Hab. Guatemala (Boucard).

This species was believed by Porat to be very nearly allied to, if not identical with, S. mysticus, Sauss., but to differ in having the anal sternal plate rounded or angled, not emarginate, and the first tergal plate with its antero-lateral border less excavated.

13. Spirobolus reptans.


Colour (dry specimen) brownish, posterior border of segments ferruginous or blackish; feet and antennae fuscous.

Head shining, impressed with punctures and wrinkles; median sulcus interrupted; labral pores 4 to 5 on each side. First tergal plate with the lateral portion acutely triangular, anteriorly sulcate and emarginate. Second tergal plate scarcely extending below the level of the first and not excavated beneath. Rest of the segments strongly and equally punctate and coriaceous; transverse sulcus distinct but not deep; the lateral sulci extending up to the pores. Anal segment with tergal plate punctate, obtusely angled posteriorly; valves rugose, with margins compressed; sternal plate posteriorly rounded.

Number of segments 45–46. Length 60 millim.; width 7, of first tergal plate 6.

Hab. Mexico, Guanajuato (E. Dugès).

This species seems to differ from all those here referred to Spirobolus in having the inferior margin of the second tergal plate produced scarcely below the level of the angle of the first, and since its margin is not thickened the segment does not present the appearance of being excavated below.

The following two species, which are unnamed and referred to the genus Rhinocricus, seem to belong without doubt to Spirobolus:—


Hab. Guatemala (Rodriguez).


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CYCLOTHYROPHORUS, gen. nov.

Nearly allied to Spirobolus, but with the valves of the anal segment strongly convex, their margins not compressed or sulcate, but incurred so as to form a re-entering angle or deep triangular groove where they meet in the middle line (Tab. VII. fig. 8b). Lateral portions of the first tergal plate narrowed, triangular, leaving the mandible largely exposed.

Type, C. salvini.

In addition to the type-species, I refer tentatively to this genus the three forms described as Spirobolus nietanus, heteropygus, and vulcanus, which, so far as I can judge,