Hab. PANAMA, Peña Blanca 3000 to 4000 feet (Champion).

This is allied structurally to P. serpens of the preceding group, but is readily distinguished by the sculpture of the head, which consists of a rather fine but not dense punctuation covering all the surface except a very fine space on the middle. The rather slender thorax is conspicuously narrowed behind, and the anterior angles are greatly depressed and rounded; the elongate lateral seta is placed at a distance from the side margin, and there are only six or seven punctures on each side in addition to the discoidal series. The male has apparently no external mark of its sex, and the front tarsi are quite slender.

Only three examples, unfortunately in bad preservation, have been met with; in the figure the antennæ should have been more slender than they are represented.

This and the two following species have the basal joint of the hind tarsi much shorter than the apical joint, and there can be little doubt they will prove entitled to generic isolation, possibly in combination with P. serpens and its allies, though in these latter the basal joint of the tarsus is not so much shortened.

87. Philonthus approximans.

Gracilis, nigerrimus; capite subquadrato, crebrisius subtiliter punctato; antennis elongatis; prothorace elongato, angusto, quam elytra multo angustiores, posterius fortiter angustato, serie discoidali circiter 8-punctato; elybris abdomeque crebrisius minus subtiliter punctatis.

Long. 7 millim.

Hab. PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui 4000 to 6000 feet (Champion).

This, to judge from a single example in bad preservation, is a species very closely allied to P. championi, but of intense black colour, with more slender thorax, and rather coarser punctuation.

88. Philonthus elegans.

Gracilis, niger; antennam bosi pedibusque piccis; capite suboblongo, crebrisius subtiliter punctato; antennis elongatis; prothorace elongato, gracili, quam elytra fore duplo angustiore, posterius fortiter angustato, serie discoidali irregulariter circiter 8-punctato; elybris crebrisius profunde fortiter punctatis; abdomine crebris sat fortiter punctato.

Long. 7 millim.

Hab. PANAMA, Peña Blanca 3000 to 4000 feet (Champion).

Though rather closely allied to P. championi, this species will readily be recognized by the narrow head and thorax, and the coarser and very definite punctuation of the elytra.

Only one example has been met with.

BELONUCHUS.

Belonuchus, Nordmann, Staph. p. 129, t. 2. f. 2; Er. Gen. et Spec. p. 419.

As already remarked (ante p. 396), this genus is at present systematically distin-