the thorax; this latter without discoidal punctures. Elytra about as long as the thorax, each with about a dozen irregularly placed obscure punctures, each of which bears a conspicuous erect black seta, the larger of these setae being three or four placed at each outside; touching the epipleural margin there is a series of obscure punctures, the punctures on the posterior part of this series distant and obsolete. Hind body with the two basal segments black, strongly iridescent. The male has a slight emargination in the middle of the hind margin of the last ventral plate.

This species apparently varies much in colour: all the red parts may become black, except the antennae, legs, and two apical segments of the hind body, and, on the other hand, the head may be in greater or less extent red. From Panama I have seen only two individuals, both of them extreme colour-varieties, but very different from one another.

This insect was found amongst branches cut from trees.

6. Quedius jocosus. (Tab. VIII. fig. 6.)

Nigerrimus, nitidus, capite abdomineque nigris, hoc apice late rufo-testaceo, pedibus testaceis; elytris thoracis longitudine, punctis nonnullis magnis seriatis impressis; abdomen crebre subtiliter punctato.

Long. 10½ millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, near the city, at an elevation of 5000 feet (Champion).

The head is broad and short, shining black, the clypeal membrane pale, almost ivory-like, the mandibles and palpi red. The punctures on the elytra are rather large, and are disposed serially, five or six along the suture; a similar number on a series within the shoulder, two punctures being interposed on the disk between these two series; at the epipleural margin there is a regular series of twelve to fourteen setigerous punctures, and above these there are at the side three or four elongate outstanding black setae. The basal segment of the hind body has only a few punctures, a large space on it being bare, but the segments beyond the second are rather closely and regularly punctate; the pale colour is confined to the two terminal segments and the apical processes. The male has a deep notch on the last ventral segment.

Mr. Champion found three individuals of this elegant insect running on the banks of streams, and I have for some years preserved an individual in my collection. There is no sexual difference of coloration.

7. Quedius graciliventris.

Nigerrimus, nitidus, politus; capite inter antenas abdominisque apice rufis; mandibulis, palpis, antenarum basi pedibusque anterioribus testaceis, pedibus intermediis fusco-testaceis, tarsis nigris; elytris longioribus quam prothorax, punctis nonnullis haud magnis impressis; abdomen gracile fere impunctato.

Long. 9 millim.

Hab. PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui between 2000 and 6000 feet (Champion).

The head is orbicular, but not very large; the red colour on its anterior part is only