species also inhabit North America. Only sixteen species are described, and most of these are from the Amazon valley; eight inhabit Central America. These insects are found on the sandy banks of streams (Champion).

1. **Echiaster solitarius.**

Elongatus, fusces, capite prothoraceque ferrugineis, elytris ad basin flammulatim testaceo-signatis, antennis pedibusque flavis.
Long. 5 millim.

*Hab. PANAMA, David (Champion).*

Antennæ about as long as the head, a little thicker externally; third, fourth, and fifth joints longer than broad, the sixth small, as long as broad, the penultimate joint slightly transverse. Head opaque, longer than broad, the sides curvate behind the eyes. Thorax very long, twice as long as broad, only one half the width of the elytra, much narrowed in front, less so behind, not impressed, and like the head coarsely but indistinctly sculptured. Elytra rather longer than the thorax, remarkably coarsely punctured; fuscous, with two basal longitudinal marks, the inner one extending further backwards than the outer. Hind body with the four basal segments very coarsely sculptured, fuscous, the next segment smooth, black.

This insect is allied to the Amazonian *E. signatus*, but is smaller and more coarsely sculptured, with the head narrower, and more curvate at the sides. Unique.

2. **Echiaster flum.** (Tab. XV. fig. 13.)

Elongatus, angustus, opacus, testaceus, elytris dimidio apicali nigro, abdomine ad apicem fusco variegato.
Long. 3 millim.

*Hab. GUATEMALA, Panzos, Coatepeque (Champion); NICARAGUA, Chontales (Janson).*

Antennæ short, the four penultimate joints strongly transverse, the third, fourth, and fifth joints small. Head large, rather broad, subtruncate behind, the hind angles rounded, the eyes placed at the middle of the sides, densely and finely sculptured, dull. Thorax rather small, longer than broad, only about one half the width of the head, obscurely carinate along the middle. Elytra a little longer than the thorax, festooned behind with black. Hind body very slender and elongate, quite finely sculptured, the penultimate segment in greater part infuscate, the terminal segment with fuscous hairs behind.

Three examples.

3. **Echiaster orbifer.**

Testaceus, opacus, confertissime punctatus, abdominis segmentis duobus ultimis nigris; capite lato, orbiculato, oculis magnis.
Long. 3 millim.

*Hab. PANAMA, San Miguel in the Pearl Islands (Champion).*