and distinctly sinuate there, punctured like the head, with an obscure, short, smooth space in front of the scutellum. Elytra longer than the thorax. Hind body black, the three basal segments only very minutely variegated at the sides and middle with white hairs, the three apical segments more broadly and distinctly variegated with white at the base. Breast rather densely clothed with white pubescence; hind body beneath quite sparingly punctate.

The unique individual found is a male, and has a slight broad emargination of the apical segment: the species has a resemblance to S. cyanomelas, but is very distinct on account of its variegated hind body, longer basal joints to the antennae, and other characters; it is more nearly allied to S. optatus, but has no violet tint in its blue colour, has a larger head, with the eyes occupying a slightly less extent of the sides, and more elongate basal joints to the antennae.

38. Staphylinus belti. (Tab. IX. fig. 23.)

Minutus latus, nigro; capite thoracique lato cyanaeis, nitidis, crebre minus fortiter punctatis, nigro-pubescentibus; elytris opacis, subcyanaeis, nigro-tomentosis, parum distincte albido-nebulosis; abdomine nigro-tomentoso, albido-variegato.

Long. 19 millim.

Hab. NICARAGUA, Chontales (Belt).

This is a very distinct species, with eyes for this genus more than usually prominent, occupying just over one half the length of the sides of the head; the sides of the thorax are strongly sinuate in front, and there is an impunctate line along the middle. The hind body has the three basal segments spotted with white at the sides, not in the middle; the fifth and seventh segments are broadly marked with white. The under surface bears much white pubescence. Although of narrower form than the average of the genus, the middle coxae are widely separated; the ligula is broad, and its two slightly separated lobes are each distinctly rounded.

A single female example is all I have seen.

39. Staphylinus mendicus.

Niger; capite thoracique cyanaeis, nitidis, crebre fortiter punctatis; elytris cyanaeis, subopaciis, nigro-pubescentibus; abdomine subnudito, apicem versus albido-variegato.

Long. 20 millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Zapote (Champion); ?COSTA RICA (Van Patten).

Head broad, not narrowed in front, eye occupying rather more than half the length of the side, with a rather coarse but not close punctuation, so that the interstices are larger than the punctures. Thorax quadrate, but little narrowed and sinuate in front, rather coarsely not densely punctate, shining, with only a very narrow and indefinite impunctate line down the middle. Elytra of a similar colour to the head and thorax, but not shining; very indistinctly punctate. Hind body almost destitute of tomentum,