satisfactory solution of the difficulty. Probably about a score of species are known, the
genus having a similar distribution to Bolitobius. The Central-American species are
aberrant, but nevertheless the structure of their palpi is sufficiently congruous with
what we find in the European species of the genus to allow me to avoid their separation
at present.

1. Megacronus oscillans.
Niger; antennarum basi, palpis pedibusque rufo-obscuris, abdomine nigro-piceo spicce rufescente; elytris
crebris seriatis punctatis.
Long. 8 millim.

_Hab._ GUATEMALA, San Gerónimo (Champion).

Three basal joints of antennæ obscure yellow or red, penultimate joint scarcely so
long as broad. Thorax much broader than long, very shining black. Elytra very
elongate, but not twice as long as the thorax, regularly covered with incomplete
punctures. Hind body rather sparingly punctate, very acuminate.
The colour of the legs, palpi, and base of the antennæ readily separates this insect
from _M. nigerrimus_; the form of the maxillary palpi is also a little different, they being
in _M. oscillans_ more truly of the form characteristic of the genus, though unusually long
and slender.

Only a single individual has been found.

2. _Megacronus nigerrimus._ (Tab. VII. fig. 18.)
Totus nigerrimus; elytris crebres fortiter seriatis punctatis, abdomine crebris punctato.
Long. 10 millim.

_Hab._ PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui 3000 to 4000 feet (Champion).

Head very short; penultimate joints of antennæ evidently transverse. Thorax black,
very shining, with a transverse series of six, very distant, fine punctures near the front
margin, and a similar series in front of the basal margin. Elytra longer than the
thorax, each with seven or eight series of very distinct punctures; the sutural series
rather denser and more regular than the others, the two or three external series less
regular. Hind body with the basal segment broadly impunctate in the middle; the
other segments rather closely punctate, especially on the basal portion of each.

Only one specimen has been met with.

3. _Megacronus acuminatus._
Gracilis, piceus; antennarum basi palpisque testaceis; elytris ad basim rufoscentibus, fortiter, regulariter
seriatis punctatis; abdomine crebre punctato, apice rufa; antennis fore gracilibus articulis nullis
transversis.
Long. 6½ millim.

_Hab._ PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui 2000 to 3000 feet (Champion).