius*, the clypeus very feebly convex. Labrum as in *Sphecius*.

"The ocelli are placed in an obtuse-angled triangle, the base of which lies distinctly in front of a line joining the tops of the eyes; the posterior ocelli are only slightly farther from each other than from the eyes. The antennae are about as far from each other as from the eyes and from the clypeus; the scapes fairly large and much longer than the third joint of the flagellum. The joints of the latter are about equal in width, the first four are of about the same length and cylindrical, more than twice as long as wide, the fifth is barely longer than wide and slightly emarginate below, the following four joints are only a trifle longer but are distinctly excised below. The penultimate joint is decidedly longer than the preceding one, and has two small notches below, the last joint is as long as the first, straight and gradually attenuated apically. The dorsal edge of the pronotal collar is somewhat thicker than in species of *Sphecius*, and on the mesonotum longitudinal raised lines are barely visible. The scutellum and metanotum are feebly convex. The three portions of the mesothorax are completely fused with one another. The declivity of the epinotum is slightly impressed, and the whole epinotum is smooth and shining and without a median area. The wings, in relation to the body, are very small, the radial cell of the fore wing short, the second cubital cell strongly contracted above, the third feebly so. The anal lobe of the hind

wing ends just at the level of the cubitus at its origin. The legs are slender and feebly spinose, the tibiae of the middle legs have a pointed tubercle below near the apex, and the apex is also produced into a point; their calcaria are thin and curved. The metatarsus is slender and only feebly curved. The first abdominal segment is, in comparison with its breadth, much longer than in *Sphecius* species, and is also somewhat constricted off from the second segment. The second sternite is almost angular at its base. The apical margins of the third to fifth sternites bear a row of stiff, short setae. The seventh tergite has no carinae. The segments are not impressed at the apical margins. . . . The sculpture on the head is feebly coriaceous. The thorax, with the exception of the metapleurae, sides and dorsum of the epinotum, is very coarsely punctured, less densely on the back than on the mesosternum. The abdomen is punctured like the thorax, the ventral surface more, and the upper surface less densely. The whole body, particularly the abdomen, is covered with erect, dark and stiff hairs, the face has a pale, whitish pubescence."

South Africa. Type in the Vienna Museum.

#### Genus STIZUS Latr.

*Hist. Nat.* III, p. 344. 1802.

CHARACTERS. Eyes usually reaching the base of the mandibles, their inner margins entire, nearly parallel, or convergent from above and below towards the base of the clypeus. Temples short, in some groups obsolete or nearly so, the head being vertically truncate just behind the eyes. Vertex never concave. Labrum exposed, wider than long, its anterior margin convex. Tongue bifid, and fairly long. Maxillary palpi 6-, labial palpi 4-jointed. Clypeus convex, with few exceptions wider than long, the anterior margin without teeth and always more or less concave. Antennae 12-jointed in the ♀, 13-jointed in the ♂. Ocelli round and convex. Mandibles not excised on the outer margin. Pronotum short, depressed below the level of the mesonotum, the collar almost vertical in front (except in *S. scoliaeformis*), and linear or very short above. Mesonotum large, the scutellum fairly flat. The mesopleurae lack both the epicnemium and the episternal suture. Epinotum rounded at the junction of the dorsum and the declivity, or more or less obliquely concave; in the latter case the sides are compressed, thereby making the lateral margins of the declivity very prominent and forming a sharp edge. On the dorsum there is a wide triangular median area which is continued over the declivity, almost to the bottom of that part. Abdomen ovate or subfusiform, the sternites fairly flat. First sternite with a median longitudinal carina, the second or third in the ♂ often armed with a tooth or tubercle. Seven sternites are visible in the ♂, and the obteated eighth is nearly always deeply trifurcate on the apical margin. The seventh tergite has a flap on each side which is folded under, lying on the ventral surface of the abdomen between the sixth and seventh sternites (fig. 45 a). In some species, e.g. *nyasae*, *loriculatus*, these folds are very large, meeting at their bases, and simulating a deeply excised sternite, give a false impression of eight sternites being visible. A marginate pygidial area is very rarely present in the ♀. Legs moderately spinose, the middle tibiae with two spurs. Claws unarmed, the pulvillus well-developed. Anterior tarsi in the ♀ with a comb of long cilia.

Fore wing. Pterostigma very small. Radial cell lanceolate, the apex, which is not very acute, lies on the costa or close to it. Three cubital cells present, the first very large, often larger than the other two united; the second more or less narrowed above and receiving both recurrent veins. The basal vein arises before

the end of the submedial cell and meets the subcosta at a distance from the pterostigma which is greater than the length of the radial cell.

Hind wing. Retinaculum unbroken, beginning at the origin of the radius. The cubitus arises a good distance before the end of the submedial cell. Basal lobe long.

With a few exceptions, the sculpture is of a monotonous similarity throughout the genus. It consists for the most part of a fine, close and shallow puncturation, the punctures being pricked somewhat obliquely (semi-puncturation). The puncturation is usually closer and stronger on the thorax than on the abdomen. The pubescence is very fine and short, on the abdomen decumbent and almost microscopic. A few species have longer, exerted hairs on the epinotum.

DISTRIBUTION. Both hemispheres, but the majority of the known species are found in the Mediterranean portion of the Palaearctic Region.

In spite of the fact that at least 200 species have been described, very little is known about the life-history of these insects. Two species have been recorded as capturing Cicadas for provisioning their nests and another is reported as using larval Mantidae for that purpose.

The genus was monographed by Handlirsch in the *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, 1892 and 1895, who divided it into species-groups, the names of the groups being based on the name of the earliest described species of each group. To these I have added three others, the *rhopalocerus*, *oxydorcus* and *scoliaeformis* groups. In two of the groups, *fasciatus* and *ruficornis*, the forms comprised by them are so closely allied that I cannot help suspecting that each one really consists of not more than one or two species, split up into numerous geographical races distinguished chiefly by colour differences. This impression is strengthened on reference to Handlirsch's monograph, wherein the description of nearly all the species is introduced with the statement "speciei praecedenti valde affinis et similis," followed by a recital of what are chiefly differences of colour. The colour and pattern are decidedly variable in this genus and should not be relied on to any great extent for the formation of species.

In the following key only those forms have been included which are known to me in nature.

#### KEY TO THE SPECIES, ♀♀.

- (48) 1. Only one longitudinal vein emitted from the apex of the medial cell in the hind wing; the anal lobe ends a little beyond the origin of the cubital vein.
- (39) 2. Sides of the epinotum compressed, forming with the concave declivity a more or less secant edge which is excised at, or a little below, the middle.
- (28) 3. Eyes strongly convergent towards the base of the clypeus, thence divergent. Antennae short, at least the seventh to tenth joints wider than long.
- (25) 4. Flagellum feebly clavate. (trideus group, and also *S. Herbsti* of the peregrinus group)
- (6) 5. Abdomen ferruginous, with yellow apical bands on the second to fourth, or second to third segments. polychromus Handl.
- (5) 6. Abdomen black with yellow markings.
- (12) 7. Sixth tergite ferruginous or flavo-ferruginous.
- (9) 8. Sixth tergite flavo-ferruginous; legs yellow, the femora reddish yellow. sipapomae Arnold
- (8) 9. Sixth tergite and apical margin of the fifth dark ferruginous.

- (11) 10. Legs ferruginous; interocular distance on the vertex two and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus. *Buyssoni* Brauns
- (10) 11. Legs black, with yellow markings; interocular distance on the vertex twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. *haemorrhoidalis* Handl.
- (7) 12. Sixth tergite in greater part black.
- (16) 13. Interocular distance on the vertex from one-half to two-thirds greater than across the base of the clypeus.
- (15) 14. Legs black and yellow. Interocular distance on the vertex two-thirds greater than across the base of the clypeus. 6.5 mm. long. *fraterculus* Arnold
- (14) 15. Legs ferruginous. Interocular distance on the vertex one-half greater than across the base of the clypeus. 8.5 mm. long. *witzenbergensis* Arnold
- (13) 16. Interocular distance on the vertex at least twice greater than across the base of the clypeus.
- (24) 17. Middle and hind femora in greater part black.
- (21) 18. Median area of the epinotal dorsum with round punctures.
- (20) 19. Apical tergites and sternites brownish black. Interocular distance on the vertex nearly two and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus; scapes three times longer than wide at the apex. *boer* Handl.
- (19) 20. Apical tergite black, with fusco-ferruginous sides. Interocular distance on the vertex two and a third times greater than across the base of the clypeus; scapes nearly twice as long as wide at the apex. *mitulus* Arnold
- (18) 21. Dorsum of the epinotum with an oblique puncturation.
- (23) 22. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first eight joints of the flagellum. *Braunsi* Handl.
- (22) 23. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first nine joints of the flagellum. *Braunsi* var. *corpulentus* Arn.
- (17) 24. Femora ferruginous. *Herbsti* Brauns
- (4) 25. Flagellum strongly clavate. Basal joint of the anterior tarsi without the usual long spines but with a dense row of short cilia. Clypeus unusually long. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity with a very wide and deep excision.
- (27) 26. Middle and hind tibiae ferruginous, mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum immaculate. 11-13 mm. long. *(cinguliger group) cinguliger* Smith
- (26) 27. Middle and hind tibiae yellow, mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum with yellow markings. 10-11 mm. long. *(oxydorcus group) oxydorcus* Handl.
- (3) 28. Eyes less convergent below than in the *tridens* group, or almost parallel. Antennae filiform, the seventh to tenth joints as long as, or longer than, wide.
- (30) 29. Eyes almost parallel; lateral margins of the epinotal declivity with two distinct excisions. *(loriculatus group) loriculatus* Smith
- (29) 30. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity with only one distinct excision; sometimes there is a shallow and wide sinus above the excision. *(caffer, discolor and peregrinus groups)*
- (34) 31. Yellow apical fasciae of the second to fifth tergites trilobate.
- (33) 32. First four joints of the anterior tarsi strongly asymmetrical, the basal joint subtriangular, less than half as long again as wide at the apex. 14 mm. long. *(discolor group) nyasae* Turner
- (32) 33. Second to fourth joints of the anterior tarsi moderately asymmetrical, the first joint normal, nearly three times longer than wide at the apex. 9 mm. long. *(peregrinus group) proteus* Arnold

- (31) 34. The yellow markings on the tergites consist of large lateral spots, leaving at least the middle third of the segment black or ferruginous.  
(caffer group)
- (36) 35. Second joint of the flagellum half as long again as the third.  
haplocerus Handl.
- (35) 36. Second joint of the flagellum one-third longer than the third.
- (38) 37. Tergites 1-4 ferruginous, with yellow lateral spots.  
laterimacula Handl.
- (37) 38. Tergites 1-4 black, with yellow lateral spots.  
laterimacula var. euteles Handl.
- (2) 39. Sides of the epinotum compressed, the lateral margins of the declivity not excised but nevertheless ending below in a tooth. Antennae moderately clavate.  
(rhopalocerus group)
- (41) 40. Mesonotum with two clavate yellow streaks on each side of the middle. Abdomen black and yellow, neither ferruginous nor with rufescent edges to the yellow markings.  
quadristrigatus Arnold
- (40) 41. Mesonotum without median yellow streaks, at the most with two small ferruginous spots in front.
- (45) 42. Interocular distance on the vertex two and two-thirds greater than across the base of the clypeus.
- (44) 43. Tergites 1-3 ferruginous, with narrow, pale yellow, apical bands, barely dilated laterally.  
rhopaloceroideus Brauns
- (43) 44. Tergites 1-5 black, with yellowish red apical bands widely dilated laterally on the first, fourth and fifth.  
mutabilis Arnold
- (42) 45. Interocular distance on the vertex twice or two and a quarter times greater than across the base of the clypeus.
- 47) 46. Tergites 1-5 ferruginous, narrowly black at the extreme base. 10-11 mm. long.  
hyperocrus Brauns
- 46) 47. Tergites 1-5 pale yellowish white apically, reddish basally, the first to fourth with a median black area at the base. 13-14 mm. long.  
rhopalocerus Handl.
- (1) 48. Two longitudinal veins emitted from the apex of the medial cell of the hind wing; the anal lobe ends far beyond the origin of the cubital vein. Sides of the epinotum not compressed, the declivity not concave and not excised at the sides.
- (72) 49. Scutellum without a pubescent fovea in the middle.
- (55) 50. Black, excepting sometimes the clypeus, face and antennae. Thorax, excepting the pronotum and sometimes the mesonotum, very strongly and closely punctured, the punctures round and deep. Eyes moderately convergent below, slightly so above. Wings usually in greater part fuscous. Face with a median longitudinal carina between the antennae.  
(tridentatus group)
- (52) 51. Dorsum of the epinotum with a dense, silvery pilosity, the declivity with two teeth at the apex of the lateral margins; the first tergite with a dense, silvery and decumbent pubescence on its basal half.  
fenestratus Smith
- (51) 52. Epinotum without silvery pilosity.
- (54) 53. Antennae black; sides of the epinotum punctate and rugose. 25-27 mm. long.  
niger Radosz.
- (53) 54. Antennae ferruginous; sides of the epinotum reticulate-punctate, without rugae. 17 mm. long.  
funebrius Handl.
- (50) 55. Thorax not very strongly punctured and never closely or very coarsely sculptured at the sides; thorax and abdomen, with one exception, never entirely black. Eyes almost parallel, or only very slightly convergent below.

- (57) 56. Pronotal collar not discoid, the anterior face long and oblique; second sternite subcarinate longitudinally in the middle; sixth tergite with a marginate pygidial area extending almost to the base of the segment.  
(*scoliaeformis* group) *scoliaeformis* Arnold
- (56) 57. Pronotal collar discoid; second sternite unarmed; sixth tergite very rarely with a marginate pygidial area. (*fasciatus* group)
- (59) 58. Wings entirely fuscous, with a violaceous lustre; abdomen and the greater part of the head and thorax, black. *atrox* Smith
- (58) 59. Wings hyaline, sometimes slightly tinged with yellow. Abdomen with yellow markings.
- (61) 60. Sixth tergite ferruginous and with a marginate pygidial area; the other tergites black, with yellow marking on the first three.  
*melanurus* Handl.
- (60) 61. Sixth tergite without a marginate pygidial area.
- (69) 62. Second joint of the flagellum more than three-fourths longer than the third.
- (68) 63. Mesonotum black, the lateral margins ferruginous or yellow.
- (65) 64. Second joint of the flagellum four-fifths longer than the third.  
*chrysorrhoeus* Handl.
- (64) 65. Second joint of the flagellum nearly twice as long as the third.
- (67) 66. First tergite, excepting the yellow lateral maculae, black.  
*Neavei* Turner
- (66) 67. First tergite, excepting the yellow lateral maculae, ferruginous.  
*multicolor* Turner
- (63) 68. Mesonotum ferruginous.  
*rubroflavus* Turner
- (62) 69. Second joint of the flagellum not more than three-fourths longer than the third.
- (71) 70. Second joint of the flagellum three-fourths longer than the third; mesonotum ferruginous; tergites ferruginous, with yellow apical bands.  
*rubellus* Turner
- (70) 71. Second joint of the flagellum half as long again as the third; mesonotum black, with the lateral margins and a lanceolate spot on each side of the middle in front, yellow; tergites black and yellow.  
*imperialis* Handl.
- (49) 72. Scutellum with a pubescent fovea in the middle. (*ruficornis* group)
- (74) 73. Wings fuscous, the apical margins paler; tergites 1-4 black, the first three with yellow lateral spots which do not cover one-third of the width of the segment.  
*fuscipennis* Smith
- (73) 74. Wings hyaline, tinged with yellow.
- (76) 75. Tergites 1 and 2 black, without yellow spots. *Baumanni* Handl.
- (75) 76. Tergites black or ferruginous, with yellow spots.
- (78) 77. Abdomen ferruginous, with yellow spots. *ferrugineus* Smith
- (77) 78. Abdomen black, with yellow spots.
- (80) 79. Scutellum and sides of mesonotum ferruginous; 23 mm. long.  
*Dewitzii* Handl.
- (79) 80. Scutellum black, the posterior margin yellow; sides of the mesonotum yellow. 15 mm. long. *Ellenbergeri* Arnold

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- (52) 1. Only one longitudinal vein emitted from the apex of the medial cell of the hind wing; the anal lobe ends a little beyond the origin of the cubital vein.
- (47) 2. Sides of the epinotum compressed, forming with the concave declivity a more or less secant edge which is excised at or below the middle. (If only very slightly excised, then the antennae are clavate and the second sternite is armed with a large, curved tooth, *cinguliger* Smith.)



- (38) 3. Flagellum filiform, the tenth joint produced into a spine at the apex, the eleventh deeply excised below, the twelfth thin, curved and more or less unciform.
- (5) 4. Sixth sternite with two longitudinal tori. Eyes nearly parallel.  
(*loriculatus* group) *loriculatus* Smith
- (4) 5. Sixth sternite without longitudinal tori.
- (29) 6. Sternites unarmed, without any tubercles or teeth.
- (28) 7. Eyes strongly convergent from above towards the base of the clypeus, thence divergent; ventral flaps of the seventh tergite not visible between the sixth and seventh sternites; the interocular distance on the vertex is at least twice as great as across the base of the clypeus, if not, then the seventh tergite is very widely rounded at the apex or semicircular.
- (11) 8. Interocular distance on the vertex less than twice as great as across the base of the clypeus; seventh tergite very widely rounded at the apex.
- (10) 9. Seventh tergite semicircular, with a small semicircular excision at the apex; interocular distance on the vertex three-fourths greater than across the base of the clypeus. *laticaudatus* Arnold
- (9) 10. Seventh tergite widely rounded at the apex, slightly sinuate at the sides; interocular distance on the vertex one and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus. *witzenbergensis* Arnold
- (8) 11. Interocular distance on the vertex fully twice as great as across the base of the clypeus, rarely less than two and a half times.
- (13) 12. Abdomen ferruginous, the base of the segments narrowly black, the second and third with yellow apical bands. *polychromus* Handl.
- (12) 13. Abdomen black, with yellow or ivory white bands.
- (19) 14. Seventh tergite ferruginous.
- (16) 15. Femora and tibiae in greater part black. *haemorrhoidalis* Handl.
- (15) 16. Femora and tibiae more or less ferruginous.
- (18) 17. Seventh tergite shallowly, angularly emarginate at the apex; last joint of the flagellum, measured across the curvature below, not much shorter than the preceding joint. *boer* Handl. var. *rufipes* Arnold
- (17) 18. Seventh tergite rounded at the apex; last joint of the flagellum distinctly shorter than the preceding joint. *Buyssoni* Brauns
- (14) 19. Seventh tergite black.
- (21) 20. Tergites with deep chrome yellow bands. *sipapomae* Arnold
- (20) 21. Tergites with pale yellow or ivory white bands.
- (23) 22. Interocular distance on the vertex twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. (Scapes subtriangular, twice as long as wide at the apex.) *fraterculus* Arnold
- (22) 23. Interocular distance on the vertex more than twice as great as across the base of the clypeus.
- (25) 24. Scapes nearly twice as long as wide at the apex. *mitulus* Arnold
- (24) 25. Scapes fully three times as long as wide at the apex.
- (27) 26. Dorsum of the epinotum with round and not very shallow punctures. *boer* Handl.
- (26) 27. Dorsum of the epinotum with very shallow and oblique punctures. *Braunsi* Handl.
- (7) 28. Eyes moderately convergent towards the base of the clypeus, less divergent below that point than in the *tridens* group; ventral flaps of the seventh tergite large and clearly exposed between the sixth and seventh sternites. (discolor group), *nyasae* Turner
- (6) 29. Second or third sternites armed with a median tooth or tubercle. (*peregrinus* group)
- (35) 30. Second sternite armed with a tooth truncated at the apex.

- (32) 31. Sixth sternite simple. **Herbsti** Brauns
- (31) 32. Sixth sternite with a prominence.
- (34) 33. Sixth sternite with a semi-elliptical platform in the middle, extending over the basal half of the segment and highest posteriorly.  
**dentriventris** Handl.
- (33) 34. Sixth sternite with a median longitudinal carina which is raised to a point at its termination at about the second third of the segment.  
**hoplites** Handl. var. **minor** Arnold
- (30) 35. Third sternite armed with a tooth.
- (37) 36. Seventh sternite with a triangular platform, raised towards the apex which lies near the posterior margin of the segment. (The tooth on the third sternite is very large in the larger and almost entirely yellow form, varying from small to obsolete in the smaller and more typical forms which have black on the thorax and abdomen.)  
**proteus** Arnold
- (36) 37. Seventh sternite simple. **laticinctus** Arnold
- (3) 38. Tenth joint of the flagellum without an apical spine, the eleventh not excised below, the apical joint not strongly curved, at least not unci-form.
- (42) 39. Flagellum strongly clavate; clypeus unusually long, about as long as wide in front.
- (41) 40. Second sternite with a very large curved tooth, longer than wide at the base. (**cinguliger** group), **cinguliger** Smith
- (40) 41. Second sternite unarmed. (**oxydorcus** group), **oxydorcus** Handl.
- (39) 42. Flagellum filiform, attenuated towards the apex; clypeus much wider than long. (**caffer** group)
- (44) 43. Abdomen ferruginous, with yellow maculae. **laterimacula** Handl.
- (43) 44. Abdomen black, with yellow maculae.
- (46) 45. Interocular distance on the vertex three-fourths greater than across the base of the clypeus; second joint of the flagellum nearly one-third longer than the third joint. **haplocerus** Handl.
- (45) 46. Interocular distance on the vertex one-half greater than across the base of the clypeus; second joint of the flagellum hardly longer than the third.  
**laterimacula** var. **euteles** Handl.
- (2) 47. Sides of the epinotum compressed, the declivity only slightly concave, its lateral margins not excised, but ending in a tooth below. Flagellum moderately clavate. (**rhopalocerus** group)
- (49) 48. At least the first three tergites ferruginous, with narrow yellowish white apical bands, narrowly black at the base and with two black spots in the middle just behind the apical margin; seventh tergite subcarinate longitudinally in the middle; second joint of the flagellum half as long again as the third. **rhopaloceroideus** Brauns
- (48) 49. Abdomen otherwise coloured; second joint of the flagellum two-thirds longer than the third joint.
- (51) 50. Apical joint of the flagellum curved and slightly hooked; seventh tergite trapezoidal, its apical margin obtusely and angularly excised in the middle. **mutabilis** Arnold
- (50) 51. Apical joint of the flagellum not hooked; seventh tergite triangular, the apex broadly rounded. **rhopalocerus** Handl.
- (1) 52. Two longitudinal veins emitted from the apex of the medial cell of the hind wing; the anal lobe ends a good distance beyond the origin of the cubital vein.
- (58) 53. Sculpture of the thorax and abdomen strong, consisting of round punctures, and so close, at least on the mesopleurae, as to be reticulate-punctate; body black; wings in greater part fuscous; abdomen lanceolate-cylindrical. (**tridentatus** group)

- (57) 54. Sides of the epinotum punctate and rugose.
- (56) 55. Dorsum of the epinotum with a dense silvery pilosity; the first tergite with a decumbent silvery pubescence on the basal half.  
*fenestratus* Smith
- (55) 56. Epinotum and first tergite without silvery pilosity and pubescence.  
*niger* Radosz.
- (54) 57. Sides of the epinotum closely reticulate-punctate. *funebri* Handl.
- (53) 58. Sculpture of the thorax and abdomen fine, very shallow, and usually composed of oblique punctures; the mesopleurae never coarsely reticulate-punctate, the sides of the epinotum not rugose nor closely reticulate-punctate.
- (60) 59. Pronotal collar not discoid, the anterior face long and oblique; second sternite subcarinate longitudinally in the middle.  
(*scoliaeformis* group), *scoliaeformis* Arnold
- (59) 60. Pronotal collar discoid, the second sternite unarmed.
- (62) 61. Antennae very long, extending back as far as the middle of the first tergite; abdomen with a rather coarse, dense, exerted and black pubescence.  
(group ?), *pubescens* Arnold
- (61) 62. Antennae shorter; abdomen with a fine inconspicuous pubescence.
- (76) 63. First transverse cubital vein with a slight curve towards the apex of the wing.  
(*fasciatus* group)
- (65) 64. Wings entirely fuscous. Abdomen black, with a curved, pyriform yellow spot on each side of the third tergite, sometimes absent.  
*atrox* Smith
- (64) 65. Wings hyaline, tinged with yellow.
- (67) 66. First tergite ferruginous at the base, yellow beyond, the apical margin black; the rest of the tergites black except the apical one which is fusco-ferruginous; the second has a large transverse yellow spot on each side, the third to fifth with smaller spots of the same colour.  
*melanurus* Handl.
- (66) 67. Abdomen otherwise coloured.
- (71) 68. Scutellum yellow or black and yellow.
- (70) 69. Mesonotum with two longitudinal yellow streaks in front on each side of the middle; tergites chiefly yellow, the black areas confined to a narrow median longitudinal line and narrow apical margins. Second joint of the flagellum two-thirds longer than the third.  
*imperialis* Handl.
- (69) 70. Mesonotum without yellow streaks in front or with only very small and indistinct ones; tergites with basal and apical black bands, the yellow bands on the second to fifth narrowed but not entirely interrupted in the middle; second joint of the flagellum one-third longer than the third.  
*Neavei* Turner
- (68) 71. Scutellum ferruginous.
- (75) 72. Interocular distance on the vertex one-third greater than across the base of the clypeus.
- (74) 73. Second joint of the flagellum two-thirds longer than the third joint.  
*chrysorrhoeus* Handl.
- (73) 74. Second joint of the flagellum a little more than one-half longer than the third.  
*aurifluus* Turner
- (72) 75. Interocular distance on the vertex nearly one-fourth greater than across the base of the clypeus.  
*multicolor* Turner
- (63) 76. First transverse cubital vein straight.  
(*ruficornis* group)
- (80) 77. First three and basal half of the fourth tergite, or first five tergites in greater part black, the rest fusco-ferruginous.
- (79) 78. Tergites without yellow lateral spots; wings pale flavo-hyaline.  
*Baumannii* Handl.

- (78) 79. First three tergites with yellow spots; wings fuscous, paler at the apical margin. **fuscipennis** Smith
- (77) 80. Last two or three tergites not fusco-ferruginous, the basal tergites excepting the first mainly yellow, the black being confined to the apical margins and a narrow median longitudinal line between the yellow maculae.
- (82) 81. Abdomen ferruginous, with yellow maculae. **ferrugineus** Smith
- (81) 82. Abdomen black, with yellow maculae.
- (84) 83. Scutellum and sides of the mesonotum ferruginous. 16-18 mm. long. **Dewitzii** Handl.
- (83) 84. Scutellum black, the posterior margin yellow, sides of the mesonotum yellow. 14 mm. long. **Ellenbergeri** Arnold

#### TRIDENS Group

Eyes strongly convergent below in both sexes. Head wide, the height about two-thirds of the width. Antennae in the ♀ fairly short and feebly clavate, long and cylindrical in the ♂, the tenth joint of the flagellum in the ♂ produced into a spine at the apex, the eleventh deeply excised below, the apical joint thin, curved and hamate. Epinotum compressed at the sides, so that the declivity, which is obliquely concave, has its lateral margins prominent and more or less secant. Anal lobe of the hind wing ending nearly behind the origin of the cubitus; the medial cell emits only one longitudinal vein at its apex. Sternites in both sexes simple. Temples moderately developed, generally about one-third as wide as the eyes when viewed from the side. In most of the species the sculpture of the thorax and abdomen consists of a semi-punctuation, *i.e.* only the anterior half or less of the puncture has any depth, so that the posterior part is barely defined. Large round punctures are never present on the sides of the epinotum.

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*S. pruinosus* Cam. Sjöstedt's *Kilimandjaro-Meru Exped.* VIII, p. 293, ♀, ♂. 1910.

*S. pulchritinctus* Cam. *Ann. Soc. Ent. Belg.* LVI, p. 400, ♂. 1912.

♀. 5.5-9 mm. long. Black, the abdomen with a slight steely blue lustre. Labrum, clypeus excepting a black spot in the middle, upper margin of the pronotal collar, pronotal tubercles, a narrow streak at the sides of the mesonotum, the posterior corners of the same, a spot on the outer side of the tegulae and axillary sclerite, a triangular spot on each side of the scutellum, the greater part of the metanotum, the lateral margins of the declivity as far as the excision, a broad band on the apical half of the first tergite, narrower bisinuate apical bands on the second to fifth tergites, pale yellow. On the fifth tergite the band is very often broken into three spots, of which the middle one is sometimes very small or obsolete. Sternites 2-5 with very narrow yellow bands on the apical margin. Mandibles pale yellow, the apex piceous. Antennae yellow below, fuscous above at the base and becoming gradually paler or brownish towards the apex. Legs yellow, the base of the anterior and middle coxae and trochanters, a streak on the underside of the anterior femora and the greater part of their upper sides, a spot on the outside of the anterior tibiae, the middle femora on the basal half below and the greater part above, the hind coxae, trochanters and femora, a spot on the inside of the hind tibiae at the apex, and the upper side of the basal joint of the hind tarsus, black. Wings hyaline, the veins brown. Clypeus and face with a sparse silvery

pubescence, the mesopleurae with similar pubescence, but long and dense. Vertex, back of the head, thorax and abdomen with a very fine decumbent pubescence and also a thin whitish pilosity which is inconspicuous. Head and thorax fairly dull, the sculpture very shallow, consisting of sparse, oblique punctures, with a suggestion of transverse rugulosity. Anterior margin of the clypeus concave. Interocular distance on the vertex two and a third times greater than across the base of the clypeus, and equal to the length of the first eight joints of the flagellum. Posterior ocelli slightly nearer to each other than to the eyes. Second joint of the flagellum one-quarter longer than the third. Lateral margins of the epinotum declivity deeply excised, the angles of the excision acute. Cilia of the tarsal comb pale ochreous. Second cubital cell with a very short stalk on the radius, the first and second transverse cubital veins meeting just below the radius.

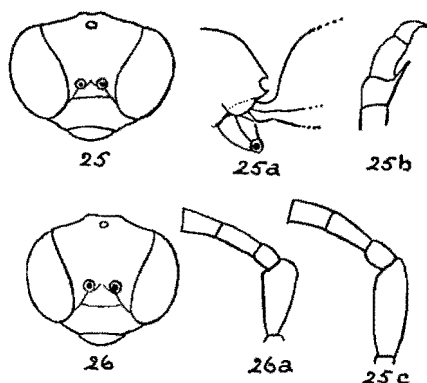


Fig. 25. *Stizus Braunsii*, ♀, head; a, ♀, epinotum, lateral view; b, ♂, apical joints of the flagellum; c, ♀, scape and base of flagellum.

Fig. 26. *Stizus fraterculus*, ♀, head; a, ♀, epinotum, lateral view; b, ♂, apical joints of the flagellum; c, ♀, scape and base of flagellum.

♂. 5.5–7 mm. long. Clypeus immaculate, the first two joints of the flagellum lemon yellow below. Eyes more convergent below than in the ♀, the interocular distance on the vertex being fully three times as great as across the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum not quite one-third longer than the following joint, the tenth joint produced into a spine at the apex, the eleventh arcuately emarginate below, the apical joint rostrate, only half as long as the preceding joint. Seventh tergite very shallowly excised at the apex, the angles of the excision rounded. Otherwise like the ♀.

Widely distributed from Cape Lopez on the west to Delagoa Bay on the east, and as far south as the Cape. One of the commonest species of the genus. In size this species varies within rather wide limits. Specimens from the Karroo have the mesonotum more shining than in Rhodesian examples, owing to the transverse rugulosity being almost obsolete. They are also more deeply excised on the margins of the declivity and are somewhat less brightly coloured. The transverse apical band on the fifth tergite is frequently absent or broken up into spots. In specimens from Durban the interocular distance on the vertex in the ♀ is greater than in Rhodesian specimens, being two and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus, and two and three-quarter times greater in the ♂; the yellow bands on the abdomen of the ♂ are also much wider and of a brighter yellow.

This species is synonymised in the British Museum collection with *flavipes* Smith. This appears to me to be incorrect, since Smith's species is described as having the legs yellow, the venation and the apex of the abdomen ferruginous.

*S. Braunsii* var. *corpulentus* n.v. (figs. 27, 27a).

♀. 9–10 mm. long. Mesonotum, metanotum and epinotum entirely black; the scutellum with a roundish spot of yellow on each side, usually very small. Labrum dark brown, sometimes yellow on the anterior half. Clypeus yellow, or black at the base and yellow in front, or with a median black spot. First tergite with a transverse yellow macula on each side, leaving the middle third black. Second and fourth tergites with a bisinuate apical band of yellow, the third usually immaculate, or sometimes with two or three spots. Fifth tergite with a large median yellow spot. Upper half of the face at the sides with a fine, sparse but distinct puncturation; median area of the epinotum dull, with only a microscopic puncturation which is barely distinct with a magnification of 16 diameters. First two tergites rather more strongly punctured than in

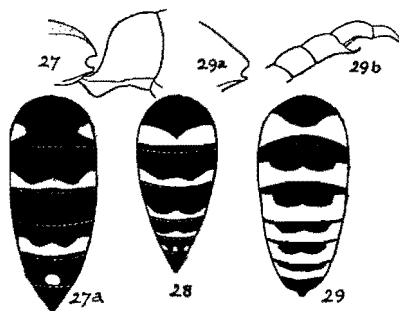


Fig. 27. *Stizus Braunsii* var. *corpulentus*, ♀, lateral view of epinotum; a, var. *corpulentus* ♀, abdomen.

Fig. 28. *Stizus Braunsii*, ♀, abdomen.

Fig. 29. *Stizus sipapomae*, ♂, abdomen; a, ♂, lateral view of epinotum; b, ♂, apical joints of flagellum.

the type of the species. Vertex wider than in the latter, being equal to the length of the first nine joints of the flagellum. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity more deeply excised.

♂. 8–10 mm. long. Labrum, tibiae and tarsi, excepting the apical joint of the hind tarsus, entirely lemon yellow; the spots on the scutellum are usually absent, otherwise like the ♀ in sculpture and colour. Interocular distance on the vertex from two and a third to two and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Otherwise like the ♂ of the type of the species.

Types in R.M. coll.

A distinctly stouter insect with deeper yellow colour and thicker legs than the type of the species. The genitalia of the ♂ do not differ in the slightest degree from those of the type species.

*S. Braunsii* var. *aemulus* Handl. (as species). *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CIV, p. 974, ♀, ♂. 1895.

"Very much like and allied to *S. Braunsii*. Second cubital cell not petiolate. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity distinctly, deeply excised, the upper angle of the incision less prominent than in *Braunsii*. Legs not thicker than

usual. Body distinctly more strongly punctured than in *Braunsii* and more pilose.

"Black. Anterior orbits, sides of the clypeus, labrum, margin of the pronotum with the tubercles, posterior angles of the mesonotum, spots on the sides of the scutellum, a band on the metanotum, bands interrupted in the middle on the first five tergites and spots on the sides of the sternites, pale yellow. Antennae black, yellow below. Legs black, the apices of the femora, the tibiae and tarsi variegated with yellow. 8-9 mm. long. Cape Province."

Thanks to the kindness of Dr Maidl of the Vienna Museum I have been able to examine a pair of cotypes bearing Handlirsch's labels, and in consequence sink this form to varietal rank. The puncturation is certainly a little stronger and less close on the abdomen, but the differences in pilosity and in the shape of the excision on the margins of the epinotal declivity which are noted in Handlirsch's description do not justify the separation of this form as a distinct species.

*S. major* Handl. *Loc. cit.* p. 975, ♀.

"Very much like and allied to *aemulus* but larger and stouter. Second cubital cell very shortly petiolate. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity deeply excised. Legs of the usual form. Body hardly pubescent but distinctly pilose, thorax fairly closely and not strongly punctured, tergites less sharply but more closely punctured than in *aemulus*. Black. Anterior orbits, lower part of the face, clypeus except a large median spot, labrum, margin of the pronotum with the tubercles, sides of the mesonotum and scutellum, a band on the metanotum, the lateral angles of the epinotum, a broad interrupted band on the first tergite, undulating bands on the second to fifth tergites and lateral spots on the sternites, yellow. Antennae black, yellow below; legs yellow, the base and the femora and tibiae variegated with black. Wings barely infuscated. 12 mm. long. South Africa."

*S. flavipes* Smith. *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* iv, p. 343, ♀. 1856.

"♀. Length  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lines (= 9.5 mm.). Black: the antennae in front, the clypeus, labrum and mandibles, yellow. Thorax: the anterior and posterior margins of the prothorax, the tubercles, a spot beneath the wings, the tegulae and an epaulet over them, a spot on each side of the scutellum, the post-scutellum, the lateral posterior angles of the metathorax, and the legs, yellow; the metathorax truncated and hollowed out behind; the wings hyaline, their nervures ferruginous. Abdomen: the basal segment has on each side a large angular yellow spot, the two uniting in the middle of the segment; the four following segments have a bisinuated fascia on their apical margins; the sixth ferruginous at its apex. *Hab.* The Gambia."

Three specimens, a ♂ and two ♀♀, from S. Rhodesia which I have before me agree fairly well with this description, although the postscutellum and lateral margins of the epinotal declivity are immaculate, and the ♀♀ have only a very small yellow spot on each side of the scutellum and the yellow spots on the first tergite do not meet in the middle. The ♀♀ have the apical segment of the abdomen ferruginous, and the middle and hind femora are also more or less reddish. The excision of the lateral margins of the declivity and the shape of the last three joints of the antennae in the ♂ do not differ from those of *Braunsii*. Failing a comparison with Smith's type, these three specimens may be provisionally assigned to *flavipes*, but if this identification is correct *Braunsii* will have to be considered a variety of Smith's species.

*S. fraterculus* n.sp. (figs. 26, 26a).

♀. 6.5 mm. long. Closely allied to *Braunsii*, from which it differs as follows. Sculpture of the mesonotum distinctly finer. Clypeus black, with the anterior margin and a median basal spot yellow. Lateral margins of the mesonotum in front of the tegulae without a yellow streak. Yellow markings on the abdomen paler, more yellowish white than yellow. The third and fifth tergites have only a median transverse spot, and the apical band on the second tergite is sometimes widely interrupted in the middle. Eyes less convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being only two-thirds greater than across the base of the clypeus; the latter therefore appears wider and shorter. Scapes strongly incrassate apically, including the pedicel, as long as the first two joints of the flagellum and only a little more than twice as long as wide at the apex (in *Braunsii* it is only slightly clavate and longer, being as long as the first two joints of the flagellum plus half of the third, and three times longer than its greatest width). The tarsi are more slender, and the second to fourth joints are more attenuated towards the base. The sixth tergite is more strongly punctured, and the apex is not rounded and entire as in *Braunsii* but minutely excised, the angles of the excision fairly acute. The second cubital cell is not stalked on the radius.

♂. Clypeus and labrum entirely yellow, otherwise coloured like the ♀. Interocular distance on the vertex only twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. Seventh tergite narrowly and arcuately emarginate at the apex, the angles of the excision dentiform and acute. Wings as in the ♀. Otherwise like the ♂ of *Braunsii*.

Bulawayo, September-November. 3 ♂♂, 6 ♀♀. Types in R.M. coll.

*S. sipapomae* n.sp. (figs. 29, 29a, 29b).

♂. 9 mm. long. Labrum, clypeus, face below the antennal sockets and the lateral margins half way up, the mandibles excepting their ferruginous apices, yellow; the rest of the head black. Scapes excepting a thin black streak behind and the underside of the first two joints of the flagellum, yellow; the rest of the flagellum ochreous below, black above.

Pronotum excepting a narrow band of black below the posterior margin, pronotal tubercles, the greater part of the mesopleurae, a spot on the sternum in front of the middle coxae, lateral margins of the mesonotum, tegulae, a large spot narrowed inwardly on each side of the scutellum, a broad band on the metanotum and the posterior half of the lateral margins of the epinotum, bright chrome yellow. Legs yellow, the upper side of the coxae, trochanters and basal third or more of the femora, black. Abdomen black, with broad apical yellow bands on the first six tergites, that on the first narrowed in the middle, on the others somewhat angularly dilated at the sides and more or less bisinuate over the middle third. Second to fifth sternites with yellow maculae at the sides, those of the second long and wide. Wings hyaline, the veins dark brown. Pubescence finer and more abundant than in *Braunsii*, the abdomen without the long whitish hairs which are present in that species. Sculpture much finer than in *Braunsii*, especially on the mesonotum and abdomen, which are therefore less shining. The mesonotum and scutellum have a dense and microscopic semi-puncturation without any larger punctures intermixed. The epinotum is fairly closely punctured, the punctures deeper than in *Braunsii* and almost round. Seventh tergite closely and fairly strongly punctured, the punctures slightly elongated. Joints of the flagellum somewhat longer than in *Braunsii*, the seventh and eighth as long as wide, the ninth a



little longer than wide, the tenth, measured on the upper side, nearly half as long again as wide at the base, the apical joint longer and more gradually acuminate. Interocular distance on the vertex two and two-thirds greater than across the base of the clypeus. Excision of the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity wider but much shallower than in *Braunsii*, the upper angle of the excision less acute. Spines of the eighth sternite ochreous, not dark brown as in *Braunsii*.

♀. 8-9 mm. long. Seventh joint of the flagellum as wide as long, the eighth to tenth wider than long. Femora pale reddish at the base. The yellow bands on the second and following tergites are narrower in the middle and obliquely dilated at the sides. Apical tergite pale ferruginous or flavo-ferruginous. Eyes less convergent below. Otherwise like the ♂.

Sawmills (native name Sipapoma), S. R. 2 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀. Types in the Rhodesian Museum.

Allied to *Braunsii* and to *gracilis* Schult., to judge by the description of the latter in Handlirsch's monograph. The yellow pattern of the abdomen is, however, different. The yellow colour is of a much deeper tint than in *Braunsii*.

*S. haemorrhoidalis* Handl. *Verh. Zool. Bot. Ges. Wien*, L. p. 472, ♂. 1900.

♀. 9.5-10 mm. long. Black, the abdomen with a slight steely blue lustre. Anterior margins of the labrum and clypeus, sometimes the frontal triangle, the scapes in front, the lower half of the sides of the face, the upper margin of the pronotal collar, pronotal tubercles, a small spot in front of the tegulae, sometimes the extreme posterior angles of the mesonotum, an oblong spot on each side of the scutellum, a streak on the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity, a transverse bar on each side of the apical margin of the first tergite, and bisinuate apical bands widest at the sides on the second and fourth tergites, pale lemon yellow. Sixth tergite and sternite and the apical margin of the fifth tergite, ferruginous. Second sternite with a transverse pale yellow spot on each side of the apical margin. Palpi yellow. Mandibles black. Flagellum black above, ochreous below. Legs in greater part black, the fore and middle tibiae in front, and a streak near the apex of the fore and middle femora, yellow; the last four joints of the tarsi pale ferruginous. Wings hyaline, the veins blackish brown. Pubescence, sculpture and pilosity very much like that of *Braunsii*, but the pilosity on the abdomen is longer and a little less sparse, and the puncturation is a little closer and deeper, especially on the epinotum, apical tergite and on the sternites. Anterior margin of the clypeus almost straight. Eyes less convergent below than in *Braunsii*, the interocular distance on the vertex being not quite twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum nearly half as long again as the third. The excision on the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity is not so wide or so deep as in *Braunsii*, and the upper angle of the excision is less acute. The second cubital cell has a short stalk on the radius as in *Braunsii*.

♂. 7-8.5 mm. long. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity usually without the yellow streak which is present in the ♀; second to fourth tarsal joints pale yellow, the fifth ferruginous. Eyes more convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being a little more than twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. Apical joints of the flagellum as in *Braunsii*. Apex of seventh tergite not emarginate. Otherwise like the ♀.

Bothaville, O. F. S. and Algoa Bay; S. Rhodesia, widely distributed but not common.

There is a slight variety from Sawmills, S. R., which hardly merits a distinct varietal name. It differs from the type of the species as follows.

♀. Apical margin of the fifth tergite and the whole of the sixth, black. Posterior tibiae with the basal half or more, excepting the extreme base, pale yellow or yellowish white. Posterior tarsi straw yellow outwardly, black inwardly.

*S. boer* Handl. (figs. 30, 30a-c). *Verh. Zool. Bot. Ges. Wien*, L. p. 471, ♀, ♂. 1900.

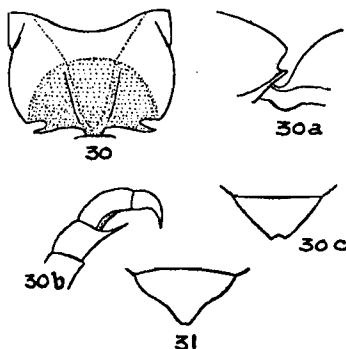
♀. 9-10 mm. long. Black, the abdomen with a slight steely blue lustre. Labrum, clypeus, front of the scapes, inner orbits narrowly to about the level of the middle of the face, posterior margin of the pronotal collar, pronotal tubercles, tegulae and axillary sclerite, posterior angles of the mesonotum, a subtriangular spot on each side of the scutellum, the metanotum, more or less triangular spots on each side of the first four tergites, pale yellow. Sometimes the third and fourth tergites have a bisinuate apical band of yellow, and the fifth has a transverse median apical spot of the same colour. Apical margins of the segments narrowly reddish brown, the sternites and apical tergite not deep black, but brownish black. First two joints of the flagellum black above, the rest reddish brown above, ochreous below. Apex and outer margin of the anterior femora, apices of the middle and hind femora and the tibiae, dark yellow; the anterior and middle tibiae with a blackish spot on the inside at the apex, the hind tibiae more or less ferruginous at that point; tarsi reddish ochreous. Wings hyaline, the costa and subcosta blackish, the rest of the veins brownish ochreous.

Face and clypeus with a sparse silvery pubescence, the rest of the body with a greyish pubescence. The vertex and clypeus have a thin greyish pilosity and the apical half of the abdomen a brownish one. Sculpture like that of *Braunsii* but distinctly stronger, consisting of a round puncturation on the epinotum and a deeper semi-puncturation on the abdomen. Scapes moderately clavate, three times longer than wide at the apex, and as long as the second and third joints of the flagellum. Interocular distance on the vertex nearly two and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus. The lateral margins of the epinotum declivity are excised very low down, the upper angle of the excision is rounded, the lower one acute. Sixth tergite rounded at the apex. Second cubital cell not stalked, but the second and third transverse cubital veins are very close together on the radius.

♂. 8 mm. long. Apical joint of the flagellum rostrate, but more gradually attenuated and longer than in *Braunsii*, measured across the arc below nearly as long as the preceding joint. The spine on the tenth joint is longer and thinner than in *Braunsii*. The apical tergite is shallowly and angularly emarginate at its apex. Otherwise like the ♀.

Bothaville, O. F. S. and Lichtenburg, Transvaal.

The description given above is based on the types in the Braunsian collection.



Figs. 30, 30a. *Stizus boer*, ♀, epinotum; b, ♂, apical joints of the flagellum; c, ♂, seventh tergite.

Fig. 31. *Stizus mitulus*, ♂, seventh tergite.

*S. boer* var. *rufipes*, n.v.

♂. 9 mm. long. Lateral margins of the mesonotum, tegulae, extreme lateral margins of the tergites, apical margin of the fifth, apical half of the sixth and the whole of the seventh abdominal segment, ferruginous. Legs, excepting the coxae, trochanters and basal half of the femora, ferruginous. First four tergites and the second to fourth sternites with apical yellow bands, those of the sternites widely interrupted in the middle. Otherwise like the type of the species.

Aliwal North, C. P. January. 2 ♂♂ (R. E. Turner). Type in the British Museum.

*S. mitulus* n.sp. (fig. 31).

♀. 10 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus, front of the scapes, posterior margin of the pronotum, metanotum and narrow apical bands on the first four tergites, yellow. The bands on the first three are only slightly widened at the sides and in the middle, that on the fourth extends over only the middle third of the apical margin. Apical margins of the fourth and fifth tergites and the sides of the sixth diffusely, fusco-ferruginous. Second and third sternites with transverse yellow streaks on each side. Undersurface of the flagellum, pronotal tubercles, tegulae, posterior angles of the mesonotum, apices of the femora, tibiae and tarsi ferruginous. Wings hyaline, the veins dark brown. Lower half of the face and the clypeus with a thin silvery pubescence, intermixed with longer, outstanding white hairs on the clypeus. Vertex with a sparse, erect brownish pilosity and a decumbent, very fine and brownish golden pubescence, not conspicuous but clearly visible in some lights; it is also present on the mesonotum. Sides of the thorax and apical half of the abdomen with a thin, scanty and white pilosity. Face and vertex with shallow, round punctures, fairly close on the face, scanty on the vertex. Dorsum of the epinotum fairly shining, with a close and fine puncturation, consisting of round punctures, deeper than in *S. boer* Handl. Abdomen with as strong a semi-puncturation as in that species. Scapes nearly twice as long as wide at the apex. Posterior margin of the clypeus not defined. Interocular distance on the vertex two and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus. The excision of the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity like that of *boer*, but the upper angle is less blunt. Venation as in *boer*.

♂. 10 mm. long. Colour, sculpture and pubescence as in the ♀, but the apical margin of the fourth tergite is also pale ferruginous. Interocular distance on the vertex two and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Scapes a little shorter than in the ♀. The seventh tergite differs from that of *boer* in having a fairly close and fine puncturation and in having the apical half of the sides feebly concave. The apical joint of the flagellum is not so strongly curved as in *boer*.

Mossel Bay, C. P. December. 2 ♂♂, 1 ♀ (R. E. Turner). Types in the British Museum.

*S. witzenbergensis* n.sp. (figs. 32, 32a-c).

♂. 9.5 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus, mandibles excepting the apex, face below the antennal sockets, the sides of the face nearly as far as the level of the anterior ocellus, scapes in front, a narrow streak on the temples, posterior margin of the pronotal collar, the pronotal tubercles, a transverse elliptical spot on each side of the first tergite, and apical bands abruptly narrowed over the middle third on the second and fourth tergites, yellow. The yellow on the

head is deeper than on the abdomen. Flagellum ochreous below, brown above. Anterior femora reddish brown above, yellow below but somewhat brownish at the base; anterior tibiae and tarsi ochreous. Middle and hind femora blackish, the middle tibiae yellow on the outside, fusco-ferruginous on the inside, the tarsi fusco-ferruginous. Tegulae ferruginous. Wings hyaline and faintly smoky, the veins dark brown. Head and thorax dull, with a microscopic fundamental puncturation except on the epinotum; vertex and scutellum with a larger, sparse and shallow puncturation superimposed. Metanotum and dorsum of the epinotum fairly closely and shallowly punctured, the punctures round. Abdomen with a slight steely blue lustre, and a fine, close puncturation on the first five tergites, the last two with elongate and relatively coarse punctures.

Face wide, the interocular distance on the vertex being only half as great again as across the base of the clypeus. The posterior margin of the latter is clearly defined. Apical joint of the flagellum short, abruptly acuminate at the apex, only half as long as the penultimate joint. Excision of the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity shallow, the upper angle obtuse. Seventh tergite very broadly rounded at the apex, the sides feebly sinuate. Second cubital cell not petiolate, the space between the first and second transverse cubital veins on the radius about half as long as the distance between the recurrent veins on the cubitus.

♀. 8.5 mm. long. Basal half of the clypeus black. Flagellum black above, pale ochreous below. Legs ferruginous, the coxae and trochanters blackish, the hind femora suffused with black at the base, the first joint of the hind tarsi fuscous above. Second tergite with a transverse streak of yellow on each side. Otherwise like the ♂ in colour and sculpture. Interocular distance on the vertex only half as great again as across the base of the clypeus, as in the ♂, but the eyes are less convergent below than in that sex.

Witzenberg Valley, S.W. Cape Province. 3,000 feet. January. 2 ♂♂: Ceres, C. P. 1 ♀ (R. E. Turner). Types in the British Museum.

*S. laticaudatus* n.sp. (figs. 33, 33 a).

♂. 7.5–8 mm. long. Black. The posterior margin of the clypeus and the lower half of the sides of the face, pale yellow. Posterior margin of the pronotum, pronotal tubercles, a small spot on each side of the scutellum, a transverse streak on the metanotum which may be absent, a transverse spot on each side of the first tergite, narrow apical bands widened laterally on the second and third tergites and an apical streak across the middle of the fourth tergite, ivory white. Anterior tibiae and apex of the anterior femora in front, yellow; a streak on the outside of the anterior femora, the basal third of the middle tibiae and basal half above of the hind tibiae, ivory white. The tarsi brown, the basal joint darker. Flagellum pale brown below, black above. Wings hyaline, faintly smoky, the veins black. Pubescence whitish and scanty, the abdomen with a short, exserted black pilosity, fairly conspicuous on the apical half. Sculpture like that of *Braunsii*, but the puncturation of the epinotal dorsum is shallow and round. Apical joints of the flagellum and excision of the declivity as in *Braunsii*. Scapes twice as long as wide at the apex. Inter-

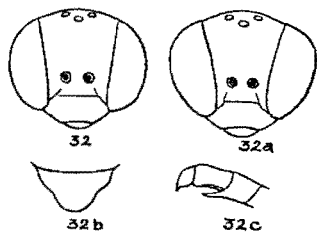


Fig. 32. *Stizus witzenbergensis*, ♀; a, ♂; b, ♀, seventh tergite; c, ♂, apical joints of the flagellum.

ocular distance on the vertex about three-quarters greater than across the base of the clypeus. Seventh tergite short and wide, its posterior margin moderately convex, with a semicircular excision in the middle, the angles of the excision

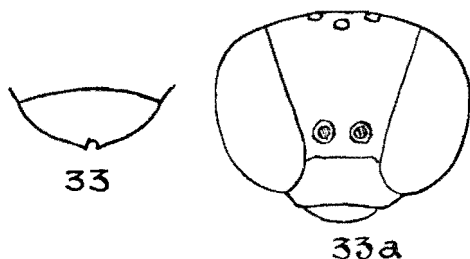


Fig. 33. *Stizus laticaudatus*, ♂, seventh tergite; a, ♂, head.

acute. The first and second transverse cubital veins are contiguous at their junction with the radius.

Ceres, C. P. November. 2 ♂♂ (R. E. Turner). Types in the British Museum.

*S. Buyssoni* Brauns. Brauns *in litt.*

♀. 7.5–9 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus, face below the antennae and on the lower half of its lateral margins, scapes in front, pronotal tubercles and posterior margin of the pronotum, a more or less triangular spot on each side of the scutellum, middle of the metanotum, a broad band on the first tergite often widely interrupted in the middle, feebly bisinuate apical bands on the three following tergites, sometimes a median apical spot on the fifth tergite, and lateral streaks on the apical margins of the second and third sternites, chrome yellow. Tegulae, lateral margins of the mesonotum, fifth and sixth tergites and extreme lateral margins of the other tergites, sternites and legs, pale ferruginous. The sternites are sometimes more or less blackish at the base and in the middle; the anterior tarsi yellowish. Mandibles yellow, fuscous-ferruginous at the apex. Flagellum blackish above, ferruginous below. Wings hyaline, the costa and subcosta dark brown, the rest of the veins ferruginous. Clypeus and face with a thin silvery pubescence intermixed with a whitish pilosity. On the rest of the body there is a grey pubescence, and a sparse whitish pilosity on the epinotum. Clypeus, face and median area of the epinotal dorsum with a shallow, not dense, and round puncturation; on the rest of the body the sculpture consists of the semi-puncturation usually present in the *tridens* group. Eyes strongly convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being nearly two and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Posterior ocelli nearer to each other than to the eyes. Second joint of the flagellum one-third longer than the following joint. The excision of the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity is similar to that of *S. boer*. Sixth tergite conical, the apex narrowly rounded. First and second transverse cubital veins separated on the radius by a distance equal to about one-fourth of the first abscissa of the radius, but sometimes almost contiguous.

♂. 8–9 mm. long. Second joint of the flagellum hardly longer than the third. The shape of the seventh tergite is like that of *S. mitulus* and the apical joints of the flagellum are like those of *Braunsii*. Otherwise like the ♀.

Bulawayo and Khami, S. R. November to January. (R.M. and T.M. colls.)

*S. polychromus* Handl. (figs. 34, 34a). *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CIV, p. 976, ♀, ♂. 1895.

♀. 12 mm. long. Labrum, clypeus, lower half of the sides of the face, and scapes in front, yellow; the rest of the head black. Mandibles yellow at the base outwardly, the rest ferruginous. Flagellum ferruginous, the apical joints blackish above. Thorax black, the pronotum, a spot on the mesopleurae below the wings, lateral margins of the mesonotum, tegulae, scutellum and sides of the epinotum, ferruginous. Abdomen ferruginous, the base of the first tergite black, the second and third tergites with sinuous apical yellow bands. Legs ferruginous. Wings hyaline, the veins ferruginous. Clypeus and lower half of the face with silvery pubescence, elsewhere the pubescence is brownish yellow, decumbent and not dense. Piloosity white and sparse. Clypeus, face and dorsum of the epinotum with a shallow, round puncturation, fairly dense on the epinotum. Elsewhere the sculpture is a semi-puncturation, very fine on the abdomen. Posterior margin of the clypeus well-defined. Interocular distance on the vertex two and a third times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum two-fifths longer than the third, the flagellum fairly short and thick. Median area of the epinotal dorsum with a shallow impressed line in the middle. The excision of the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity shallow and placed low down, the upper angle of the excision broadly rounded. Pygidium conical, the apex rounded. The first and second transverse cubital veins are fairly widely separated on the radius, the distance between them being usually fully half as long as the first abscissa of the radius.

♂. 12 mm. long. Second joint of the flagellum very little longer than the third. Apical spine of the tenth joint slightly curved at the apex, the eleventh joint deeply emarginate below, the apical joint subglobose at the base, then curved, the apical half slightly flattened, and rounded at the apex. Apical tergite very broadly rounded, almost semicircular in outline. Otherwise like the ♀.

Springvale, Khamsi and Bulawayo, S. R. October to November. (R.M. and T.M. colls.)

In a slight variety which is found at Sawmills, S. R., the second, third and fourth tergites have apical bands of yellow which are somewhat abruptly widened at the outer third. Sometimes, however, only the second tergite has a yellow band.

*S. gracilis* Schult. *Ent. Nachr.* XIX, p. 19, ♂, 1893. Handl. *loc. cit.*, p. 976.

“♂. Allied to *S. tridens* Fab. but more slender, the body less pubescent. The head a little wider than the thorax. The thorax sparsely and more finely punctured, with but few large punctures. Epinotum fairly deeply excavated posteriorly, shining, the median area well-defined. Wings hyaline, the second cubital cell not petiolate, but the first and second transverse cubital veins are contiguous on the radius. Abdomen fairly densely punctured, the sternites unarmed. Black, very slightly aeneous. Clypeus, labrum, base of the mandibles,

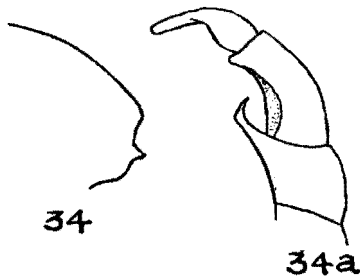


Fig. 34. *Stizus polychromus*, ♀, lateral view of epinotum; a, ♂, apical joints of the flagellum.

lower part of the face, the anterior orbits, the underside of the antennae, margin of the pronotum and the pronotal tubercles, sides of the pronotum, tegulae, the scutellum posteriorly, metanotum, lateral angles of the epinotum and a spot on its disc, spots on the mesopleurae, broad bands on all the abdominal segments, that of the first trisinate, of the second dilated at the sides, of the rest bisinuate, and narrow bands widened laterally on the ventral segments, pale lemon yellow. Legs lemon yellow.

"10 mm. long. Webi Valley, East Africa."

#### LORICULATUS Group

Allied to the *tridens* group. Inner margins of the eyes parallel or nearly so. Head narrower, the height being about four-fifths of the width. Antennae slender, the last three joints in the ♂ built on the *tridens* model, but the penultimate joint is swollen in its apical half. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity with two excisions. Sixth sternite with two longitudinal carinae at the base and with a dense fimbria of curved hairs on its apical margin. The sculpture of the thorax consists of a true puncturation, but on the mesonotum it is mixed with a semi-puncturation. The sides of the epinotum are sparsely, coarsely punctured.

*S. loriculatus* Smith (figs. 35, 35a-d). *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* iv, p. 345, ♂. 1856.

♂. 15-17 mm. long. Labrum, clypeus, the face below the antennal sockets and an elongate triangle between them, a wide band on the sides of the face almost to the level of the anterior ocellus, a triangular macula below the latter, and the posterior orbits, yellow; the rest of the head black, here and there reddish brown. Mandibles yellow, their apices fusco-ferruginous. Scape and first two joints of the flagellum underneath yellow, the upper side of the scapes and the rest of the flagellum ferruginous. Pronotum ferruginous, the

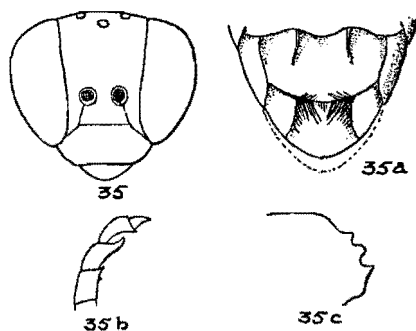


Fig. 35. *Stizus loriculatus*, ♂, head; a, ♂, apical sternites; b, ♂, apical joints of flagellum; c, ♂, lateral view of epinotum.

posterior margin and the tubercles, yellow. The rest of the thorax black, with the following parts ferruginous, or yellow and margined with ferruginous: the lateral margins of the mesonotum, two longitudinal streaks on each side of its middle in front, a large spot on the mesopleurae above, a large spot on each side of the scutellum, the metanotum and the lateral margins of the epinotum. Abdomen black, each tergite with a small semicircular spot in the middle and transverse spots on each side yellow; the apical tergite yellow in the middle and at the apex, ferruginous at the sides. These spots are

usually connected by a narrow band in front of the apical margin, but sometimes they are separated by the tongue of black extending from the base to the apical margin. The extreme apical margin of all the segments is reddish brown or blackish. Sternites 2-5 with a yellow spot on each side, the apical half of the sixth and the whole of the seventh ferruginous. Legs ferruginous, the anterior tibiae with the apical third yellowish below. Wings hyaline, the veins ochreous, the costa brown. Pubescence whitish, fine and scanty. The sculpture of the head is microscopic, but the face has a few very shallow, small, round punctures, The mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum are dull, closely and fairly strongly punctured, the punctures mostly round. Mesopleurae and sides of the epinotum microscopically alutaceous, with large, round and fairly deep punctures superimposed, scanty on the slightly shining sides of the epinotum. Dorsum and declivity of the epinotum dull, closely reticulate-punctate. Abdomen fairly dull, closely punctured, the punctures deep and elongated. Inner margins of the eyes for the greater part parallel, slightly divergent above and below, the interocular distance on the vertex being only a little more than one-fifth greater than across the base of the clypeus, and equal to the length of the second and third joints of the flagellum. Anterior margin of the clypeus concave, the posterior margin well-defined. The antennal sockets are farther from the clypeus than from the eyes. Second joint of the flagellum about one-fourth longer than the third. Posterior ocelli twice as far from each other as they are from the eyes. Tenth joint of the flagellum produced into a spine below which is curved at its tip, the eleventh joint arcuately emarginate below and wider at the apex than at the base; the apical joint is claw-like, hardly longer than wide at the base. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity with two semicircular excisions, thereby forming three teeth, of which the lowest is acute, the other two rounded. Sixth sternite with a longitudinal carina on each side of the middle; the ventral flaps of the seventh tergite are very large and lie between the sixth and seventh sternites, their apical margins are fringed with stiff reddish hairs which curve backwards over the sixth sternite and appear to proceed from the apical margin of that segment. Seventh tergite conical, the apex moderately rounded. First and second transverse cubital veins separated on the radius by a space equal to about half the first abscissa of the radius.

♀. 15-16 mm. long. Face a little wider than in the ♂. First joint of the anterior tarsi rather short, a little more than twice as long as wide, the outer margin with seven spines. The mesopleurae are usually entirely black. Otherwise like the ♂.

Inhambane, Portuguese E. Africa; Gambia; Sawmills, S. R., Zululand. (R.M. and T.M. colls.)



Fig. 35 d. *Stizus loriculatus*, ♀, abdomen.

#### CAFFER Group.

Apical joints of the flagellum in the ♂ simple, the tenth without an apical spine, the eleventh not, or barely excised below, the apical joint attenuated but not drawn to a sharp point as in the *tridens* group. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity moderately excised. Sternites unarmed. Abdomen lanceolate-ovate.

This group includes three very closely allied species: *caffer* Sauss., *laterimacula* Handl. and *hoplocerus* Handl.



*S. caffer* Sauss. *Mélanges Hymenop.* p. 28, ♀. 1855. Turner, *Ann. Mag. N.H.* ix, p. 339, ♂. 1912. Handlirsch, *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien* civ, p. 980, ♀. 1895.

“♀. Eyes distinctly convergent towards the clypeus; face very wide. Epinotum excavated behind, the lateral margins of the declivity compressed and excised. Wings deeply infuscated, with a violet lustre; the second cubital cell with a short petiole; in the hind wing only one vein is emitted from the end of the medial cell. Apical tergite without a pygidial area, the sternites unarmed. Antennae fairly stout but hardly clavate. Legs moderately stout, the anterior metatarsus fairly wide, bearing long cilia like the following joints. Body very densely and moderately coarsely punctured, hardly pilose but fairly distinctly pubescent, black with violet reflections. Head, excepting black maculae on the face, pronotum and the pronotal tubercles, sides of the mesonotum, scutellum, metanotum, sides of the thorax, epinotum excepting the median area, lateral margins of the first and second abdominal segments, the first two sternites in front, apex of the fifth segments above and below, and the whole of the apical segment, more or less dark ferruginous. Large angular maculae on the first four tergites, yellow. Antennae and legs entirely ferruginous. 16 mm. long.

Vertex noticeably wide, the antennae inserted close together, hardly farther from the clypeus than from the eyes. The posterior ocelli lie on the level of the line joining the posterior margins of the eyes, and are barely farther from each other than from the eyes. Otherwise the head resembles that of *loriculatus*. The lateral margins of the epinotal declivity have only one excision, which is wide and deep.... The puncturation is smaller than in *loriculatus*, very dense, and finer on the dorsum of the thorax than on the abdomen. The pubescence is fairly abundant and brownish grey.”

The description given above is that of Handlirsch, based on the type of Saussure, from Natal.

*S. laterimacula* Handl. *Loc. cit.* p. 980, ♀.

♂. 15 mm. long. Ferruginous. Labrum, clypeus and lower part of the face yellow. The face on each side of the middle and the vertex between ocelli and the eyes have diffuse black patches of variable extent. On the thorax, the mesonotum excepting the lateral margins, the lower half of the mesopleurae, the mesosternum, metapleurae, median area of the epinotum and the middle part of its declivity, are black. Posterior margin of the pronotum yellow. The colour of the abdomen is mainly ferruginous, and the yellow maculae on each side are smaller than in the variety *euteles*. Sculpture like that of *euteles* but the puncturation on the dorsum of the epinotum is somewhat closer and smaller. The eyes are slightly more divergent above and below than in *euteles* and the width of the vertex relatively greater, the interocular distance there being three-fifths greater than across the base of the clypeus. The temples are as feebly developed as in *euteles*. Flagellum as in that species. The slight sinus above the excision of the lateral margins of the declivity is deeper than in *euteles*, but not so deep as in *haplocerus*. Sternites and apical tergite as in *euteles*.

♀. 15 mm. long. Interocular distance on the vertex somewhat less than half as great again as across the base of the clypeus. Colour, sculpture etc. as in the ♂.

Victoria Falls, Sanyati Valley, Sawmills and Umtali, S. R.; Delagoa Bay.

In the course of writing this description, which was done after that of *euteles*, it became apparent that the latter cannot be separated as a distinct

species, but must be considered as a variety of *laterimacula*. The latter has precedence, having been described two pages earlier in Handlirsch's monograph. The specific characters of the var. *euteles*, other than the differences enumerated above, apply therefore to *laterimacula*.

*S. laterimacula*, var. *euteles* Handl. (figs. 36, 36 a-e). *Loc. cit.* p. 982, ♂.

♂. 15 mm. long. Black. Mandibles excepting the ferruginous apex, labrum, clypeus, face below the antennae and narrow streaks at the sides of the face and in the middle almost to the level of the anterior ocellus, posterior orbits and a line joining them on the vertex, yellow. Margins of the pronotum yellow, the rest reddish yellow excepting a transverse black band on the collar. Sides of the mesonotum, upper half of the mesopleurae, tegulae, scutellum, metanotum, sides of the epinotum posteriorly, the lateral areas of its dorsum, lateral margins of the tergites, the greater part of the sternites, the whole of the apical segment, the legs and the antennae, pale ferruginous, in parts almost yellowish red. Scapes below, tibiae at the apex inwardly and apices of the scapes, yellowish. First six tergites with large, more or less

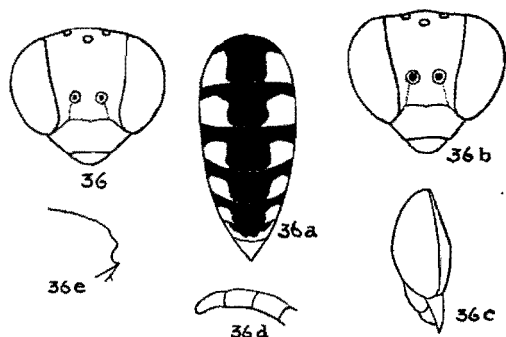


Fig. 36. *Stizus laterimacula*, var. *euteles*, ♀, head; a, ♂, abdomen; b, ♂, head; c, ♂, head; d, ♂, apical joints of flagellum; e, ♂, lateral view of epinotum.

triangular, yellow maculae on each side; the median black portion of the tergite with a slight violet tinge. Wings pale fusco-hyaline, the veins blackish. Pubescence very fine, silvery on the clypeus and face, greyish elsewhere. Upper half of the face with a sparse and not large puncturation. Mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum with a semi-puncturation, very fine and close on the mesonotum. Mesopleurae with a few large, round punctures in addition to the fundamental microscopic sculpture. The dorsum of the epinotum has a large and fairly close puncturation, composed of round punctures near its base. Sculpture of the abdomen fairly distinct, not very close on the tergites, and composed of oblique punctures. Face wide, the eyes only moderately convergent below. The interocular distance on the vertex is only half as great again as across the base of the clypeus. Antennal sockets twice as far from the clypeus as from the eyes. Head vertically truncate behind, the temples very feebly developed, not as wide at their widest as the base of the mandibles. All the joints of the flagellum, excepting the first, much longer than wide, the second barely longer than the third, the apical joint slightly curved, rounded at the apex, and as long as the preceding joint. Posterior ocelli slightly nearer to the eyes than to each other. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity excised below, with a very shallow sinus above the upper angle of the excision.

Sternites unarmed; seventh tergite broadly triangular, the apex rounded. Second cubital cell not petiolate.

This description is based on a specimen from Ligombwe, S. Africa, in the Braunsian collection, bearing a label "det. Handlirsch." The shape of the lateral margin of the epinotal declivity does not conform to Handlirsch's figure 16 on Plate II.

♀. I attribute to this species 3 ♀♀ from 10–12 mm. long which agree with the ♂ in the feeble development of the temples and in the shape of the epinotum. The yellow on the face and clypeus is more ochreous than in the ♂, and the rest of the head, excepting the occiput and two maculae above the antennae, is ferruginous. The greater part of the epinotum is ferruginous, only the median area, middle of the declivity and anterior margin of the sides being black. In one specimen the greater part of the mesonotum is ferruginous. Apical margins of the tergites narrowly, the middle of the fifth and the whole of the sixth tergite, ferruginous. Apical third of the sixth tergite smooth and shining, with a few large round punctures.

Victoria Falls and Gwaai, S. R. December to January.

*S. haplocerus* Handl. (figs. 37, 37 a–c). *Loc. cit.* p. 984, ♂.

♂. 12–14 mm. long. Very much like *euteles* from which it differs as follows. Scutellum and metanotum black, the sides of the epinotal dorsum yellow, but sometimes the epinotum is entirely black. Mesopleurae entirely black. First five and basal half of the sixth sternite black, their apical margins narrowly flavo-testaceous. Yellow maculae on the tergites wider. The semi-puncturation on the mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum larger, deeper and

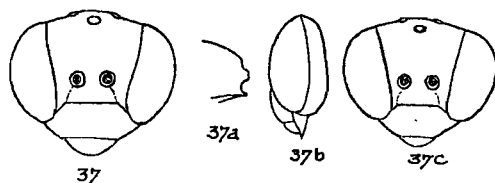


Fig. 37. *Stizus haplocerus*, ♀, head; a, ♂, lateral view of epinotum; b and c, ♂, head.

not so close, so that the surface is more shining. Dorsum of the epinotum with round punctures. Temples more developed than in *euteles*, seen from the side about half as wide as the eyes. Face and clypeus relatively wider, but the eyes are more convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being three-fourths greater than across the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum nearly one-third longer than the third joint, the apical joint thinner and less blunt at the apex. Posterior ocelli as far from the eyes as from each other. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity almost twice excised, the sinus above the excision being much more pronounced than in *euteles*. Seventh tergite much broader, almost semicircular, its ventral flaps covered with a dense, exserted and ferruginous pilosity.

♀. 14 mm. long. Colour like that of *euteles* ♀, but the sides of the epinotum posteriorly are sometimes lemon yellow instead of ferruginous, and the first four sternites are black as in the ♂. Interocular distance on the vertex nearly one-third greater than across the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum half as long again as the third (one-third longer in *euteles*). The sinus above the excision of the epinotum is less distinct than in the ♂.

Salisbury, Matopos and Rusapi, S. R.; Johannesburg.

## DISCOLOR Group.

Like the *loriculatus* group, but the sixth sternite is without longitudinal carinae. The ventral flaps of the seventh tergite are large and densely fringed with long hairs. The mesopleurae have a fine, scattered and round puncturation. The apical spine of the tenth joint of the flagellum is long and angulated near its end; the apical joint is also long, thin and acuminate.

*S. nyasae* Turner (figs. 38, 38 a, b). *Ann. Mag. N.H.* ix, p. 338, ♂, ♀. 1912.

♂. 14 mm. long. Colour pattern of the head and of the greater part of the thorax like that of *loriculatus*, but of a bright lemon yellow. The mesopleurae are for the greater part also of that colour, only the periphery and a large patch below being black. The posterior half of the scutellum is yellow and the metanotum is entirely black. A wide V-shaped yellow band covers the greater part of the median area of the epinotum. The sides of the epinotum from the stigma to the upper angle of the lateral excision are yellow, and there is a small spot of yellow in front of the stigma and just behind the base of the hind wing. Abdomen black and yellow, the yellow markings on the second to fifth tergites being wider than in *loriculatus*, connected by a wider yellow band on the apical margin, and with the median spot more angular anteriorly. The first tergite is black on the declivous face, the black extending as a tongue medially over half the length of the dorsal face. The sixth tergite is black only at the extreme base, and the seventh is yellow at the base with a black spot on each side and flavo-ferruginous at the apex. Sternites 2-5 with apical bands of yellow, widely and abruptly dilated at the sides and slightly interrupted in the middle. Sixth sternite yellow at the sides, black at the base and ferruginous at the apex. Seventh sternite and the ventral flaps of the seventh tergite ferruginous. Flagellum reddish ochreous below, reddish brown above. Legs yellow, the femora pale reddish above. Pubescence whitish and sparse, on the clypeus and lower part of the face, silvery. Upper part of the face with a round, shallow and sparse puncturation. The sculpture of the thorax and tergites consists of a very fine semi-puncturation, but the mesopleurae have a sparse and true puncturation superimposed. The sternites and seventh tergite are shining, fairly strongly and closely punctured with round punctures. All the joints of the flagellum, excepting the first and tenth, longer than wide; the apical spine on the tenth is hooked at the apex and more than half as long as the following joint. The latter has its apex angularly produced below, and the apical joint is long, curved and acute at the apex. The second joint is about one-fifth longer than the third. Posterior ocelli half as far again from each other as from the eyes. Interocular distance on the vertex nearly twice as great as across the base of the clypeus, and equal to the length of the second to fourth joints of the flagellum, or even a little more. The inner margins of the eyes are moderately divergent above and below. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity with one shallow excision, of which the upper angle is widely rounded. Seventh tergite triangular, narrowly truncated at the apex, its ventral flaps with a dense row of long reddish hairs on the posterior margin.

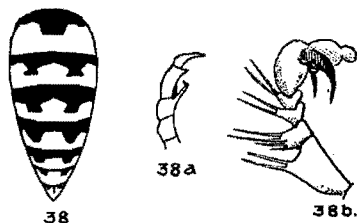


Fig. 38. *Stizus nyasae*, ♂, abdomen; a, ♂, apical joints of flagellum; b, ♀, anterior tarsus.

Second cubital cell not petiolate, the second abscissa of the radius being nearly half as long as the first.

♀. 14 mm. long. The yellow on the labrum, clypeus and face is darker than in the ♂, ochreous or reddish yellow. The yellow apical bands on the sternites are often obsolete or very much reduced. Face wider, the eyes less convergent in the middle than in the ♂. The interocular distance on the vertex is only half as great again as across the base of the clypeus. First joint of the anterior tarsi subtriangular, the second, third and fourth strongly asymmetrical, the fifth unusually swollen, the pulvillus very large and vesicular. Sixth tergite triangular, rounded at the apex and fairly closely covered with elongate punctures.

Lower Luangwa River, N.E. Rhodesia; Karonga, Lake Nyasa; Victoria Falls, Sawmills, Bulawayo and Sanyati River, S. R. (R.M. and T.M. colls.)

### PEREGRINUS Group.

Epinotal declivity less concave than in the *tridens* group; second or third sternite with a dentiform tubercle; sometimes the sixth is also armed. Otherwise like the *tridens* group. The sculpture on the mesonotum and abdomen consists of a semi-puncturation, but usually the mesopleurae and epinotum have a true puncturation as well.

*S. dentiventris* Handl. (figs. 39, 39 a-c). *Loc. cit.* p. 983, ♂.

♂. 11.5-13 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus, base of the mandibles on the outside, face below the antennae and the lower half of its lateral margins, front of the scapes, posterior margin of the pronotal collar and the pronotal

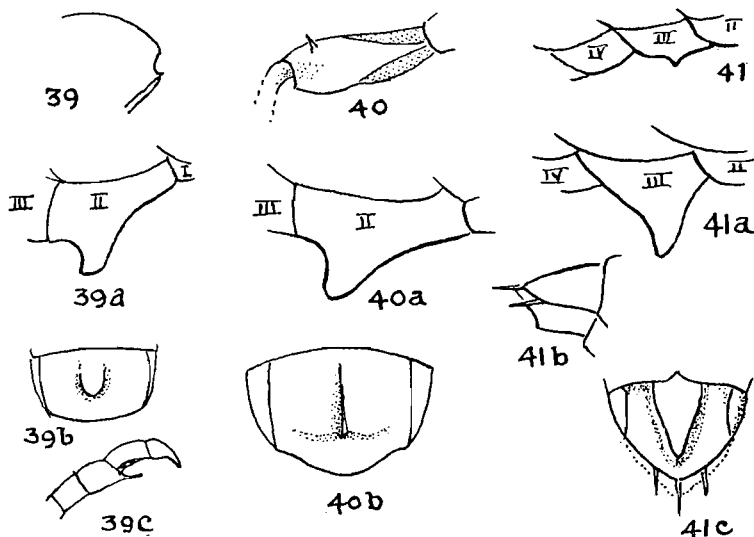


Fig. 39. *Stizus dentiventris*, ♂, lateral view of epinotum; a, ♂, second sternite; b, ♂, sixth sternite; c, ♂, apical joints of flagellum.

Fig. 40. *Stizus hoplites*, var. *minor*, ♂, posterior femur seen from below; a, second sternite; b, sixth sternite.

Fig. 41. *Stizus proteus*, ♂, second sternite, normal form; a, ♂, second sternite, extreme development; b and c, ♂, seventh sternite.

tubercles and apical transverse bands on the first four or five tergites, dark yellow. The yellow bands on the tergite are more or less suffused with red in front and behind. Posterior angles of the mesonotum, tegulae, a small spot on each side of the scutellum, the last two tergites and sternites, the apical margins of sternites 2-5, and the legs, pale ferruginous. Coxae, trochanters and base of the femora above, blackish. Flagellum pale ferruginous. Wings pale hyaline, the veins brown.

Pubescence on the clypeus and lower part of the face silvery, elsewhere grey and fairly abundant. The vertex, mesopleurae, sides of the epinotum and apical segments of the abdomen have also a sparse, greyish pilosity. Punctuation on the face, mesopleurae and epinotum round and shallow, sparse on the face, fairly dense on the other parts. On the mesopleurae there is only a fine, close semi-punctuation, and on the abdomen a fairly close sculpture of the same kind, on the first tergite intermixed with round punctures. Sides of epinotum and the abdomen nitidulous, the rest of the body dull. Interocular distance on the vertex slightly more than twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. Posterior ocelli as far from the eyes as from each other. Second joint of the flagellum nearly half as long again as the third. Apical joints of the flagellum formed as in the *tridens* group. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity arcuately excised, the upper angle obtuse, the lower very short and acute. Second sternite with a large tubercle in the middle, its apex rounded. Sixth sternite with a more or less semicircular raised platform in the middle; the apical tergite broadly triangular, its apical margin entire. Second cubital cell not petiolate, the second abscissa of the radius being two-thirds as long as the first.

De Vlagt, Aventura, C. P. (Dr H. Brauns).

*S. hoplites* Handl. *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CI, p. 84, ♂. 1892.

"♂. Closely allied to *S. peregrinus* Smith and like it. The posterior femora are moderately excavated behind as in *peregrinus*, but in place of a series of spines have a single and fairly long spine close to the apex. Second sternite with a large, curved, compressed tooth, blunt at the apex, the sixth with a distinct triangular tubercle, the seventh with a median carina. Black, a little more distinctly punctured on the thorax than *peregrinus*, moderately pilose and pubescent; the clypeus, posterior margin of the pronotum and the pronotal tubercles, and very narrow bands on the first four tergites, pale yellow. Antennae black, scapes yellow below, the flagellum testaceous below; legs fuscous, the tarsi paler. 13 mm. long."

Caffraria.

*S. hoplites*, var. *minor* n.v. (figs. 40, 40 a, b).

A ♂ and ♀ from Ceres in the British Museum's collection agree fairly closely with the description given above, but are smaller and differ also in other features.

♂. 10 mm. long. Sixth sternite with a median longitudinal carina which is raised to a point at its termination at about the second third of the segment. Seventh sternite without a carina. Otherwise this variety agrees fairly closely with Handlirsch's rather short description of *hoplites*. The interocular distance on the vertex is two and a third times greater than across the base of the clypeus. The excision of the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity is like that of *dentiventris*. The labrum is brown and there is a small blackish spot on the middle of the clypeus. The mesonotum is slightly shining, with a microscopic

fundamental sculpture on which is superimposed a scattered and rather sharply defined semi-punctuation. ♀. 10 mm. long. Like the ♂.

In both sexes the transverse yellow band on the fourth tergite is short, covering only the middle part of the segment. The band on the first tergite is of even width throughout, on the second and third slightly dilated in the middle and at the sides.

Ceres, C. P. (R. E. Turner), types in the British Museum.

*S. monodon* Handl. *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CIV, p. 984, ♂, ♀. 1895.

"Allied to and like *S. Gazagnairei*. The head a little wider and the eyes a little more convergent below. Antennae about the same as in *Gazagnairei*. Sides of the epinotum compressed, distinctly excised below, not angularly prominent above. Wings slightly smoky, the second cubital cell not petiolate. Posterior femora in the ♂ scarcely excavated in the apical half, armed with a distinct tooth a little before the middle. Abdomen similar to that of *Gazagnairei*, the seventh tergite in the ♂ narrower, almost triangular, the second sternite with a compressed and truncate tooth, the sixth and seventh unarmed. Sternites simple in the ♀, the sixth segment almost conical, without a pygidial area above. Body less finely and evenly punctured than in *Gazagnairei*, moderately pilose, black, the anterior orbits, clypeus, labrum, pronotal tubercles and in the ♂ a band on the pronotum, a band on the metanotum, and in the ♂ complete bands on the first four tergites and a median spot on the fifth, in the ♀ a band interrupted in the middle on the first, complete on the second, almost obsolete on the third, a median spot on the fourth, pale yellow; the margins of the segments more or less ferruginous. Antennae black, testaceous below, the scapes yellow below. Legs in the ♂ ferruginous, black at the base, in the ♀ black with the tibiae and tarsi more or less testaceous. 9-10 mm. long. 1 ♂ and 1 ♀. South Africa."

Types in the Berlin Museum.

*S. proteus* n.sp. (figs. 41, 41 a-f).

This species is characterised by the wide range of variation in the ♂ in size, colour and length of the tooth on the third sternite.

♀. 9 mm. long. Black. The inner orbits narrowly and sometimes a streak on each side of the base of the clypeus, yellow. Posterior margin of the pronotal collar, pronotal tubercles, a triangular spot behind them on the mesopleurae, the outer half of the tegulae and the axillary sclerite, a very thin

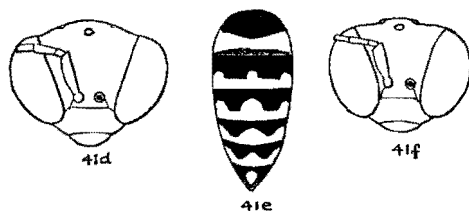


Fig. 41 d. *Stizus proteus*, ♀, head; e, ♀, abdomen; f, ♂, head.

streak on the mesonotum opposite the tegulae, posterior corners of the mesonotum, a large spot on each side of the scutellum, the metanotum except in front, a broad band on each side of the epinotum, apical bands on the first five tergites and a large median spot on the fusco-ferruginous sixth tergite, lemon yellow. The band on the first is narrowed in the middle, those of the

second to fifth abruptly and more or less roundly dilated in the middle and at the sides. Sternites 2-5 with very narrow fuscous yellow apical bands, slightly dilated laterally. Legs yellow, the femora more or less black above, a spot on the outside of the anterior tibiae and on the inside of the middle and hind tibiae at the apex, fuscous. Antennae brownish black above, dirty yellow below. Pubescence silvery on the clypeus and face, yellowish grey, decumbent and very fine and sparse on the dorsum of the thorax and on the abdomen, longer and whitish on the mesopleurae. Pilosity almost absent. Sculpture like that of *Braunsii*, but the face has a sparse, fairly fine and round puncturation. Clypeus about three times wider than long. Eyes not strongly convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being hardly twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. Excision of the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity small, low down and with subacute angles. Sixth tergite conical, the apex narrowly rounded. Second cubital cell distinctly petiolate.

♂. 9 mm. long (typical form). I regard those examples which most closely resemble the ♀ in colour and size as the typical form. Labrum, clypeus, mandibles except at the apex, face below the antennae and half way up the sides, scapes and flagellum below, pale lemon yellow. Pronotum yellow, with a transverse streak of black across the neck. Mesonotum black, the lateral margins and two short longitudinal lines on each side of the middle in front, lemon yellow. Mesopleurae, the outer portion of the mesosternum, a large spot on each side of the scutellum, metanotum and epinotum excepting the sides in front, the base of the dorsum and the middle part of the declivity, lemon yellow. Abdomen mainly lemon yellow; on the second and third tergites the black forms a bisinuate band occupying not more than the basal third of the segment, on the fourth to sixth it is as extensive as in the ♀, but the dilated part of the yellow band is more angular; the seventh yellow with two small lateral and one median black spot. The first sternite and median basal spots on the other sternites are black. Pubescence on the upper part of the face and of the vertex with a golden tinge. Eyes more convergent below than in the ♀, the interocular distance on the vertex being two and a third times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Scapes broader than in the ♀. Apical joint of the flagellum as in *Braunsii* ♂. Excision of the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity as in *dentiventris*. Third sternite with a low and acute prominence in the middle, or with none at all. Seventh sternite with a triangular platform in the middle, raised towards its apex which lies near the apical margin of the segment. Otherwise like the ♀.

In this sex there is a wide range of variation which proceeds on the following lines. With an increase in size, up to a maximum of 12 mm., there is a concurrent increase of the yellow colour and enlargement of the tubercle on the third sternite. The change, as represented in the material before me, is a gradual one, but at its extreme development the whole body is yellow, excepting only the vertex, the upper surface of the flagellum, apices of the mandibles and two narrow streaks on the posterior half of the mesonotum, which are black. At the same time the prominence on the third tergite increases in size till at its greatest development it forms a curved tooth, longer than wide at the base.

Sawmills, Gwaai and Victoria Falls, S. R. October to December. Types in the Rhodesia Museum. (R.M. and T.M. colls.)

This species furnishes a striking illustration of the danger of erecting new species in this genus on the strength of a single character, or even a combination of two or three characters, in the absence of the opposite sex. In the absence of the ♀ and the intermediate forms of the ♂ (all taken together on each



occasion at the same time and place), no one would suppose that the small form of the ♂ with female colour pattern and small sternal process could be the same species as the large and almost entirely yellow ♂, with a large tooth on the third sternite.

*S. laticinctus* n.sp. (figs. 42, 42 a, b).

♂. 10 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus, base of the mandibles, face below the antennae and half way up the sides, scapes excepting a black mark above, pronotal tubercles and posterior margin of the pronotum, a transverse macula on the middle of the mesopleurae, lateral margins of the mesonotum, outer half of the tegulae and the axillary sclerites, the whole of the scutellum and metanotum, and transverse bands on the apical half of the first six tergites, chrome yellow (in one specimen the bands on the fourth to sixth are angularly bisinuate). Apical third of seventh tergite yellowish red. Sternites 2-6 with small yellow spots at the sides. Legs dark yellow, the coxae and trochanters blackish above, the upper side of the femora reddish. Wings hyaline, the veins black. Pubescence very scanty everywhere, the vertex and apical margins of the sternites with a few long hairs. Face and vertex nitidulous, sparsely, finely and shallowly punctured. Mesonotum fairly dull, closely and finely punctured, the punctures on the anterior half round, merging into a semi-puncturation behind. Scutellum, metanotum, dorsum and declivity of the epinotum dull, closely and finely punctured with round punctures. Mesopleurae very finely punctured, with a few larger and shallow punctures here and there. Sides of the epinotum shining, the upper part of the posterior half with a close and round puncturation. The abdomen has a fine semi-puncturation. Clypeus not twice as wide as long in the middle. Antennal sockets twice as far from the clypeus as from the eyes. Scapes short, barely twice as long as wide at the apex. Tenth joint of the flagellum with an apical spine, the apical joint moderately curved, fully as long as the preceding joint. Interocular distance on the vertex twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity not excised, but furnished with a short tooth below. Third sternite with a curved tooth which is as long as wide at the base. Sixth and seventh sternites simple. Apical tergite subtriangular, the apex narrowly rounded. Second cubital cell not petiolate, but in one specimen the first two transverse cubital veins are almost contiguous on the radius.

Montagu, C. P. October, 2 ♂♂ (R. E. Turner). Type in the British Museum.

*S. Herbsti* Brauns (figs. 43, 43 a, b). Brauns *in litt.*

♂. 11 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus, face below the antennae and half way up the sides, scapes in front, posterior margin of the pronotum and the pronotal tubercles, the metanotum and transverse pre-apical bands on the first four tergites, pale yellow. The fifth tergite with a median yellow spot. The apical margins of the first four tergites, the apex of the seventh tergite and the whole of the seventh sternite, reddish brown. Flagellum black above, ochreous

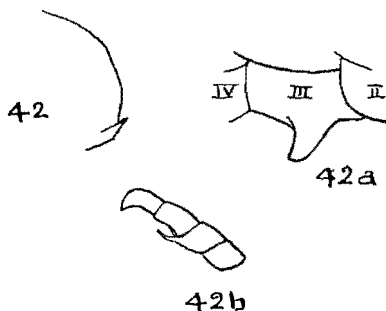


Fig. 42. *Stizus laticinctus*, ♂, epinotum; a, ♂, third sternite; b, ♂, apical joints of flagellum.

below. Tegulae ferruginous. Legs ferruginous, the coxae, trochanters and the extreme base of the femora above, black. Anterior and middle tibiae yellow on the inside. Wings hyaline, the veins dark brown. Pubescence whitish on the head, pale brown and very fine on the mesonotum, white on the rest of the thorax, long, decumbent and pale yellowish on the abdomen. The sculpture is a semi-punctuation, very fine and close on the mesonotum, stronger and less oblique on the mesopleurae, rather coarse on the abdomen. On the upper half of the face there is a round, fairly strong and close punctuation, and also on the dorsum of epinotum which is moderately shining, like the sides of that segment. The rest of the thorax is dull; the abdomen slightly shining above. Anterior margin of the clypeus nearly straight. Interocular distance on the vertex two and a third times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Posterior ocelli slightly nearer to the eyes than to each other. Apical joints of

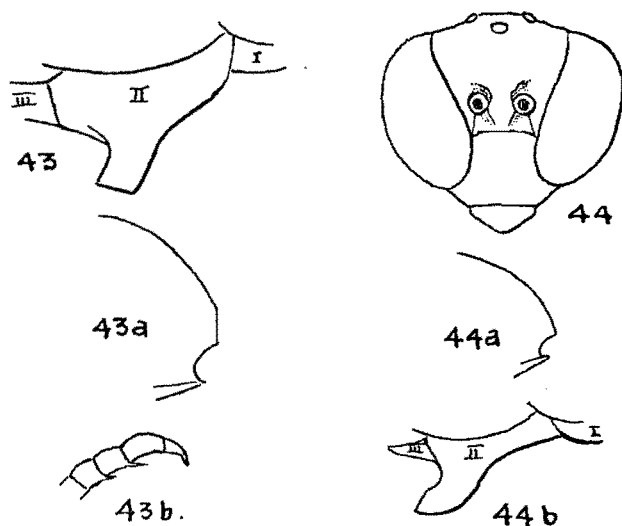


Fig. 43. *Stizus Herbsti*, ♂, second sternite; a, ♂, epinotum, lateral view; b, ♂, apical joints of the flagellum.

Fig. 44. *Stizus cinguliger*, ♀, head; a, ♀, epinotum; b, ♂, second sternite.

the flagellum as in the *tridens* group, but the ninth joint has a minute apical spine below, and the apical joint is only a little more than half as long as the penultimate joint. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity excised below, the upper angle of the excision truncate, the lower acute. Second sternite with a large, curved and transversely compressed tooth which is broadly truncate at its apex. Seventh sternite acutely angular at the apex, the seventh tergite broadly triangular and rounded at the apex. Second cubital cell not petiolate.

♀. 10 mm. long. Clypeus and labrum fuscous, only their anterior margins yellow. Face with only a very narrow yellow streak on the lateral margins, also yellow below the antennae. Second sternite with a transverse yellow streak on each side near the apical margin. Interocular distance on the vertex nearly two and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Sternites simple.

Lichtenburg, Transvaal, January (Dr H. Brauns). Type in coll. Brauns.

## CINGULIGER Group.

Antennae clavate in both sexes, the apical joints simple. Second sternite in the ♂ armed with a very large curved tooth. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity excised. Clypeus high, reaching half way up the head. Sculpture composed chiefly of a semi-punctuation.

*S. cinguliger* Smith (fig. 44, 44 a, b). *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* iv, p. 341, ♀. 1856.

*S. clavicornis* Handl. *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, ci, p. 95, ♀. ♂. 1892.

♀. 11–13 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus, sides of the face at the base, pronotal tubercles and posterior margin of the pronotum, pale yellow. Apical margins of all the tergites broadly reddish brown; tergites 1–5 with narrow pre-apical pale yellowish bands, slightly dilated at the sides. Sternites 2–5 with dull whitish apical bands, dilated at the sides and in the middle. Mandibles ferruginous, black at the base and apex. Scapes ochreous below, flagellum fusco-ferruginous above, pale reddish below. Tegulae ferruginous. Legs ferruginous, the anterior femora black above, ochreous below; the anterior tibiae also ochreous below. Wings hyaline, slightly smoky, the veins brown. Pubescence on the clypeus, temples and mesopleurae silvery, brown on the mesonotum, elsewhere grey. The vertex has a short testaceous pilosity. Dull; the sculpture consists of a fine and close semi-punctuation, almost microscopic on the abdomen. The median area of the epinotum is slightly shining, and has a sparse, large and round puncturation; the lateral areas of the epinotal dorsum also have round punctures, smaller and more abundant than on the median area. Clypeus distinctly convex, the anterior margin straight. Eyes divergent above and below, nearest together at the base of the clypeus where they are separated by nearly half the interocular distance on the vertex. Flagellum strongly clavate, the seventh to tenth joints fully twice as wide as long; the second joint is longer than in any of the preceding species, being four times longer than wide at the apex and nearly three-quarters longer than the third. Posterior ocelli half as far again from each other as from the eyes. Temples well-developed. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity deeply and widely excised, both angles of the excision acute. Sixth tergite shallowly and angularly excised at the apex. Second cubital cell not petiolate, the second abscissa of the radius about one-third as long as the first.

♂. 11–13 mm. long. Anterior tibiae, tarsi and apical half of the anterior femora below, yellow. The pre-apical yellow bands on the first four tergites are wider than in the ♀; apical margin of the third and fourth tergites and the whole of the following tergites fulvous, their sternites somewhat darker. Anterior margin of the clypeus concave. Antennal sockets farther from the clypeus than in the ♀. The eyes are nearest together a little below the base of the clypeus, the interocular distance on the vertex is two and a half times greater than at that point. Second sternite with a long, curved and compressed tooth. Ventral flaps of the seventh tergite raised and dentiform at their apex. Seventh tergite very broadly rounded, not excised at the apex. Otherwise like the ♀.

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## OXYDORCUS Group.

Like the preceding group, but the sternites are unarmed. The ventral flaps of the seventh tergite are very large, plicate and end in a tooth. Flagellum clavate, the second joint not so long as in *cinguliger*. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity distinctly excised. The sculpture is a semi-punctuation, but there are some round punctures on the epinotum. Clypeus very long.

*S. oxydorcus* Handl. (figs. 45, 45 a-d). *Verh. Zool. Bot. Ges. Wien*, L, p. 472, ♀. 1900.

*S. johannis* Cameron. *Rec. Albany Mus.* 1, p. 323, ♀. 1905.

♀. 10-11 mm. long. Black. Labrum excepting a black spot in the middle, clypeus, sides of the face as far as the level of the antennal sockets, scapes in front, posterior margin of the pronotum and the pronotal tubercles, a spot on the front of the tegulae, a streak on the sides of the mesonotum from the tegulae to the posterior angle, two large spots on the scutellum, metanotum, a spot on the upper part of the mesopleurae, the posterior lateral margins of the epinotum, pre-apical bands on the first five tergites dilated laterally on the first three, apical bands on the second to fifth sternites and two spots on the sixth tergite, pale lemon yellow. Flagellum black above, ochreous below, the first two joints black below. Legs yellow, the basal third or more of the femora black. Mandibles piceous, with a yellow spot on the outside at the base. Wings hyaline, the veins dark brown. Clypeus, face, vertex, temples and

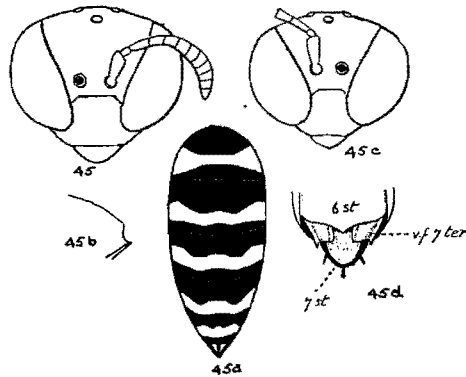


Fig. 45. *Stizus oxydorcus*, ♀, head; a, ♀, abdomen; b, ♀, epinotum; c, ♂, head; d, ♂, apical sternites (v.f. 7 ter = ventral flaps of seventh tergite).

mesopleurae with silvery pubescence, elsewhere the pubescence is grey and very fine. Dull, the sculpture consists of a fine and close semi-punctuation, except on the dorsum of the epinotum where the punctures are larger and more separated, intermixed with some round punctures. Clypeus long, only one and a half times wider than long. Eyes strongly divergent above, less so below, nearest together at about the base of the clypeus. Interocular distance on the vertex as long as the whole flagellum and two and a third times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Flagellum clavate, the fifth to eleventh joints wider than long, the second half as long again as the third. Posterior ocelli as far from the eyes as from each other. Temples well-developed. Median area of the epinotal dorsum convex and gibbous; lateral margins of the declivity excised below and less compressed than in the *tridens* group, the declivity is therefore much less concave transversely. Apex of the sixth tergite narrowly truncate. Posterior tibiae with a row of short spines on the upper margin. Anterior tarsi without a comb of long cilia; the basal joint, however, has a dense row of very short and fine spines on the outer margin. Second cubital cell not petiolate, the second abscissa of the radius being about half as long as the first.

♂. 9–10 mm. long. The lateral marginal streaks of yellow on the mesonotum are much reduced, the sides of the epinotum immaculate. Yellow bands on the tergites paler than in the ♀, more yellowish white, the apical margins of all the tergites widely rufo-testaceous. Otherwise like the ♀ in colour and sculpture. Interocular distance on the vertex three and a half times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Apical margin of the sixth sternite obtusely angular. Ventral flaps of the seventh tergite large, plicate on the outer margin which ends in a tooth. Apical tergite broadly triangular, the apex narrowly rounded. Otherwise like the ♀.

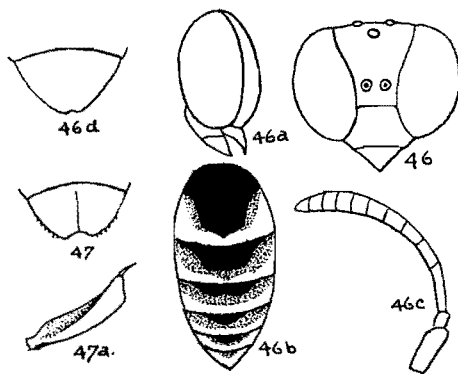
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#### RHOPALOCERUS Group.

Eyes strongly divergent above and below as in the preceding group. Flagellum moderately clavate, the second joint long and slender, especially in the ♂, which sometimes has the apical joint curved. Lateral margins of the epinotal declivity only slightly compressed, not excised, but having a short tooth below. Abdomen cylindrical, the sternites flattened and unarmed. Ventral flaps of the seventh tergite in the ♂ very large, meeting in the middle. Temples only moderately developed. Mesonotum, or at least the epinotum with a round puncturation. Claws long and slender, the pulvillus well-developed on the anterior tarsi, very feeble on the other tarsi. Second cubital cell not petiolate.

*S. rhopalocerus* Handl. (figs. 46, 46 a–d). *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, civ, p. 986, ♀. 1895.

♀. 13–14 mm. long. Labrum, clypeus, mandibles excepting the black apex, face below the antennae and half way up the sides, the greater part of the temples and the mouth-parts, yellowish white; the rest of the head black, with a diffuse reddish border on the inside of the whitish margins of the face.



Figs. 46 and 46 a. *Stizus rhopalocerus*, ♀, head; b, ♀, abdomen; c, ♀, antenna; d, ♂, seventh tergite.

Fig. 47. *Stizus rhopaloceroideus*, ♂, seventh tergite; a, ♂, right tibia viewed from above.

The temples in the upper part are also rufescent. Thorax black; the posterior margin of the pronotal collar, the pronotal tubercles, two large spots on the scutellum, posterior margin of the metanotum, the mesopleurae, the anterior half or more of the sides of the epinotum, the whole of the underside of the thorax and the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity, pale ochreous white.

The sides of the mesonotum and two small spots on its anterior half, the tegulae and occasionally two small spots on the upper half of the declivity, ferruginous. Sternites yellowish white, tergites with yellowish white apical and lateral margins, the first four black at the base and with a diffuse reddish area between the black and the yellowish white, the fifth and sixth tergites merely reddish at the base. Legs pale reddish above and on the inside, yellowish white below. Scapes yellowish white below, black above; flagellum ochreous below, ferruginous above, the apical joints darker. Wings hyaline, the veins black. Clypeus and lower half of the face densely covered with silvery pubescence, the upper half of the face and the mesopleurae more sparsely so.

Vertex, occiput and epinotum with a thin, whitish pilosity; on the rest of the body there is a greyish, inconspicuous pubescence. Labrum shining, with a few large punctures. Face and vertex dull, with a shallow and round puncturation superimposed on the fundamental sculpture. Dorsum of the thorax, excepting the pronotal collar, dull, closely and fairly strongly punctured with round punctures, on the scutellum, metanotum and epinotum almost reticulate-punctate. Pronotal collar, metapleurae and sides of the epinotum smooth, nitidulous and very sparsely finely punctured. Abdomen slightly shining, the tergites with a close and very fine semi-puncturation, the sternites microscopically and closely punctured, except the first which is sparsely and coarsely punctured. Head in front, including the labrum, wider than long. Clypeus twice as wide as long, the labrum triangular, almost as long as wide at the base. Antennal sockets twice as far from the clypeus as from each other. Eyes large, their facets on the inner half enlarged, divergent above and below, nearest together at the level of the antennal sockets, the interocular distance on the vertex slightly more than twice as great as across the base of the clypeus. Posterior ocelli nearer to the eyes than to each other. Flagellum clavate, the second joint long, nearly five times longer than wide and twice as long as the third, the sixth to eleventh joints wider than long. Declivity of the epinotum with a short tooth below, not excised. First tergite fully as long as wide at the apical margin, the sixth triangular, rounded at the apex. Sternites rather flat. Anterior tarsi with long golden cilia at the apices of the joints and four shorter cilia on the outer margin of the basal joint. Second transverse cubital vein strongly curved outwards in its lower half. The second abscissa of the radius about one-third as long as the first. Posterior tibiae with only a few short spines on the outside.

♂. 14 mm. long. The parts which are yellowish white in the ♀ are yellow in this sex. The puncturation is stronger than in the ♀, especially on the vertex and occiput. Second joint of the flagellum two-thirds longer than the third joint. Apical tergite wide, subtriangular, the apex very shallowly emarginate. Otherwise like the ♀.

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*S. rhopaloceroide*s Brauns (figs. 47, 47 a). Brauns *in litt.*

♀. 10-11 mm. long. Head and thorax black, abdomen ferruginous. Mandibles except at the apex, labrum, clypeus, face below the antennae and half way up the sides, scapes below, posterior orbits narrowly, posterior margin of the pronotum and the tubercles, a large pentagonal spot on the mesopleurae, a spot on the tegulae, a spot on each side of the scutellum, posterior half of the metanotum, a spot on the posterior corners of the epinotal dorsum, narrow apical bands on tergites 1-5, and a median spot on the sixth tergite, pale yellow. The declivous face of the first tergite and the fourth to sixth tergites, black. Sometimes the extreme base of the second and third

tergites and a transverse streak on each side of the middle near the apical margin are also black. Flagellum ferruginous below, fuscous above. Anterior and middle legs yellow, the hind legs flavo-ferruginous, all the femora more or less black above. Wings hyaline, the veins blackish. Pubescence as in *rhopalocerus*, the sculpture also much the same as in that species but relatively finer, shallower and less close. Interocular distance on the vertex two and two-thirds greater than across the base of the clypeus. Eyes divergent above and below, nearest together at about the level of the antennal sockets. Labrum triangular, nearly as long as wide, subcarinate lengthwise in the middle. Temples wider than in *rhopalocerus*. Second joint of the flagellum two-thirds longer than the third joint. Posterior ocelli about as far from each other as from the eyes. First tergite at the apical margin one-fourth wider than long. Otherwise like *rhopalocerus*.

♂. 12 mm. long. Sculpture stronger than in the ♀, especially on the vertex and mesonotum. Second joint of the flagellum half as long again as the third. Anterior tibiae broad, the inner face obliquely excavated. Seventh tergite semicircular, subcarinate lengthwise in the middle, the apex widely and shallowly emarginate. Otherwise like the ♀.

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*S. hyperocrus* Brauns. Brauns *in litt.*

♀. 11 mm. long. Head and thorax black, abdomen ferruginous. Labrum, anterior two-thirds of the clypeus, sides of the lower half of the face, scapes in front, and the posterior orbits, yellow. Posterior margin of the pronotum and the tubercles, tegulae, lateral margins of the mesonotum, a transverse streak on each side of the posterior margin of the scutellum and metanotum, a spot on each side of the epinotal dorsum, yellowish red. The declivous face of the first tergite, the extreme base of the second to fifth tergites, the sixth tergite excepting the apex, and the greater part of the third to sixth sternites, black. Flagellum black above, ochreous below. Legs ferruginous, the anterior pair paler. Wings hyaline, the veins brown, the costa and subcosta black. Labrum shining, with a few large punctures, subtriangular, nearly as long as wide. Face and vertex dull, fairly closely and moderately finely punctured. Thorax, excepting the pronotum, metapleurae and sides of the epinotum, dull, closely and fairly strongly punctured with round punctures, those on the dorsum of the epinotum twice as large as those on the vertex. Pronotum, metapleurae and sides of the epinotum nitidulous, microscopically punctured, the sides of the epinotum also with a few large punctures. Abdomen nitidulous, closely, shallowly and finely punctured, the punctures round. The first two sternites rather coarsely and not closely punctured. Interocular distance on the vertex two and a quarter times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Flagellum a little more strongly clavate than in the two preceding species, the seventh to eleventh joints wider than long; the second joint three-quarters longer than the third. Posterior ocelli about as far from the eyes as from each other. Anterior tarsi and the venation as in *rhopalocerus*. Sixth tergite triangular, rounded at the apex, the lateral margins with a row of very short, black spines.

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*S. mutabilis* n.sp. (figs. 48, 48 a, b).

♀. 11.5 mm. long. Black. Mandibles except at the apex, labrum, clypeus, face below the antennae, scapes and flagellum underneath, a streak behind the posterior margin of the eyes, posterior margin of the pronotum, pronotal

tubercles, lateral margins of the mesonotum, a spot on the tegulae and a spot on the middle of the mesopleurae, lemon yellow. A spot on each side of the scutellum, posterior margin of the metanotum, lateral margins of the epinotal dorsum, apical bands on the first five tergites and a median spot on the sixth, yellowish red. The band on the first tergite is abruptly narrowed in the middle, those on the second and third occupy more than half the segments, those on the fourth and fifth are dilated at the sides and in the middle. Legs dark yellow, the femora blackish above, the anterior and middle femora on the outside and the anterior tarsi, pale yellow. Wings hyaline, the veins black. Clypeus and face with silvery pubescence, elsewhere the pubescence is very short, grey and scanty. The epinotum has a sparse, whitish pilosity. Labrum broadly rounded in front, a little wider than long, shining, sparsely and finely punctured. Vertex and sides of the upper half of the face finely punctured. Mesopleurae dull, closely and finely punctured. Mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum slightly shining, shallowly and not closely punctured. Epinotum more strongly punctured than the mesonotum, the punctures shallow and round. Sides of the epinotum and the metapleurae smooth and shining. Abdomen not closely punctured, the punctures shallow and oblique. Head

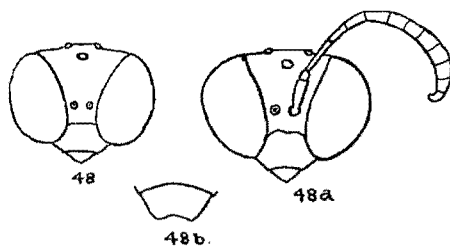


Fig. 48. *Stizus mutabilis*, ♀, head; a, ♂, head; b, ♂, apical tergite.

very wide, one-third wider than long, measured from the vertex to the anterior margin of the clypeus. Interocular distance on the vertex two and two-thirds greater than across the base of the clypeus. Flagellum strongly clavate, the second joint two-thirds longer than the following joint, the seventh to tenth wider than long, the apical joint as long as wide at the base. Temples narrow, about one-third as wide as the eyes. Posterior ocelli nearer to the eyes than to each other. Sixth tergite triangular, the apex narrowly rounded. Anterior tarsi like those of *rhopalocerus*. Second abscissa of the radius two-thirds as long as the first.

♂. 11–12 mm. long. Colour and pattern of the abdomen variable. In two specimens the pale bands have the same colour, yellowish red, as in the ♀, in a third specimen they are lemon yellow. In the latter the bands on the second and third tergites are roundly dilated at the sides and angularly in the middle as in *S. nyasae*. In the other two the fourth and fifth or fifth and sixth are dilated. All the legs are yellow, and the spot on the mesopleurae may be either much reduced or absent. A thin and long whitish pilosity is rather conspicuous on the vertex and on the dorsum of the thorax. The puncturation is scantier on the mesonotum and stronger on the vertex and first tergite than in the ♀. Head wider than in the ♀. Flagellum not so strongly clavate, the second joint is two-thirds longer than the third joint, the ninth to eleventh are as long as wide, all the rest longer than wide, and the apical joint is curved



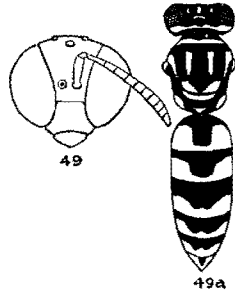
and slightly hooked at the end. Seventh tergite trapezoidal, its apical margin widely but shallowly concave. Otherwise like the ♀.

Montagu, C. P. October (R. E. Turner). 1 ♀ and 3 ♂♂. Types in the British Museum.

*S. quadristrigatus* n.sp. (figs. 49, 49 a).

♀. 11–14 mm. long. Black. Mandibles except at the apex, labrum, clypeus, face below the antennae and half-way up the sides and the scapes below, yellowish white. Temples and a sinuous line connecting them behind the vertex, pronotum excepting a transverse black streak across the base of the neck, mesopleurae, tegulae, sides of the mesonotum and two clavate streaks on each side of its middle, scutellum excepting a basal triangular area, the greater part of the metanotum, sides of the epinotum excepting a black band on their posterior margins, the lateral areas of the epinotal dorsum and a triangular mark on the middle of the declivity, yellow. Tergites with yellow apical bands widely dilated at the sides on the first two and covering more than half the length of those segments, on the third to fifth less widely dilated at the sides and bisinuate in the middle; the sixth with a median basal black spot. Sternites in greater part yellow, the second and sixth black at the base. Legs yellow, the coxae, trochanters and femora on their inner sides black. Flagellum reddish yellow below, ferruginous above, the first two joints black above. Wings hyaline, the veins dark brown. Clypeus and lower half of the face with silvery pubescence, on the rest of the body the pubescence is whitish and exceedingly fine. There is a short, scanty and white pilosity on the vertex and epinotum. Labrum roundly triangular, wider than long, shining, sparsely and coarsely punctured. Face and vertex finely and fairly closely punctured. Mesonotum, mesopleurae, scutellum, metanotum and the epinotum excepting the sides dull, closely punctured with shallow and round punctures. The sides of the epinotum are rather sparsely punctured. Abdomen slightly shining, with a very fine semi-puncturation which is very close, almost reticulate-rugulose. Interocular distance on the vertex two and one-fifth times greater than across the base of the clypeus. Temples narrow above, one-third as wide as the eyes below. Flagellum moderately clavate, the second joint four-fifths longer than the third, the sixth to tenth wider than long, the apical joint as wide as long. Posterior ocelli nearer to the eyes than to each other. First tergite about one-quarter wider at the apex than long, and one-third longer than the second. Apical tergite triangular, the apex narrowly rounded. Second abscissa of the radius about two-thirds as long as the first.

Kamanyab, S.W. Africa. 3 ♀♀. Type in the South African Museum.



Figs. 49, 49 a. *Stizus quadristrigatus*, ♀.

#### FASCIATUS Group.

Usually large species, with stout hornet-like bodies. Labrum elliptical or forming a narrow segment of a circle, not triangular as in the preceding group, usually coarsely punctured. Antennae filiform, only slightly widened towards the end, the apical joint usually curved in the ♂. Temples very narrow, the head being almost vertically truncate behind. Sternites simple in both sexes. First transverse cubital vein slightly curved outwards towards the apex

of the wing. Two longitudinal veins are emitted from the apex of the medial cell in the hind wing; the anal lobe ends far behind the origin of the cubitus. Eyes almost parallel, only feebly convergent below. Sculpture of the thorax close and usually fine, consisting of round punctures, that of the tergites is a semi-punctuation mixed with some round punctures. In some species the ♀ has a distinct, *i.e.* marginate, pygidial area on the apical tergite, which, however, does not extend beyond the apical third of the segment. The hind tibiae and tarsi in the ♀ are densely pubescent.

This group comprises a number of closely allied forms, most of which have the same or a very similar livery, which, however, is somewhat variable within the species. For this reason the descriptions of many species is unsatisfactory, too much importance having been attached by some authors to the colour. In the ♀♀ the chief diagnostic characters, and almost the only reliable ones, are the width of the face and the comparative lengths of the second and third joints of the flagellum, and of the last two joints. These have not been taken into account by Handlirsch in his monograph, so that some of his African species are difficult to recognise, especially as some of his descriptions are largely based on comparisons with non-Ethiopian species.

*S. imperialis* Handl. (figs. 50, 50 a-c). *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CI, p. 141, ♀. 1892.

♀. 18-20 mm. long. Lemon yellow. The following parts are black: apex of the mandibles, posterior margin of the clypeus, two large maculae above the antennal sockets, a band across the vertex enclosing the ocellar area, occiput, neck of the pronotum, mesonotum excepting the sides and two clavate streaks near the middle, extreme anterior margins of the scutellum and metanotum, mesopleurae excepting the anterior and posterior margins and the lower third, mesosternum, lower half of the metapleurae, base of the epinotal dorsum, the margins of its median area as far as the bottom of the declivity, the lateral areas of the epinotal dorsum anteriorly, the extreme base and apical fourth of the first four tergites and a longitudinal bar down their middle. Last two tergites ochreous. Flagellum ferruginous. Intermediate and hind coxae and trochanters diffusely ferruginous. Wings hyaline, slightly tinged with yellow, the veins ochreous, the radial and the upper half of the second and third cubital cells faintly fuscous.

Pubescence and pilosity whitish, the latter confined chiefly to the epinotum and first tergite, the apical abdominal segment with a sparse yellowish pilosity. Labrum and anterior half of the clypeus fairly coarsely, the vertex finely and closely, punctured; the labrum dull, the anterior margin convex. Thorax with a fine, shallow and round punctuation, fairly close except on the epinotum. Abdomen with a sparse semi-punctuation. Eyes feebly convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being slightly more than one-fourth greater than across the middle of the clypeus. Antennal sockets as far from the eyes as from the base of the clypeus. Posterior ocelli half as far again from each other as from the eyes. Second joint of the flagellum half as long again as the third, the apical joint slightly longer than the tenth. Apical

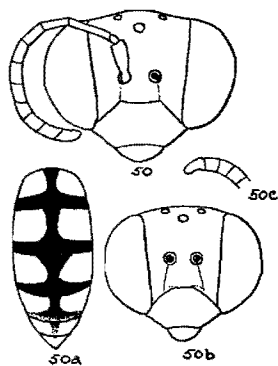


Fig. 50. *Stizus imperialis*, ♀, head; a, ♀, abdomen; b, ♂, head; c, ♂, apical joints of the flagellum.

tergite elongate triangular, more strongly punctured than the other tergites, the apex narrowly rounded. Tarsal comb composed of long, stiff spines. Second abscissa of the radius half as long as the first.

♂. 14–17 mm. long. Interocular distance on the vertex about one-third greater than across the middle of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum two-thirds longer than the third, the apical joint slightly curved, shallowly excised below, rounded at the apex and a little longer than the eleventh joint. Apical tergite broadly triangular, widely rounded at the apex. Otherwise like the ♀.

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*S. chrysorrhoeus* Handl. (figs. 51, 51 a–d). *Loc. cit.* p. 122, ♂, ♀. 1892.

“Closely allied to and similar to *sexfasciatus* Fab. (an Indian species).

Median area of the sixth tergite like that of *S. terminalis* Evers. and distinctly narrower than in *fasciatus* Fab. Antennae in the ♂ a little stouter than in those species, the last joint distinctly curved and very distinctly obliquely truncate at the apex. Wings distinctly yellowish, but less so than in *fasciatus*, the radial cell distinctly fuscous. Body black, anterior and posterior orbits, the face below the antennae, clypeus, labrum, mandibles except at the apex, posterior margin of the pronotum and the pronotal tubercles, sides of the mesonotum, scutellum either entirely or only on the posterior margin, the metanotum often wide, and interrupted bands on the tergites, pale yellow; sixth segment and in the ♂, also the seventh, ochreous, the markings on the thorax nearly always more or less rufescent. Sternites without yellow markings. Legs ferruginous, coxae and trochanters ferruginous and black. Antennae ferruginous, the flagellum in the ♂ more or less infuscated above near the middle. Sixth tergite in the ♀ densely clothed with golden pubescence. 18–25 mm. long.”

“*S. chrysorrhoeus* agrees in the shape of the sixth tergite in the ♀ with *terminalis*, in the colour of the wings with *rufiventris*, and in the colour pattern of the abdomen and the unspotted sternites with *fasciatus*. The punctuation of the thorax and tergites is somewhat finer and more regular than in *fasciatus*. The apical joint of the antennae in the ♂ is not so distinctly attenuated as in the preceding species...”

Of the six examples, 5 ♂♂ and 1 ♀, seen by Handlirsch, only one, a male, was of African origin. It is possible that the single ♀ was not correctly assigned to this species. On the strength of the figure of the antennae in the ♂ in Plate II of Handlirsch's work, I identify with this species a male and female taken together at Springvale, S. R. and several ♂♂ in the South African Museum's collection. The structure of the apical joint of the antennae in the ♂ renders this identification quite certain, and supplementary notes, based on the pair from Springvale, are appended herewith.

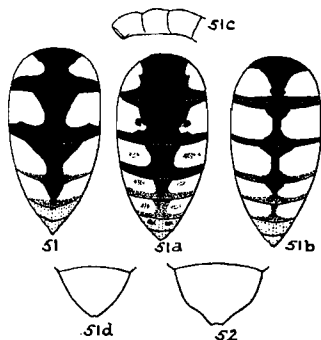


Fig. 51. *Stizus chrysorrhoeus*, ♀, abdomen; a, ♂, abdomen, semi-melanistic form; b, ♂, abdomen, normal form (closely dotted parts = ferruginous; sparsely dotted parts = ochreous); c, ♂, apical joints of flagellum; d, ♂, seventh tergite.

Fig. 52. *Stizus aurifluus*, ♂, seventh tergite.

♀. 18 mm. long. A spot somewhat rufescent below on the mesopleurae, the epinotum excepting the anterior two-thirds of the sides, base and lateral margins of the median area, pale yellow. The parts of the head which are not indicated as yellow in Handlirsch's description are ferruginous, not black. First sternite and base of the second ferruginous, the rest dark yellow, the second and third blackish in the middle. Inner margins of the eyes almost parallel, the interocular distance on the vertex being only a trifle more than across the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum four-fifths longer than the third joint; apical joint slightly longer than the preceding joint. Sixth tergite triangular, as long as wide at the base, narrowly rounded at the apex, densely punctured, the punctures larger than any on the rest of the body excepting those of the labrum, covered with long yellowish hairs and yellowish pubescence. Comb of the anterior tarsi composed of long and straight spines.

♂. 18 mm. long. Lateral margins of the mesonotum and the whole of the scutellum ferruginous, the rest of the thorax, excepting the pronotum, black. Pronotum ferruginous, its posterior margin yellow. Second joint of the flagellum three-fourths longer than the third joint. Interocular distance on the vertex one-fourth greater than across the base of the clypeus. The puncturation of the tergites becomes progressively stronger from segment to segment, the first and second have moderately fine and oblique punctures, whereas the seventh is closely and strongly punctured. Sternites 1-4 fusco-ferruginous, the rest reddish ochreous, all strongly and closely punctured. Seventh tergite triangular, the apex rounded.

The colour is somewhat variable, the thorax in this sex being sometimes marked with yellow on the scutellum, mesopleurae and epinotum as in the ♀. There is also a slight variation in the apical joint of the flagellum. In the example from Springvale on which the above description is based, it is no longer than the penultimate joint, as shown in Handlirsch's figure, but in some specimens it is a little longer. The colour pattern of the abdomen is also variable. As a rule the black markings are less extensive than in the ♀, but in a specimen from Hex River, in the South African Museum, the whole of the first tergite is black, and the yellow maculae on the three following segments are much reduced. The commoner and the intermediate patterns are illustrated in figs. 51, 51a. Specimens from Zesfontein, S.W. Africa, in the South African Museum, differ from the pair from Springvale by the greater size, ♀ 20 mm., ♂ 17-20 mm., by the paler yellow of the abdomen, slightly longer second joint of the flagellum in the ♀, which is five-sixths longer than the third joint, and the colour of the wings which show no yellowish tint. The genitalia of the ♂♂, however, show no appreciable difference.

A male and female from Marsabit, British East Africa, in the British Museum collection, have the colour of the clypeus, face and tergites even paler than in the examples from Zesfontein, being almost ivory white, and the first tergite is ferruginous on the brow of its declivous face.

Springvale and Bulawayo, S. R. Hex River, C. P.; Zesfontein, S. W. A. Marsabit, B. E. A. (R.M. coll.)

*S. Saussurei* Handl. *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CIV, p. 990. 1895.

“♂. 17-18 mm. long. Allied to and like *S. chrysorrhoeus*. Last joint of the antennae distinctly longer than the preceding joint, curved and rounded at the apex. Wings yellowish basally, the middle and the radial area distinctly fuscous, the venation like that of *chrysorrhoeus*. Puncturation and pilosity almost like that of *chrysorrhoeus*; black, the orbits in front and behind widely, the face below the antennae, clypeus, labrum, the greater part of the prothorax

together with the pronotal tubercles, sides of the mesonotum, a large spot on the mesopleurae, bands on the scutellum, metanotum, epinotum, large spots on the sides of the epinotum, broad bands widely interrupted in the middle on the first five tergites, a band slightly interrupted on the sixth and large lateral spots on the sternites, bright yellow. The margins of the fifth and sixth sternites, the last tergite and sternite, the yellow maculae excepted, ferruginous. Antennae ferruginous, the scape yellow below, the flagellum fuscous above. Legs ferruginous, streaked with yellow. The frontal area below the antennae is almost quadrate, the first transverse cubital vein curved, so that the species belongs without doubt to the *fasciatus* group. By the longer and not truncate apical joint of the antennae and by the colour this species is easily distinguished from *chrysorrhoeus*. Cape Province."

*S. melanurus* Handl. (fig. 55). *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CI, p. 138, ♂. 1892.

♀. 22 mm. long. Mandibles at the base, labrum, clypeus, scapes below, face below the antennae and half-way up the sides, also sometimes a median line extending to and enclosing the anterior ocellus, and the temples, yellow; the rest of the head including the antennae, ferruginous. Pronotum ferruginous, the upper half of the collar and the tubercles, yellow. Mesonotum black, the lateral margins widely yellow. Mesosternum and lower half of the mesopleurae black, the upper half of the latter ferruginous, with a diffuse yellow spot above. Tegulae and scutellum ferruginous, the latter with a transverse band of yellow, narrowed in the middle, in front of the posterior margin. Metanotum yellow. Metapleurae in the middle and the sides of the epinotum ferruginous. Dorsum and declivity of the epinotum yellow, the base of the median area and a narrow border outside it black or fusco-ferruginous. Tergites 1-5 black with a steely blue lustre, inclining to fusco-ferruginous towards the apical margin, the sixth tergite ferruginous. The first tergite is ferruginous at the base and has a transverse band of yellow in the middle; the second has a large yellow spot on each side nearer to the base than to the apex, and the third has a smaller yellow spot on each side. Sternites and legs ferruginous. Head and thorax dull, very finely and closely punctured, the mesonotum and scutellum with a shallow and larger puncturation interspersed. The puncturation of the dorsum of the epinotum is stronger than on the rest of the thorax. Abdomen shining, sparsely and fairly strongly punctured, the sixth tergite dull, closely and finely punctured; the puncturation of the sternites is almost coarse, much stronger than that of the tergites, and composed of round punctures. Clypeus and face with silvery, the mesonotum with brownish yellow pubescence. Epinotum and base of the first tergite with a short white pilosity, the last three abdominal segments with a fulvous pilosity which is fairly dense on the sixth where it is mixed with a pubescence of the same colour. Clypeus distinctly convex lengthwise, three times wider than long. Eyes almost parallel. Antennal sockets as far from each other and from the eyes as from the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum three-fourths longer than the third, the apical joint slightly curved, distinctly longer than the penultimate joint. Posterior ocelli nearly twice as far from each other as from the eyes. Sixth tergite with a distinctly marginate pygidial area extending over the apical third of its length, rounded at the apex. Anterior tarsi without a regular comb, the basal joint has numerous short stiff spines, which are much shorter than the curved ones on the succeeding joints. Middle and posterior tibiae strongly spinose.

♂. 18 mm. long. Apical joint of the flagellum very slightly curved, round at the apex, distinctly longer than the penultimate joint. The epinotum is usually without yellow markings. Otherwise like the ♀.

Senegal; Caia, Zambesi; Tsintsabis, S.W. Africa.

*S. aurifluus* Turner (fig. 52). *Ann. Mag. N.H.* xvii, p. 442, ♀. 1916.

“♀. Black; clypeus, labrum, base of the mandibles, face below the antennae, posterior margin of the pronotum, a large transverse macula on each side of the first tergite and broad interrupted bands on the second to fifth tergites, yellow; head, antennae, pronotum, sides of the mesonotum, scutellum, epinotum, pygidium and legs, ferruginous; apex of the pygidium with a dense, golden pubescence; wings hyaline, the veins fuscous; the costal margin widely fuscous. 25 mm. long. Clypeus broadly emarginate, the emargination slightly angular in the middle; inner margin of the eyes almost parallel; apical joint of the antennae conical, as long as the penultimate. Thorax finely and very closely punctured, scutellum without a median depression; pubescence long and greyish, more dense on the median segment than elsewhere. Abdomen closely and very distinctly punctured; sixth dorsal segment more closely punctured, clothed with ferruginous pubescence at the base, with shining golden pubescence at the apex. Basal joint of the fore tarsi with eight stout but not very long spines. Second abscissa of the radius shorter than the first; the costa thickened and forming a very distinct rounded stigma at the base of the radial cell. *Hab.* Yapi, Gold Coast (Simpson).

“This is very near *chrysorrhoeus* Handl. but differs from South African specimens sent by Dr Brauns under that name in the much broader pygidial area, the much stronger puncturation of the abdomen, the colour of the nervures, and the costal infuscation, which in *chrysorrhoeus* is confined to the radial and second and third cubital cells, the more clearly defined stigma, and the more deeply emarginate clypeus. The spines of the basal joint of the fore tarsus are shorter and more numerous than in *chrysorrhoeus*.”

♂. 21 mm. long. Sides of the face above the antennal sockets ochreous yellow as far as the level of the anterior ocellus. Only the lateral margins of the median area of the epinotal dorsum are ferruginous, the rest of that segment is black. Otherwise like the ♀ in colour. The interocular distance on the vertex is very nearly one-third greater than across the base of the clypeus; the second joint of the flagellum is slightly more than half as long again as the third. The seventh tergite has the apical half of the sides feebly sinuate, and the yellow maculae are a little smaller than in *chrysorrhoeus*, the apical joints of the flagellum are the same as in that species, and, apart from the slight differences indicated, this insect is like *chrysorrhoeus* ♂, of which it probably represents a race. I have not seen the ♀, but the description of the ♂ is based on a specimen from the same locality as the type and determined by Turner.

*S. rubroflavus* Turner (fig. 53). *Loc. cit.* p. 441, ♀. 1916.

♀. 21 mm. long. Ferruginous. Labrum, anterior half of the clypeus, face below the antennae and half-way up the sides, scapes below, temples, pronotal tubercles and posterior margin of the pronotum, ill-defined spots on the mesopleurae, sides of the epinotum posteriorly, a small spot on each side of the first tergite, and large spots on the following tergites, yellow. The second to sixth tergites are ferruginous only at the extreme base, apical margin and in the middle. Sternites 2-5 with large, diffuse and pale yellow spots on each side. Anterior tarsi, and the anterior and middle tibiae on the outside, yellow. Wings hyaline, the veins and the radial cell ochreous. Face and clypeus with

silvery pubescence, elsewhere the pubescence is very scanty and whitish; the epinotum is without a long pilosity. Clypeus and labrum coarsely, shallowly punctured, face sparsely and finely punctured. The mesonotum anteriorly, mesopleurae and epinotum very finely and closely punctured. Elsewhere the sculpture is microscopic, except on the sixth tergite where it is close and stronger than that of the thorax. Mesonotum and scutellum moderately, the abdomen distinctly shining.

Clypeus prominent, the anterior margin strongly concave, the anterior half deflexed, the posterior half subcarinate in the middle. Inner margins of the eyes slightly divergent above and below, nearest together at the level of the antennal sockets, the interocular distance on the vertex very little greater than across the base of the clypeus. Posterior ocelli placed well in front of the line joining the upper margins of the eyes, almost twice as far from each other as from the eyes. Second joint of the flagellum very nearly twice as long as the third, the apical joint a trifle longer than the preceding joint. Sixth tergite elongate triangular, the apex narrowly rounded. Legs rather strongly spinose, the tarsal comb of the fore legs composed of long yellowish spines.

Gambia. Type in the British Museum.

Turner says of the type that the second abscissa of the radius is much shorter than the first, but in the specimen before me (det. Turner), also from Gambia, it is a little longer. This fact furnishes another instance of the unreliability of the venation as a specific distinction.

*S. multicolor* Turner (figs. 54, 54 a). *Loc. cit.* p. 440, ♂, ♀. 1916.

♀. 21 mm. long. Ferruginous. Closely allied to *rubroflavus* from which it differs as follows. Mesosternum and mesonotum excepting the sides, black. Posterior lateral angles of the mesonotum, metanotum and posterior half of the median area of the epinotum, yellow. Basal half of the epinotal dorsum black. Sternites without yellow maculae. Apical tergite ferruginous, with a small yellow spot on each side near the base. Wings hyaline, tinged with yellow, the radial and second and third cubital cells fusco-flavous. Anterior tarsi and middle tibiae entirely ferruginous. Mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum dull, very closely and very finely punctured. Sixth tergite less elongate than in *rubroflavus*, more closely punctured, the apex more broadly rounded. Clypeus less distinctly deflexed in the anterior half, and hardly subcarinate basally. Face slightly wider than in *rubroflavus*. Apical joint of the flagellum curved and blunter than in *rubroflavus*. Otherwise like that species.

♂. 18 mm. long. Mandibles ferruginous. The median area of the epinotum is black with narrow lateral yellow margins. Clypeus very convex but not deflexed anteriorly. Interocular distance on the vertex nearly one-fourth greater than across the base of the clypeus. Antennae inserted higher up than in the ♀, being twice as far from the base of the clypeus as from the eyes. Second joint of the flagellum about two-thirds longer than the third joint, the apical joint very similar to that of *chrysorrhoeus* ♂, not longer than the penultimate, curved, and truncate at the apex. Punctuation stronger than in

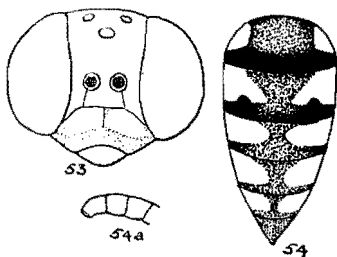


Fig. 53. *Stizus rubroflavus*, ♀, head.

Fig. 54. *Stizus multicolor*, ♀, head; a, ♂, apical joints of flagellum.

the ♀, especially on the dorsum of the epinotum and on the abdomen. Seventh tergite broadly triangular, the apex narrowly rounded.

Uganda.

A ♀ specimen from Sawmills, S. R., which I associate with this species, differs from it only in its smaller size, 16 mm. long, and in the more distinctly deflexed anterior half of the clypeus.

*S. rubellus* Turner. *Ann. Mag. N.H.* ix, p. 342, ♀. 1912.

♀. 19 mm. long. Ferruginous. Labrum, clypeus, face below the antennae and half-way up the sides, scapes below, temples, posterior margin of the pronotum and the pronotal tubercles, a spot on the upper part of the mesopleurae, tegulae, posterior half of the scutellum, metanotum, posterior half of the median area of the epinotum, transverse bands, not sharply defined but confluent with the ferruginous ground, on the fourth and fifth tergites, and sometimes on the second and third, yellow. Tergites 1-3 blackish at the apical margins. Legs ferruginous, the tibiae outwardly yellow. Flagellum reddish ochreous. Wings pale flavo-hyaline, the veins flavo-ferruginous, the radial and upper half of the second and third cubital cells, pale fuscous. Head and thorax dull, abdomen shining. Labrum sparsely and coarsely punctured, clypeus finely punctured, with a few larger punctures in the anterior half. Face and vertex finely and not closely punctured. Thorax very finely, closely and shallowly punctured, but a little less finely on the epinotum and mesopleurae. Tergites 1-5 with a fine, close and shallow puncturation, the sixth tergite fairly strongly and closely punctured, and rounded at the apex. Inner margins of the eyes nearly parallel, the interocular distance on the vertex being only one-sixth greater than across the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum three-fourths longer than the third joint, the apical joint a little longer than the penultimate. Antennal sockets as far from the eyes as from the base of the clypeus. Posterior ocelli twice as far from each other as from the eyes. Tarsal comb composed of long, curved ferruginous spines.

Domira Bay, Nyasaland; Fort Jameson, N.W. Rhodesia.

*S. Marshalli* Turner. *Loc. cit.* p. 344, ♀. 1912.

“♀. 23 mm. long. Black; head, pronotum, sides of the mesothorax, tegulae, scutellum, metanotum, first tergite except at the apex, the apex of the fifth, the whole of the sixth and almost the whole of the sternites, and the legs, ferruginous; clypeus, labrum, scapes below, two small spots below the ocelli, the posterior margin of the pronotum narrowly, a small spot on each side of the first tergite and large spots on each side of the second to fifth tergites, yellow; wings flavo-hyaline, the radial cell infuscated, the veins ferruginous. Clypeus widely emarginate at the apex, nearly three times as broad as long, almost smooth; the labrum short and strongly punctured. Eyes not convergent towards the clypeus; posterior ocelli nearly twice as far from each other as from the eyes. Antennae gradually thickened towards the apex, second joint of the flagellum twice as long as the third. Scutellum without a distinct fovea. Very minutely punctured; median segment finely rugulose; sixth dorsal segment more coarsely punctured, especially towards the apex, which is narrowly rounded. Second abscissa of the radius longer than the first, but only half as long as the third; submedian cell of the hind wing terminating far beyond the origin of the cubitus. The fuscous mark on the radial area of the fore wing spreads over the greater part of the second



and third cubital cells. Pubescence on the thorax short and greyish. The black portion of the abdomen shows a faint iridescent flush."

Salisbury, S. R.

*S. Neavei* Turner. *Loc cit.* p. 343, ♂, ♀. 1912.

♂. 16-18 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus, base of the mandibles, scapes, face below the antennae and at the sides almost as far as the level of the anterior ocellus, posterior orbits, pronotum, tegulae, a spot below them on the mesopleurae, lateral margins of the mesonotum, a band narrowed in the middle on the posterior margin of the scutellum, posterior margin of the metanotum, lateral margins of the median area of the epinotum and of its sides and declivity, transverse bands interrupted on the first tergite, slightly so and covering more than half of the segments on the second to fourth tergites, the fifth and sixth tergites, a large spot on each side of the second sternite and wide bands slightly narrowed medially on the third to sixth sternites, yellow. Posterior third of the sides of the epinotum, first and second sternites, the base of the third and fourth and the whole of the apical segment, pale ferruginous. Legs pale ferruginous, the tibiae outwardly, basal joints of the tarsi and apices of the femora, pale yellow. Flagellum ferruginous. Wings hyaline, the veins ferruginous, the radial cell and greater part of the second and third cubital cells, pale brown. Clypeus and lower half of the face with silvery pubescence. A fairly abundant, short and whitish pilosity on the vertex, thorax and first tergite. Head and thorax dull, face shallowly and sparsely punctured, the punctures mostly oblique, the sides of the epinotum slightly shining and with a very sparse puncturation. Abdomen shining, the sculpture a semi-puncturation, stronger and less close on the sternites than on the tergites, on the latter finer on the basal than on the apical segments. Anterior margin of the labrum obtusely angular. Eyes distinctly convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex a little more than one-third greater than across the base of the clypeus. Antennal sockets nearer to the eyes than to the base of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum one-third longer than the third joint, the apical joint curved, roundly truncate at the apex, not longer than the penultimate. Seventh tergite subtriangular, widely rounded at the apex.

♀. 17-19 mm. long. Upper part of the face, vertex and occiput, metapleurae and sides of the epinotum, ferruginous. The mesonotum sometimes has two short longitudinal streaks of yellow on the anterior half, and the base of the first and second tergites are sometimes ferruginous. Anterior margin of the labrum convex. Clypeus strongly convex, the anterior half slightly deflexed, but not so distinctly as in *rubroflavus*. Eyes slightly less convergent below than in the ♂. Posterior ocelli half as far again from each other as from the eyes. Antennal sockets as far from the clypeus as from the eyes; second joint of the flagellum nearly twice as long as the third, the last joint broadly rounded at the apex, a little longer than the penultimate joint. Sixth tergite coarsely and fairly closely punctured, the apex broadly rounded, in some specimens almost transversely truncate. Tarsal comb composed of long, straight and yellowish white spines.

Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland; Sanyati Valley, S. R. (R. H. R. Stevenson).

The specimens from the Sanyati Valley are deceptively like some *S. chrysorrhoeus* from the same locality, the colouring being exactly the same; they are, however, to be distinguished by the long stiff spines of the tarsal comb and the more broadly rounded apical abdominal segment.

*S. Marnonis* Handl. *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CI, p. 145, ♀. 1892.

"♀. Allied to, and much like the preceding species (*succineus* Klug) but the whole body is ferruginous, neither black nor variegated with yellow, the legs and antennae ferruginous, the flagellum slightly infuscated above. 21 mm. long. Central Africa."

Handlirsch's description of *succineus*, with which this species is compared, is as follows.

"Frontal area below the antennae almost quadrate in the ♂, transverse and wide in the ♀. Labrum rounded and distinctly longer than in *fasciatus*. Wings almost hyaline, without a fuscous cloud on the radial cell, the first transverse cubital vein slightly curved. Last antennal joint in the ♂ not longer than usual, hardly curved, rounded at the apex. Metatarsus of the fore legs in the ♀ with long cilia; sixth tergite rounded at the apex and marginate, not pubescent, coarsely and irregularly punctured. Thorax and tergites very closely and exceedingly finely punctured, with a few large punctures intermixed. Body and face with silvery pubescence. Head ferruginous, the face more or less yellow; thorax ferruginous, the mesonotum, epinotum and sternum more or less blackish. Abdomen yellow above, two oblique spots on the base of the first tergite and the apical margins of that and the following tergites more or less dark ferruginous. Apical segment ferruginous. Sternites ferruginous, and spotted with yellow. Legs ferruginous. Antennae ferruginous, the flagellum fuscous above. 21-27 mm. long."

*S. basalis* Guérin. *Iconog. du Règne anim.* p. 438, ♂, ♀. 1844. Handlirsch, *loc. cit.* p. 148.

"Similar to, and closely allied to *S. vespiformis* Fab. (an East Indian species). Wings fuscous violaceous, the first transverse cubital vein distinctly curved. Body black, the head ferruginous, in the ♂ black behind and with two black spots on the face; pronotum, sides of the mesonotum and very often also the scutellum, metanotum, greater part of the epinotum and sternum and first abdominal segment (partially in the ♂, wholly in the ♀, together with the base of the second segment), ferruginous. Legs dark, antennae pale ferruginous. 18-25 mm. long."

Egypt and Senegal.

*S. atrox* Smith. *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* IV, p. 339, ♀. 1856.

*S. flavomaculatus* Smith, *Ann. Mag. N.H.* IV, p. 404, ♂. 1873.

*S. pentheres* Handl., *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CIV, p. 995, ♂. 1895.

♀. 23 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus, face below the antennal sockets and widely at the sides as far as the level of the anterior ocellus, a small spot on each side of the latter, posterior orbits and the antennae, yellow. The posterior margin and anterior face of the pronotal collar sometimes yellow or reddish yellow. The lateral margins of the mesonotum, very rarely also the scutellum and two longitudinal streaks on the disc of the mesonotum, tibiae, tarsi and apices of the femora, ferruginous. The anterior tibiae below, and sometimes the posterior tibiae and tarsi are black. Wings dark brown, with a violaceous lustre.

Face and clypeus with a short greyish pubescence, the thorax with a scanty, very short and brownish pubescence, the epinotum also with some longer, greyish hairs. The sixth tergite with decumbent fulvous setae, the scutellum sometimes with a short, fulvous pubescence. Head and thorax dull. Head, mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum very closely, shallowly and finely punctured. The mesopleurae have a semi-punctuation, larger

and not so close as on the mesonotum. Dorsum and declivity of the epinotum with round punctures, much stronger than on the mesonotum, the sides of the epinotum very shallowly punctulate and rugulose. Tergites 1-5 fairly shining, with a shallow and not close semi-puncturation, the sixth tergite closely and more strongly punctured. Sternites dull, microscopically punctured. Clypeus two and a half times wider than long. Second joint of the flagellum two-thirds longer than the third joint, the apical joint not longer than the penultimate. The spines on the basal joint of the anterior tarsi are short, barely longer than the apical width of the joint.

♂. 15-20 mm. long. Middle of the face below the antennal sockets and basal two-thirds of the clypeus, black. Third tergite with a curved, pyriform, yellow macula on each side, the second tergite sometimes with a small yellow spot on each side. Puncturation stronger than in the ♀. Second joint of the flagellum nearly half as long again as the third, the apical joint not attenuated, barely longer than the penultimate, rounded at the apex. Posterior ocelli twice as far from each other as from the eyes. Seventh tergite broadly triangular, the lateral margins slightly sinuate over the apical half. Otherwise like the ♀.

Angola; Hoarusib Otshu, S.W. Africa; Uitenhage and Willowmore, C. P.

In the ♂ the yellow markings on the abdomen are sometimes entirely absent and the clypeus is ferruginous except the middle of the basal margin (three examples from Hoarusib Otshu in the South African Museum).

*S. tuberculiventris* Turner. *Ann. Mag. N.H.* ix, p. 345, ♂, ♀. 1912.

"♂. 13 mm. long. Black; clypeus, a broad band on the first tergite, and bisinuate bands on the second to sixth tergites, yellow; labrum, antennae excepting the last five joints, pronotum posteriorly, tegulae, sides of the mesonotum narrowly, legs, first tergite in the middle, the rest on the apical margin, the whole of the seventh, and the sternites more or less, ferruginous; wings dirty hyaline, the apical margin infuscated; anal lobe of the hind wing terminating far beyond the origin of the cubital vein; third sternite armed with a large tooth. Eyes slightly converging towards the clypeus; labrum almost as long as the clypeus, rounded at the apex; clypeus less than twice as broad as long. Antennae separated from the base of the clypeus by a distance almost equal to the length of the scape, second joint of the flagellum nearly twice as long as the third. Posterior ocelli nearly twice as far from each other as from the eyes. Thorax very closely punctured rugose; abdomen more finely punctured; the convergent sulci on the median segment very distinctly marked. Third ventral segment with a strong slightly curved tubercle near the middle; sixth ventral segment with a minute tubercle near the middle, seventh with a low longitudinal carina in the middle. Second abscissa of the radius a little shorter than the first, third cubital cell almost as long on the radius as on the cubitus. Median cell of the hind wing emitting two nervures from the apex, cubitus originating far before the termination of the submedial cell. Anterior and intermediate tarsi longer than the tibiae.

"♀. 15 mm. long. As in the male, but the ventral surface of the abdomen is unarmed; the sixth dorsal segment narrowly truncate at the apex. The apical joint of the antennae is truncate at the apex, not curved; the anterior tarsi with very long spines. The yellow marks on the abdomen are more extensive than in the male, and there is no ferruginous colour on the two basal segments; the apical segment is yellow in the middle. There is no fovea on the scutellum. The general build of both sexes is slender, as in *pentheres* Handl., or even more slender.

"*Hab.* Salisbury, Mashonaland (G. A. K. Marshall), ♂, ♀, April 1900; Simba, British East Africa, 3350 feet, April 1911 (S. A. Neave), 1 ♂; Harar, Abyssinia (G. Kristensen), 1 ♀.

"This is a very distinct species, approaching most nearly to the *fasciatus* group, but distinguished by the armature of the ventral segments of the abdomen of the male, also by the coarse sculpture of the thorax and median segment in both sexes. The first transverse cubital nervure is almost straight, only very feebly bent near the cubitus. The antennae are considerably thickened towards the apex. In the specimen from Abyssinia the wings are fuscous."

#### RUFICORNIS Group.

Closely allied to the *fasciatus* group, from which it differs only in a few minor characters. The ♀ has a shallow pubescent fovea on the scutellum; the apical joint of the flagellum in the ♂ is more attenuated and more curved than in the *fasciatus* group and the first transverse cubital vein is nearly always straight. The vertex, occiput, thorax and base of the first tergite in the ♀ are rather densely pilose, at least much more so than in the *fasciatus* group. The puncturation on the mesothorax is fine and shallow and on the epinotum it is stronger and close, almost reticulate-punctate, the punctures round. The puncturation of the tergites, except the apical one, is oblique. The sternites are shining, very sparsely and finely punctured, with a few larger punctures interspersed. In the female, the second joint of the flagellum is usually twice as long as the third and the apical joint is very little longer than the penultimate joint. Eyes parallel or nearly so. Posterior ocelli about twice as far from each other as they are from the eyes. Basal joint of the fore tarsi about three to four times longer than wide at the apex, longer than the three following joints united. The tarsal comb is composed of long thick spines.

*S. Dewitzii* Handl. (figs. 56, 56 a-c). *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CI, p. 156, ♀, ♂. 1892.

*S. erythrasis* Cameron. *Ann. Trans. Mus.* p. 144, ♀. 1910.

♀. 23 mm. long. Very much like *chrysorrhoeus* in colour, the pattern on the abdomen being exactly the same. On the head, however, the temples and occiput are entirely ferruginous, and the thorax, excepting the pronotum, is somewhat different. The meso- and metathorax and epinotum are black, excepting the lateral margins of the mesonotum, scutellum and the metanotum posteriorly, which are ferruginous. Occasionally the median area of the epinotal dorsum is margined with yellow as in *chrysorrhoeus*. Antennae ferruginous, the scapes yellow below. Wings coloured like those of *chrysorrhoeus*. Head, thorax and first tergite with fairly abundant pubescence and pilosity, yellowish grey on the mesonotum, white elsewhere. Pubescence and pilosity on the abdomen reddish yellow. Middle and hind femora with long whitish pilosity. Puncturation similar to that of *chrysorrhoeus* but the labrum is more coarsely punctured and shining, and the apical tergite is more finely and more closely punctured. Labrum and clypeus strongly convex transversely, the anterior margin of the clypeus very concave. Inner margins of the eyes nearly parallel, only very feebly convergent below; the eyes do not reach the base of the mandibles, being separated therefrom by short cheeks. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first three joints of the flagellum. The antennal sockets are as far from the eyes as from the base of the clypeus, and the frontal area below the antennae is much wider than long. Second joint of the flagellum fully twice as long as the third. Posterior ocelli

nearly twice as far from each other as they are from the eyes. Comb of the anterior tarsi composed of long reddish spines. The basal joint of the fore tarsi is long, nearly four times longer than wide and longer than the three following joints united. Sixth tergite widely rounded at the apex.

♂. 16–18 mm. long. Eyes a little more convergent below than in the ♀. Anterior margin of the clypeus less concave. Antennal sockets nearer to the eyes than to the base of the clypeus; the frontal area below them very little

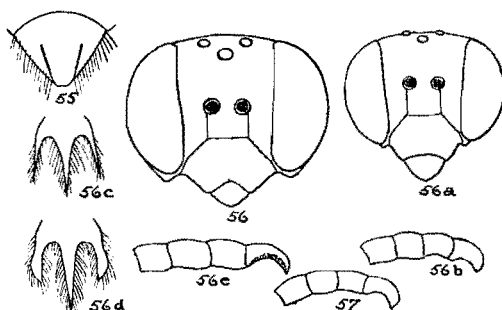


Fig. 55. *Stizus melanurus*, ♀, pygidium.

Fig. 56. *Stizus Dewitzii*, ♀, head; a, ♂, head; b, ♂, apical joints of flagellum; c, ♂, eighth ventral plate; d, var. *hamatus*, ♂, eighth ventral plate; e, var. *hamatus*, ♂, apical joints of flagellum.

Fig. 57. *Stizus Ellenbergeri*, ♂, apical joints of flagellum.

wider than long. Apical joint of the flagellum slightly longer than the preceding joint, strongly curved, rounded at the apex. Seventh tergite very widely rounded at the apex, almost semicircular. Otherwise like the ♀.

Cape Province; Bulawayo, S. R. July to October. R.M. and T.M. colls.

The form with a yellow margin to the median area of the epinotum has been quite unnecessarily separated by Bischoff as a subspecies, *propodealis* (Mitt. Zool. Mus. Berlin, p. 473, 1915). It is only a colour variety which I have taken flying with the typical form.

*S. Dewitzii* var. *hamatus* n.v. (figs. 56 d, 56 e).

♂. 21 mm. long. Apart from its greater size and ferruginous clypeus this variety differs from the type of the species only in two important characters. The apical joint of the flagellum is much more curved, deeply excavated below and narrower and more acute at the apex. The outer rami of the eighth ventral plate are thicker than the median one and are not sharply aculeate as in the type of the species. I can see no appreciable differences in the form of the genitalia.

Bulawayo. Taken flying at the same time and place as the typical form. Type in R.M. coll.

*S. Ellenbergeri* n.sp. (fig. 57).

♂. 14 mm. long. Black. Mandibles except at the apex, labrum, clypeus, face below the antennae and at the sides almost as far as the level of the anterior ocellus, posterior orbits, scapes below, pronotal collar above and the tubercles, yellow. Sides of the mesonotum, tegulae and posterior margin of the scutellum, reddish yellow. Colour pattern on the abdomen like that of *Dewitzii* but the yellow is distinctly brighter, lemon yellow instead of orange yellow. First

and second sternites and the third excepting the sides, black; the second sternite has a small yellow spot on each side; the remaining sternites yellow, somewhat infuscated at the base. Femora ferruginous, the middle pair at the base and the hind pair above, fuscous. Tibiae and tarsi yellow, the former somewhat reddish underneath. Flagellum pale ferruginous below, darker above, the seventh to tenth joints blackish above. Wings hyaline, tinged with yellow, the veins ferruginous, the radial cell fuscous. Face and clypeus with white pubescence, the rest of the head, the thorax and first tergite with yellowish grey pilosity. Pubescence on the abdomen yellow and decumbent. Punctuation like that of *Dewitzii* but a little larger and less close, especially on the mesonotum and abdomen. Labrum very convex transversely, distinctly tumid in the middle at the base, narrower than in *Dewitzii*. Anterior margin of the clypeus almost straight. Antennal sockets farther from the clypeus than from the eyes, the frontal area below them as long as wide. Eyes feebly convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being only a little more than one-third greater than across the middle of the clypeus. Second joint of the flagellum nearly twice as long as the third, the apical joint is much more narrowed towards the apex, longer and more curved than in *Dewitzii*, and has the apex obliquely truncate, which is not the case in *Dewitzii* or its variety *hamatus*. Otherwise like *Dewitzii* ♂.

♀. 15 mm. long. Median area of the epinotum narrowly yellow at the sides. The second sternite is black with a large yellow spot on each side which reaches the apical margin; third sternite with a small black patch in the middle. Otherwise like the ♂ in colour. Anterior margin of the clypeus fairly concave. Eyes nearly parallel. Frontal area below the antennae a little wider than long. Second joint of the flagellum twice as long as the third, the apical joint a little longer than the penultimate, moderately narrowed towards the apex and slightly curved. Scutellum with a fovea covered with fulvous pubescence. Sixth tergite like that of *Dewitzii*.

Leribe, Basutoland, 1 ♂, 1 ♀. (R. Ellenberger). Types in the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris.

*S. ferrugineus* Smith. *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* iv, p. 342, ♂. 1856.

♀. 21–23 mm. long. Ferruginous. Labrum, clypeus more or less, base of the mandibles, face below the antennae and round the anterior ocellus, posterior orbits, occiput above, posterior margin of the pronotum, pronotal tubercles, a spot on the posterior half of the tegulae, sometimes the metanotum and the posterior margin of the median area of the epinotum, yellow. Vertex between the posterior ocelli, mesonotum, mesopleurae excepting a ferruginous spot above, metapleurae and base of the epinotal dorsum, black. Abdomen ferruginous, a small spot on each side of the first, a larger spot narrowed inwardly on the second, and transverse bands narrowly interrupted in the middle on the third to fifth tergites, yellow. Sternites three and four yellow, the rest ferruginous. Legs and antennae ferruginous. Wings hyaline, the veins ferruginous, the costal margin of the radial cell faintly fuscous. Head and thorax with white pubescence and a long whitish pilosity, the pilosity on the last three abdominal segments greyish. Punctuation finer than in *Dewitzii*, on the first two tergites microscopic; the apical tergite is, however, more coarsely punctured than in that species. Sternites, clypeus and labrum as in *Dewitzii*. The eyes are very slightly convergent below. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first two joints of the flagellum plus half of the third. The second joint of the flagellum is twice as long as the third.

The median area of the epinotal dorsum is almost level with the lateral areas, not gibbous posteriorly as in *Dewitzii*. Otherwise like that species.

♂. 18–20 mm. long. Colour like that of the ♀. Apical joint of the flagellum not longer than the preceding joint, slightly more excavated below than in *Dewitzii*, the apex somewhat acute. Otherwise like *Dewitzii* in structural characters.

Gambia; Egypt; Togoland.

*S. Baumannii* Handl. (fig. 58). *Verh. Zool. Bot. Ges. Wien*, LI, p. 508, ♂. 1901.

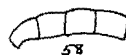
♀. 19 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus, base of the mandibles, face below the antennae and half-way up the sides, scapes below and posterior margin of the pronotum, yellow. Antennae, upper part of the face, vertex, temples and occiput, pronotal tubercles, lateral margins of the mesonotum, tegulae, a spot below them on the mesopleurae, scutellum and metanotum, sternites and the legs, ferruginous. Tergites 3–6 yellowish red. Wings pale flavo-hyaline, the veins ferruginous, the radial and upper half of the second and third cubital cells fuscous. Abdomen shining below, moderately so above on the first two segments, the rest of the body dull. Labrum closely and coarsely punctured, the clypeus sparsely and a little more finely. The puncturation of the mesonotum and scutellum is not very close, that of the first tergite microscopic. The sixth tergite is closely and finely punctured. Clypeus and face with silvery pubescence, the thorax and first tergite with long, whitish pilosity. The shape of the head, length of the antennal joints, etc. is the same as in the preceding species of this group.

♂. 15 mm. long. First three abdominal segments and basal half or less of the fourth, black; the apical and lateral margins of the first three tergites and the middle of the second sternite more or less fusco-ferruginous, the rest of the abdominal segments reddish yellow, otherwise like the ♀ in colour. Tergites 1–3 have a rather conspicuous yellowish-grey pubescence. The puncturation of the tergites is somewhat stronger than in the ♀, especially on the first. The sternites have a fairly strong but not close puncturation. Second joint of the flagellum three-fourths longer than the third, the apical joint hardly longer than the preceding, moderately curved and broadly truncate at the apex. Interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first three joints of the flagellum. Seventh tergite broadly rounded at the apex.

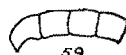
Loangwa Valley, N. Rhodesia; Harar, Abyssinia.

*S. fuscipennis* Smith (fig. 59). *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* IV, p. 344, ♂, ♀. 1856.

♀. 16–20 mm. long. Black, the abdomen with a very distinct violaceous lustre. Labrum, clypeus, base of the mandibles, scapes below, face below the antennae and half-way up the sides, a small spot on each side of the first tergite and larger spots on the second and third tergites, yellow. Upper part of the face, vertex, temples, antennae, posterior margin of the pronotum and the pronotal tubercles, sides of the mesonotum, a spot on the mesopleurae below the tegulae, scutellum, last two abdominal segments, first two sternites and the legs, ferruginous. Clypeus suffused with red over the basal half. Wings pale brown, paler on the apical and hind margins, the veins black. The sculpture is of the kind usual to the *ruficornis* group but distinctly stronger on the mesonotum and tergites than in the preceding species. Second joint of the



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Fig. 58. *Stizus Baumannii*, ♂, apical joints of flagellum.

Fig. 59. *Stizus fuscipennis*, ♂, apical joints of flagellum.

flagellum a little less than twice as long as the third. Inner margins of the eyes almost parallel. Antennal sockets as far from the eyes as from the base of the clypeus.

♂. 15-18 mm. long. Fifth abdominal segment fusco-ferruginous, at least over its apical half, the sixth and seventh ferruginous. Otherwise coloured like the ♀. Punctuation stronger and less close than in the ♀, especially on the abdomen; the sternites almost coarsely punctured in comparison with the tergites. Second joint of the flagellum not quite twice as long as the third; the apical joint very much the same as in *Baumannii* but a little more excavated below. Eyes slightly more convergent below than in the ♀. The antennal sockets are farther from the clypeus than from the eyes. Otherwise like the ♀.

Durban; Scottsburgh, Natal. (R. H. R. Stevenson.)

*S. apicalis* Guérin. *Iconog. du Règne anim.* III, p. 439, ♀. 1844. Smith, *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* IV, p. 339, ♂. 1856.

"Head, thorax, legs ventral surface and apex of the abdomen, ferruginous; face, clypeus and labrum yellow. A yellow band on the margin of the prothorax. The first five abdominal segments reddish, with black apical margins and a broad yellow band in the middle which is narrowed medially and interrupted by a very thin reddish streak. Wings hyaline, lightly tinged with yellow, and with a fuscous spot near the apex. 20 mm. long, ♀. Senegal."

"♂. Length 9 lines (19 mm.). Ferruginous; the scape in front, the apical joint of the flagellum, the labrum, clypeus, the face above as high as the insertion of the antennae, the sides and two spots before the posterior stemmata, yellow; the mesothorax fuscous; the postscutellum and a curved line on the metathorax yellow; the wings and abdomen as in the other sex."

This species is also found in Abyssinia.

*S. fuliginosus* Klug. *Symb. physicae.* Plate 46, fig. 11, ♂. 1845. Handl. *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CI, p. 142, ♀, ♂. 1892.

"Wings dark fusco-violaceous, the apical margin almost as far as the third cubital and second discoidal cells, hyaline. The first transverse cubital vein not curved, the second slightly so. Labrum fairly long. Frontal area below the antennae quadrate in the ♂, the apical joint of the antennae fairly thick, slightly curved and indistinctly truncate at the apex. Scutellum in the ♀ with a distinct median fovea, the sixth tergite rounded at the apex and marginate. Face with a dense silvery pubescence, head and thorax with a moderate greyish pilosity and pubescence. Mesonotum and scutellum moderately densely and moderately coarsely punctured. Body black, face, prothorax, lateral margins of the mesonotum, sometimes also the sides of the thorax and epinotum, first abdominal segment and also the base of the second, more or less dark fusco-ferruginous. Legs and antennae more or less fusco-ferruginous, sometimes almost black. 21-27 mm. long."

Egypt and Gambia.

*S. tenuicornis* Smith. *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* IV, p. 351, ♀. 1856.

"♂. Length 7 lines (15 mm.). Black: the face below the insertion of the antennae, and a narrow line at the inner orbits of the eyes, not running upwards so high as the anterior stemma, the scape in front, clypeus, labrum and outer orbit of the eyes, yellow; a narrow black line runs from the antennae to the base of the clypeus, which has a black spot; the mandibles and antennae fulvous; the first joint of the flagellum very slender, its apex as well as that of the two following produced beneath. Thorax: the prothorax, the meso-



thorax on each side, the tubercles, tegulae, scutellum and legs, ferruginous; the tibiae have a yellow stain above; the wings fusco-ferruginous, the nervures ferruginous. Abdomen: the basal segment has a yellow macula on each side, the three following a broad interrupted band; the fifth and sixth segments yellow, with a central longitudinal ferruginous line; the apical segment ferruginous; beneath, the two basal segments have a large ferruginous macula." Gambia.

*S. lughensis* Magr. *Ann. Mus. Civ. Genova*, xxxix, p. 606. 1898. Turner. *Ann. Mag. N.H.* xvii, p. 439, ♀. 1916.

The following description is Turner's.

"♀. Black; base of the mandibles, labrum, clypeus in the apical half, anterior and posterior orbits widely, face below the antennae, scapes below, posterior margin of the pronotum, metanotum, a transverse and small spot on each side of the first tergite and a wide band interrupted in the middle on the second, yellow; basal half of the clypeus, antennae, pronotum, sides of the mesonotum, tegulae, scutellum, sternites, first tergite, fifth and sixth and base of the second, and the legs, ferruginous; wings fusco-hyaline, the apical margin widely hyaline, the radial cell fuscous, the veins black. 24 mm. long.

Apical joint of the flagellum conical, fully as long as the penultimate; clypeus with a few shallow punctures on the apical half, the basal half with closer and smaller piligerous punctures. Inner margins of the eyes almost parallel. Scutellum with a large puncture or depression near the middle, as in *S. ruficornis*; thorax finely and closely punctured. First dorsal segment much more finely punctured than the rest of the abdomen; sixth dorsal segment very finely and not very closely punctured, rather narrowly rounded at the apex. First transverse cubital nervure straight.

*Hab.* Bohotle, Somaliland."

*S. Ritzemae* Handl. *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, civ, p. 1000, ♀. 1895.

"Allied to *S. ruficornis*. Wings yellowish, very distinctly infuscated over the radial area, the first transverse cubital vein almost straight. Face almost the same as in *ruficornis*. Scutellum with a distinct median pubescent fovea. Sixth tergite fairly widely rounded at the apex and distinctly marginate. Head and thorax with a greyish pilosity, the face with silvery pubescence. Dorsum of the thorax punctured like that of *ruficornis*. The whole body ferruginous, the face and large angular maculae on the sides of the first five tergites yellow, the antennae and legs ferruginous. 25 mm. long. Remarkable for its splendid colour, and easily distinguished from all the other species of the *ruficornis* group. The maculae on the tergites are almost straightly truncate on the inside and lie quite at the sides of the segments, as in *S. caffer*. The wings are distinctly darker than in the allied species. 1 ♀. Leiden Museum, with the label "Nagtglas d'Elmina."

To judge by the description this form does not differ in any way from *S. ferrugineus* Smith except in having the mesonotum ferruginous instead of black.

*S. Franzi* Turner. Turner (emend. nec. *Neavei* Turner). *Ann. Mag. N.H.* xvii, p. 443. 1916.

*S. Neavei* Kohl. *Rev. Zool. Afric.* iii, p. 209, ♀. 1913.

"♀. 17 mm. long. Black. Legs, and here and there the head and thorax, red. Clypeus, labrum, base of the mandibles and lower part of the face, yellow. Wings yellowish brown, the radial cell not infuscated. The apex of the

abdomen obscurely rufescent. Eyes subparallel, slightly convergent towards the clypeus, separated there by about the length of the first two joints of the flagellum. Scutellum with a distinct median fovea. Basal joint of the anterior tarsi with seven spines. Abdomen black, the apical segment rufescent. Posterior orbits, the greater part of the pronotum, the lateral margins of the mesonotum widely, and all the legs, red. The inner orbits and a median line from the antennal sockets to the anterior ocellus, yellow."

Kayambo-Dikulwe, Belgian Congo. 1 ♀. Type in the Congo Museum, Tervueren.

#### TRIDENTATUS Group.

Slender, the abdomen cylindrical-lanceolate. Eyes distinctly convergent below. Antennae slightly clavate, the eleventh joint of the flagellum in the ♂ without an apical spine, the apical joint not strongly curved. Scutellum in the ♀ without a fovea. Wings usually dark; the anal lobe of the hind wing ends far behind the origin of the cubitus, and the medial cell emits two longitudinal veins at its apex. Sternites simple. Temples usually poorly developed, the head being often truncate just behind the eyes. Thorax, excepting the pronotum and sometimes the mesonotum, very strongly punctured with round punctures.

*S. niger* Radosz. (figs. 60, 60 a, b). *Journ. Lisboa*, xxxi, p. 208, ♀. 1881. Turner, *Ann. Mag. N.H.* ix, p. 346, ♂. 1912.

♀. 25-27 mm. long. Black. Wings dark brown, with a very strong violaceous and green lustre, the apical margin very narrowly hyaline. Clypeus and face with a thin greyish pubescence, the epinotum and base of the first tergite with black pubescence, the second sternite with a patch of velvety pile near the base. Elsewhere the body is almost glabrous. Mesopleurae and tergites moderately, the sternites distinctly shining; the rest of the body dull. Head very finely and closely punctured, with a few larger punctures here and there. Mesonotum, scutellum, metanotum and epinotum above and on the declivity closely and strongly punctured, the punctures round; mesopleurae coarsely punctured, less closely below than above.

Sides of the epinotum reticulate-rugose and finely punctured between the rugae. Tergites 1-5 finely and closely punctured, except the middle and apical third of the first which are almost impunctate. Sixth tergite triangular, coarsely, obliquely and not closely punctured, the apex narrowly rounded. Sternites finely and closely punctured at the sides, and with a few larger punctures here and there. Eyes convergent above and below, the interocular distance on the vertex not quite one-fourth greater than across the middle of the clypeus, and equal to the length of the first four joints of the flagellum. Labrum semicircular, as long as the clypeus, strongly convex transversely, with a rounded boss at the base. Face swollen in the middle below the anterior ocellus and with a median longitudinal carina which does not reach the base of the clypeus or the anterior ocellus. Second joint of the flagellum more than twice as long as the third, nearly as long as the third, fourth and half of the fifth; the last joint moderately narrowed towards the apex and longer than the penultimate joint. Posterior

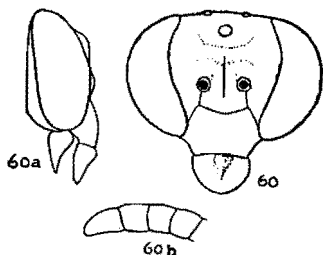


Fig. 60 and 60 a. *Stizus niger*, ♀, head; b, ♂, apical joints of flagellum.

ocelli separated from the eyes by a distance one-third less than the distance between each other. Anterior tarsi with a comb of stiff black spines, of which there are six on the basal joint. Middle and hind tibiae moderately spinose. First abscissa of the radius as long as the second.

♂. 22 mm. long. Flagellum gradually and moderately thickened towards the apex, the second joint nearly two and a half times longer than the third, the apical joint one-third longer than the penultimate, slightly narrowed apically and not so blunt as in the ♀. Puncturation of the abdomen distinctly coarser than in the ♀. Apical tergite broadly triangular, the apex rounded. Otherwise like the ♀.

Angola; Entebbe, Uganda.

*S. fenestratus* Smith. *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* iv, p. 342, ♂. 1856.

♀. 19–21 mm. long. Black. The front wing from the base as far as the origin of the basal vein, and a narrow apical margin not reaching the radial and third cubital cells, and the basal half of the hind wing, hyaline; the rest of the wings fusco-violaceous. Face with a thin greyish pubescence. Dorsum of the epinotum with a dense, greyish silvery and oblique pilosity, hiding the sculpture. Basal two-thirds of the first tergite with a dense decumbent silvery pubescence, the rest of the tergites and sternites with a scanty cinereous pubescence. The second sternite has a dull patch at the base covered with a microscopic black pile. Head dull, microscopically and closely punctured, with a few larger punctures scattered here and there on the clypeus and face. Mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum dull, very closely, obliquely and rather strongly punctured; the mesopleurae more coarsely and less closely punctured than the mesonotum, the sides of the epinotum dull, reticulate-rugose. Tergites fairly dull, closely punctured, the first five finely so. Sternites shining, finely and closely punctured at the sides, sparsely and more coarsely in the middle. Labrum like that of *S. niger*. Face with a short median longitudinal carina as in that species. Second joint of the flagellum two and a half times longer than the third. Interocular distance on the vertex half as great again as across the middle of the clypeus.

♂. 16–20 mm. long. The greyish pubescence on the abdomen longer and more abundant than in the ♀. Sculpture of the thorax and abdomen distinctly coarser than in the ♀. The flagellum is rather abruptly narrowed after the sixth joint and the last joint is one-third longer than the penultimate and rounded at the apex. Seventh tergite broadly rounded at the apex. Otherwise like the ♀.

Gambia; Congo; Southern Rhodesia, Natal and Zululand.

This species cannot be confused with any other of the genus on account of the pilosity of the epinotum and the pubescence on the first tergite. (R.M. and T.M. colls.)

*S. Simpsoni* Turner. *Ann. Mag. N.H.* xvii, p. 443, ♀. 1916.

“♀. 21 mm. long. Black; clypeus, labrum, antennae, face below the antennae, pronotum, tegulae, mesopleurae, sides of the mesonotum, scutellum, metanotum, epinotum and the legs, fusco-ferruginous; the front wing fusco-violaceous, its base as far as the first discoidal cell hyaline, its apical margin hyaline, but not as far as the third cubital cell; the basal half of the hind wing hyaline; epinotum with black pilosity.

Eyes converging towards the clypeus, separated at the base of the clypeus by a distance almost equal to the combined length of the second and third joints of the flagellum. Thorax very closely punctured; median segment more

deeply punctured than the thorax, without an impressed median line, clothed with short, erect, black hairs. First dorsal segment finely and rather closely punctured, the four following segments more closely punctured; sixth dorsal segment with very sparse and large setigerous punctures, narrowly truncate at the apex, the lateral margins near the apex distinctly carinate. Basal joint of the fore tarsus with seven spines."

*Hab.* Yapi, Gold Coast (Simpson).

*S. amoenus* Smith. *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* iv, p. 338, ♀. 1856.

*S. bicolor* Tasch. *Zeitschr. f. d. ges. Nat.* p. 361, ♂. 1875.

"♀. Length 5-6 lines (11-13 mm.). Black; the mandibles, clypeus, scape, and five basal joints of the flagellum, ferruginous; the following joints fuscous; the extreme apex ferruginous. Thorax strongly and very closely punctured; the tegulae and legs ferruginous; the coxae and trochanters black; the wings reddish brown, their base hyaline. Abdomen smooth, shining, and very delicately and closely punctured; the basal segment ferruginous, its extreme base, as well as its apical margin, black; the three apical segments pale ferruginous; the apical margins of the second and third segments obscurely rufo-testaceous; beneath, the basal segment has a central longitudinal carina; the three apical segments pale ferruginous."

West Africa.

*S. Mionii* Guérin. *Iconog. du Règne Anim.* p. 438, ♀. 1844. Handlirsch, *Sitzungsber. K. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, CI, p. 109. 1892.

"Similar to and closely allied to *S. fenestratus*. Abdomen distinctly less densely punctured, but the first tergite with distinct punctures. Head black, the clypeus a little paler. Thorax dark ferruginous, the epinotum concolorous. Abdomen black, the first segment and base of the second dark ferruginous. Antennae fuscous, paler at the base, the legs dark ferruginous. Wings coloured very much as in *fenestratus*, the hyaline apical margin not extending to the third cubital cell. Epinotum with a dense long and pale pilosity. 17-20 mm. long."

Senegal.

*S. funebris* Handl. *Verh. Zool. Bot. Ges. Wien*, L, p. 473, ♀. 1900.

♀. 17 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus, mandibles and frontal area below the antennae, ferruginous. Antennae pale ferruginous, becoming darker towards the apex. Anterior femora, tibiae and tarsi ferruginous, the femora blackish below at the base. Wings fusco-violaceous, the apical margin beyond the cells very narrowly hyaline. Clypeus, face and temples with a greyish silvery pubescence, the abdomen with a scanty cinereous pubescence and the epinotum with a short, sparse and grey pilosity. Head and thorax dull, the abdomen very nearly so. Head closely and microscopically punctured. Thorax strongly punctured, reticulate-punctate, the punctures larger on the mesopleurae than elsewhere. Abdomen with a very close and fine puncturation, the punctures round and shallow; the sixth tergite more strongly punctured than the rest, even coarsely so at the base. Labrum gibbous at the base as in the rest of this group. Second joint of the flagellum about twice as long as the third, the last joint longer than the penultimate. Eyes moderately convergent below, the interocular distance on the vertex being only one-third greater than across the middle of the clypeus. The anterior margin of the clypeus is shallowly concave. Posterior ocelli a little farther from each other than from the eyes. Face with a short median carina extending from the level

of the antennal sockets to half way up to the anterior ocellus. Median area of the epinotum with a thin median longitudinal raised line. Basal joint of the anterior tarsi with five short ferruginous spines.

♂. 14-17 mm. long. Fore legs fusco-ferruginous or black. Head entirely black. Antennae ferruginous, the scapes darker above, the ninth to twelfth joints of the flagellum black above. Sculpture stronger than in the ♀, especially on the abdomen. Otherwise like the ♀.

Victoria Falls and Sawmills, S. R.

A species easily recognised by the very dense and coarse puncturation of the thorax.

*S. persimilis* Turner. *Ann. Mag. N.H.* (9) 1, p. 91, ♀. 1918.

"♀. Black; clypeus, labrum, mandibles, palpi, antennae, posterior margin of the pronotum narrowly in the middle and widely at the sides, pronotal tubercles, lateral margins of the mesonotum in front of the tegulae, anterior femora, middle and hind femora at the apex, tibiae and the tarsi, orange yellow; second tergite with a small spot on each side at the apical angles, the third and fourth with a broad longitudinal fascia on each side, the greater part of the fifth and the whole of the sixth, yellow; wings bluish black. 16 mm. long. The first tergite closely punctured, the sixth sparsely and more finely punctured."

Magadi Junction, British East Africa.

#### SCOLIAEFORMIS Group.

Eyes parallel. Pronotal collar not discoid as in the other groups, the anterior face being oblique instead of vertical; this makes the pronotum appear much longer. Sides of the epinotum transversely compressed, so that the declivity is moderately concave; the lateral margins of the declivity are, however, not excised below. First sternite with a median longitudinal carina and a carina on each side (this is also the case in some of the *tridentatus* group); second sternite longitudinally carinate in the middle. Sixth tergite with a distinctly defined pygidial area, marginate at the sides, covering the greater part of the segment. Antennae slender, filiform. First transverse cubital vein slightly curved; the medial cell of the hind wing emits two longitudinal veins. Abdomen very convex transversely.

*S. scoliaeformis* n.sp. (figs. 61, 61 a-c).

♀. 12.5 mm. long. Face at the sides and below the antennae, and the clypeus, yellow; labrum, mandibles excepting the black apex, vertex, temples, pronotum excepting the black middle portion of the sides, mesonotum, tegulae, scutellum, metanotum and a spot on the mesopleurae below the tegulae, very pale ferruginous; the rest of the thorax black. Abdomen black, the first two tergites with a large spot on each side covering the greater part of the segment, and the third to fifth almost entirely, brownish orange; the base of the sixth tergite with a spot of the same colour on each side at the base. Antennae and legs ferruginous. Wings fusco-hyaline, the veins black. Face, clypeus and labrum with silvery pubescence. Thorax and legs with a dense, microscopic and whitish pubescence, having a pruinose appearance on the mesopleurae. Abdomen with a sparse yellow pubescence and a scanty pilosity of the same colour on the last three segments. Head and thorax dull. Head closely, the pronotum closely and microscopically punctured, the mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum a little more strongly punctured than the pronotum,

the sides of the thorax very finely and closely punctured, the mesopleurae with a few large and round punctures here and there. Dorsum of the epinotum with a close and fairly strong oblique puncturation; the median area is clearly defined at the sides by impressed lines and has an apical sulcus margined by carinae which extend to the bottom of the declivity. Abdomen fairly closely punctured, more so on the sternites than on the tergites, the punctures nearly round, and on the first two tergites nearly as large as those on the epinotum. Pygidial area triangular, about as long as wide at the base, coarsely and not closely punctured, the apex narrowly rounded. Interocular distance on the vertex not greater than across the base of the clypeus, and equal to the length of the second and third joints of the flagellum. Posterior ocelli nearly twice as far from each other as from the eyes. Second joint of the flagellum one-fourth longer than the third, all the joints much longer than wide, the last joint narrowed towards the apex and as long as the penultimate. Clypeus wide and not very convex. Frontal area below the antennae triangular; the antennal sockets nearer to the clypeus than to the eyes. Basal joint of the anterior tarsi with seven short spines; the middle and hind tibiae with a few long spines. First abscissa of the radius nearly twice as long as the second. For the rest, the characters of the group, *q.v.*

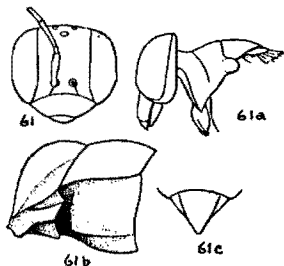


Fig. 61. *Stizus scoliaeformis*, ♀, head; a, ♀, head and pronotum; b, ♀, first two sternites viewed obliquely from below; c, ♀, pygidium.

♂. 12.5 mm. long. Legs and antennae paler than in the ♀, the anterior coxae and the pronotal tubercles pale yellow. Mesopleurae yellow in front, becoming gradually reddish behind. Sternites castaneous. Mesopleurae, sides of the epinotum and the abdomen more strongly punctured than in the ♀. Face narrower than in the ♀. Second joint of the flagellum one-fourth longer than the third. Flagellum long and slender as in the ♀, all the joints simple, and all, except the first, longer than wide. Seventh tergite triangular, rounded at the apex, closely punctured with large, elongated and shallow punctures. Second sternite subcarinate longitudinally as in the ♀, shallowly impressed on each side of the carina, the sixth and seventh sternites simple. Otherwise like the ♀.

Kaross, S.W. Africa 1 ♀, type; Warmbad Koakoveld, S.W. Africa, 3 ♂♂ (type) and 1 ♀. Types in the South African Museum.

Quite unlike any other species of the genus and perhaps deserving to rank as the type of a subgenus. The shape and colour of the abdomen recalls that of *Scolia chrysotricha* Burm.

*S. pubescens* n.sp. (fig. 62).

♂. 21 mm. long. Black. Labrum, clypeus and face below the antennal sockets and half way up the sides, yellow or reddish yellow. The upper half of the face, vertex, posterior orbits, posterior margin of the pronotum, pronotal tubercles, lateral margins of the mesonotum, tegulae and the legs, ferruginous. Sixth and seventh abdominal segments fusco-ferruginous. Antennae pale ferruginous. Fore wing: apical margin, second discoidal and second submedial cells and the inner margin below them, hyaline; the rest of the wing fusco-violaceous. Hind wing hyaline, the veins black. Face and clypeus with yellowish pubescence, the rest of the head and the thorax with a pale brownish grey, long and exserted pilosity. Abdomen with an abundant, blackish and

outstanding pubescence, somewhat more sparse on the first three and the apical sternites than elsewhere. Head dull, microscopically punctured, the face and vertex with a few larger, shallow punctures in addition. Thorax slightly shining, with a shallow, fine and fairly dense semi-punctuation, stronger on the lateral areas of the epinotal dorsum than elsewhere, very fine on the mesopleurae and on the sides of the epinotum. Abdomen with a fairly strong and close semi-punctuation, sparser on the second sternite than elsewhere. The first sternite is not carinate, but the second is feebly so lengthwise in the middle. Head much narrower than the thorax. Antennae very long and slender, extending back as far as the middle of the first tergite, the second to seventh joints much longer than wide, the second two-fifths longer than the third, the last joint attenuated towards the apex and slightly longer than the preceding one. Eyes slightly convergent below; the interocular distance on the vertex equal to the length of the first two joints of the flagellum, and one-fourth greater than across the base of the clypeus. Posterior ocelli farther from each other than from the eyes. Temples narrow above. Labrum transversely elliptical. Median area of the epinotum with a smooth median longitudinal line. Seventh tergite very broadly rounded at the apex.

Kaoko Otavi, S.W. Africa. 2 ♂♂. March. Types in the South African Museum.

In the absence of the ♀ I am unable to determine the group to which this species belongs. It is very distinctly characterised by the unusual colour pattern of the wings, the long antennae and the dense pubescence of the tergites.

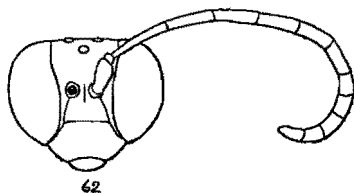


Fig. 62. *Stizus pubescens*, ♂, head.

