black, the front part of the pronotum being always red; the two broad light bands on the tegmina are either red or yellow. There is a single specimen from Guatemala in the Vienna Museum belonging to the same form, with the bands red, labelled _Sphenorhina trifasciata_, Signoret, in litt. I have only seen one example of the typical _T. sororia_ from Central America, although it appears to be the most abundant of the Cercopidae in the northern districts of South America; it has the head, pronotum, and scutellum entirely red, and the tegmina black, with two broad yellow bands. The form in our collection appears to replace it further north, and is no doubt identical with _Cercopis bicineta_, Say. Of this insect, Say says that it "resembles the _rubra_, Linn., and _sororia_, Germ., but is sufficiently distinct"; the difference, however, only appears to be one of colour, and the species is evidently variable in this respect.

In the Vienna Museum collection are four specimens named _Sphenorhina tricolor_, Signoret, in litt., which only differ in having the base of the tegmina yellow (unicolorous with the front band), and two named _S. flavicineta_, Signoret, in litt., which have the hinder band wanting; they are, however, only varieties of the typical _sororia_ form, and serve to show how it varies in colour. Some of the same varieties may be seen in the British Museum collection. Two forms from the Volcan de Chiriqui are figured.

22. _Tomaspis laterinotata_, sp. n. (Tab. XI. figg. 22, 22 a.)

Oblongo-ovata, sat angusta, rufo-brunnea, capitae sat magno, metopidio haud producto, rotundato; pronoto sat fortiter rugoso-punctato; tegminibus utroque macula albidæ elongata, pone humeros, marginem vix attingente, sat fortiter sculpturatis, apicibus haud reticulatis; corpore subitus dilutioni, pedibus brunneo-testaceis.

Rathor long, oblong-ovate, of a dark castaneous or rufous-brown colour, with two abrupt whitish spots on the tegmina behind the shoulders, which are elongate and scarcely touch the margin, a very thin line of darker colour separating them from it, except just at the base; head rather large, with the metopidium rounded, not compressed or produced; pronotum rugosely and rather strongly, but not deeply, punctate; sculpture of the tegmina comparatively strong, the apicis not reticulata; clavus separated from the corium by a deep furrow; underside light testaceous; legs testaceous.

Long. 10 millim.; lat. max. 4½ millim.

_Hab._ Mexico (_Mus. Oxon._).

23. _Tomaspis postica_. (Tab. XI. figg. 18, 18 a.)

_Monecephora postica_, Walk. List of Homopt. Ins., Suppl. p. 177 (1858) !.

_Tomaspis pictipennis_, Stål, Stett. ent. Zeit. xxv. p. 63 (1864) !.


There is a large series of this pretty and distinct species in our collection. A single example from Costa Rica belongs to a somewhat dark variety. We figure a specimen from Teapa.