1. **Oxyporus mexicanus.** (Tab. XVIII. fig. 1.)


*Hab.* Mexico, Oaxaca (*Sallé*), Juquila (*Sallé, Höge*).

2. **Oxyporus flohr.** (Tab. XVIII. fig. 2.)

Testaceus; mandibulis fasciisque duabus, una ad eylorum apicem, altera ante abdominis apicem, nigris; capite infra pectoreque fusci.

*Long.* 10 millim.

*Hab.* Mexico, Alto del Tizar (*Flohr*).

Antennæ entirely yellow. Thorax small, not so long as broad, rounded at the sides. Elytra with two irregular discoidal series of punctures, the black band broader at the outer angle.

I am indebted to Mr. Flohr for two examples of this distinct species; both are rather immature.

Subfam. **OXYTELINÆ**.

For the purposes of this work, this subfamily will comprise, not only Erichson's tribe 'Oxytelini,' but also his 'Piestini,' 'Phleocharini,' and 'Proteinini,' as I find it quite impossible to distinguish these smaller tribes, now that we are acquainted with a much greater number of forms than were known to Erichson fifty years ago. There is in this division of the Staphyliniæ great variety in the form of the anterior coxae and the pieces of the prothorax adjacent to them, but the modifications are so gradual that it would be very difficult to use them for taxonomical purposes; it will probably be found more advantageous to make use of the structure of the front of the head and the number of joints in the tarsi as the means of classification.

**Group OSORIINA.**

**OSORIUS.**


This genus comprises about thirty species, and is widely distributed in the warm and temperate regions of the Old and New Worlds, though not found in Europe. America north of Mexico has two or three species, but the greater number of those known to me inhabit South America.

These insects are said to live in decaying wood. Mr. Champion found the greater part of his specimens living in sand on the banks of streams after the manner of *Bledius*, one or two were, however, found by him in very wet rotten wood; he also frequently captured examples on the wing. *Osorius* would appear to take the place of *Bledius* in Tropical America, the latter being represented only by a small number of inconspicuous species in this region.