species from *N. nigricans*. *N. densus* has the front tarsi rather more dilated and a smaller head.

Two female examples; in one, which is immature, the elytra are piceous. The individual from Mexico is in bad preservation, but appears to be a variety of the same species.

**MESPALERUS.**

Corpus depressum. Mandibula sinistra bidentata, dextra tridentata. Labrum breve, fere recte truncatum. Tarsi antiores haud dilatati; posteriores breves, articulis secundo, terto quartoque subaequalibus, articulo basali parum elongato, sed quam secundus bene longiore.

This genus, though closely allied to *Neomedon*, seems quite distinct by the above characters. The only species I know are those described below.

1. **Mespalerus praeustus.**

Angustulus, depressus, nigricans, nitidus, antennis rufis, pedibus fuscis, tibibus dilutioribus, tarsi testaceis; elytris dimidio basali rufo-lurido, subtiliter punctatis, capite prothoraceque fortiter punctatis. Long. 4½ millim.

_Hab. Guatemala, Aneytuno, San Gerónimo, San Joaquin, Balheu (Champion)._

Antennae short and rather stout, the third joint slightly longer than the second. Head large, quadrato, coarsely, very closely and regularly punctate, shining; eyes small. Thorax small, transverse, narrowed behind, coarsely and closely punctate, with a very fine smooth line down the middle, the punctuation not so coarse and close as that of the head. Elytra long and narrow, finely punctate, shining; the basal portion largely red, the apical portion black, the division between the two colours rather indefinite. There is scarcely any external difference between the male and the female.

2. **Mespalerus flavipennis.** (Tab. XIV. fig. 16.)

Angustulus, depressus, nitidus, fuscescens, capite negro, antennis, elytris pedibusque testaceis; capite quadrato, erebre fortiterque punctato. Long. 4 millim.

_Hab. Guatemala, Zapote, San Gerónimo, El Jicaro (Champion)._  

This insect is very closely allied to *M. praeustus*, and is of similar flat, parallel form; it is, however, rather smaller in size, and the punctuation is not quite so coarse; and, though the two examples are rather immature, I have little doubt the coloration will be found constantly more pallid.

One example from each locality; the specimen figured was taken at San Gerónimo.

3. **Mespalerus debilis.**

Angustior, sat depressus, nitidus, nigricans, antennis fusco-rufis, pedibus testaceis, elytris basin versus vage rufescuntibus; capite quadrato, dense fortiterque punctato; prothoracice minus transverso, fortiter sub-obsolete punctato, medio linea hervigata; elytris subtiliter minus dense punctatis. Long. vix 3½ millim.