sharply raised. So far as it goes, the imperfect description of *P. reticulata* agrees very nearly with *P. flexuosa*; but there are discrepancies in several details. The very sharply raised carinae form two zigzag series on the disc of each elytron, these being here and there connected with each other and with the suture before the middle by oblique rami. Our figure and description are taken from the Bugaba specimen.

3. *Porphyraspis marginata.* (Tab. V. fig. 12.)

Rotundate, short, very convex, pitchy-black, very shining, the margins of the prothorax and elytra, narrowly, the front of the head, the antennae, legs, and under surface, flavo- or rufu-testaceous. Head almost smooth, finely canalicate in front; antennae short, only extending a little beyond the humeri, considerably thickened towards the tip. Prothorax short, broadly and deeply emarginate in front, and moderately dilated at the sides; the sides rounded, crenulate and somewhat obliquely converging anteriorly; the anterior angles dentiform; the disc convex, smooth behind, rather coarsely punctured in front; the lateral portions deeply excavate, and exceedingly coarsely punctured. Scutellum almost smooth. Elytra very much wider than the prothorax, short, rounded at the sides, widest at the middle, deeply emarginate in front, obtuse behind, the humeri prominent and somewhat dentiform; the disc gibbous, with irregular series of coarse, deep, partly confluent impressions, and a prominent, smooth, humeral callus, the suture sharply raised, a sharp carina extending obliquely outwards from it before the middle, this being connected anteriorly with a carina extending forwards to the base midway between the humeral callus and the suture, and posteriorly with a carina extending along the second interstice to the apex, the other interspaces irregularly transversely plicate; the margins moderately expanded, with series of very coarse punctures, the interspaces transversely plicate. Beneath shining, almost smooth.

Length 3¢4–3¢3; breadth 3 millim.

*Hab. Guatemala, Panzos and Sabo in Vera Paz, Cerro Zunil (Champion), Coban (Conradt).*

Six examples. In having the prothorax and elytra margined with flavo-testaceous, this small species resembles *P. rugosa*, Boh., from Brazil; but it differs from that insect in the sculpture of the prothorax and elytra, and in its smaller size. The sculpture of the elytra somewhat resembles that of *P. sanguinea* (Fabr.), *P. coccinea*, Boh., &c.

**TAUROMA.**


A Tropical-American genus containing numerous species, two only of which belong to the Central-American fauna. According to Chapuis's arrangement, both these belong to his subgenus *O mocera*, *Tauroma* proper belonging to the South-American continent.

1. *Tauroma casta.* (Tab. V. figg. 13, 14.)


*Tauroma ceruleopunctata*, Boh. loc. cit. p. 56.

*Hab. Guatemala* (Scherzer, in coll. Baly); *Nicaragua* (Sallé), Chontales (Belt,