Head orbicular; antennæ with the three basal joints yellow, the others dark, the penultimate joints slightly transverse; palpi fuscous. Thorax broader than long. Elytra a little longer than the thorax, of a pale brownish colour, broadly dark about the suture, finely and rather closely punctate; scutellum closely punctate. Hind body rather sparingly punctate; the hind margin of the penultimate segment rather broadly red, the following segment red with a black patch on the middle; terminal styles red, fuscous towards the extremity.

Four individuals have been found; the one figured is from San Gerónimo.

4. Quedius illatus.

Parvus, niger; antennarum basi pedibusque testaceis, elytris rufo-brunneis; abdomine versicolore, segmentis apicalibus margine posteriore rufescente, crebris punctato.

Long. 6 millim.

Hab. MÉXICO (Flohr), Jalapa (Höge); GUATEMALA, Sinanja in Vera Páz; PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui up to 4000 feet (Champion).

Antennæ scarcely thicker externally; the three basal joints red, the others darker; tenth joint as long as broad. Head orbicular. Thorax short, much broader than long, much narrowed in front, like the head shining black. Scutellum densely punctate; elytra of a dark red colour, closely and finely punctate. Hind body strongly metallic, with purplish or iridescent reflections, closely punctured, and with much black pubescence; the hind margin of the penultimate segment lurid red or yellow, the terminal segment with this colour more extensive on the hind margin; terminal styles red, with long, dense, black pubescence.

Although widely distributed, this is apparently not a common species, as I have seen altogether only ten individuals. The specimens from Mexico and Guatemala have the legs nearly black, but do not apparently differ in other respects.

§ 3. Genæ with a raised margin; elytra polished, with only a few setigerous punctures, which are arranged in a serial manner, and in addition with a very regular series of conspicuous punctures contiguous with the epipleural margin.

5. Quedius basiventris. (Tab. VIII. fig. 5.)

Rufo-testaceus, politus, nitidissimus; capite abdominisque segmentis dabus basalibus nigris; elytris sublaxigliatis punctis nonnullis setigeris subobsoletis impressis, abdomine parce punctato.

Long. 7–8 millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Volcan de Atitlan about 3000 feet, Mirandilla 1700 feet, Las Mercedes, Pantaleon, San Isidro (Champion); PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui between 2500 and 4000 feet (Champion).

Antennæ yellow, a little thicker towards the extremity, the three or four penultimate joints a little sub serrate internally. Head orbiculate, but a good deal narrower than