

There seems to have been some confusion as to the character of the eyes of *Bucranium*. In the description of the type-species, *B. taurifrons*, O. P.-Cambr. [P. Z. S. 1881, p. 773], it is stated that "the interval between those (the eyes) of the fore-central pair is distinctly greater than that between each and the fore-lateral next to it, while that between the hind-centrals is considerably less than that between each and the hind-lateral next to it," which cannot be correct.

In the comparison between this genus and *Majella* (Biol. Centr.-Amer., Arachn. Aran. i. p. 191), it is stated that "in *Bucranium* those (the eyes) of each of the two rows are equidistant," which is most probably the case, for examples which I identify as *B. taurifrons* from the Amazons, whence the type-species came, are before me, and the eyes of both rows are approximately equidistant. *Majella* is probably a valid genus, but whether this be so or not depends on the characters of forms which may be found in the future. In any case, if *Majella* is to stand *Bucranium spinigerum* must be referred to it, and not to *Bucranium*, for it presents precisely the same differences from *B. taurifrons* that *Majella affinis* does.

Two species have hitherto been described from Central America, and a single example only of each is known. If really distinct, they may be recognized thus:—

- a.* The anterior pair of tubercles on the abdomen missing from the central quadrangle. The posterior pair form, with two lateral tubercles, a procurving row of four tubercles *affinis*, O. P.-Cambr.
- b.* Four large spinigerous tubercles forming a quadrangle on the central anterior dorsal area of the abdomen. The anterior pair form with another tubercle on each side a recurving row of four tubercles *spinigera*, O. P.-Cambr.

1. ***Majella affinis***. (Tab. XI. figg. 6, 6 *a*, ♀.)

Majella affinis, O. P.-Cambr. Biol. Centr.-Amer., Arachn. Aran. i. p. 191, t. 24. figg. 3, 3 *a-d* (♀)¹.

Type, ♀, in coll. Godman & Salvin. Total length 4.5 millim.

Hab. MEXICO, Atoyac in Vera Cruz (*H. H. Smith*¹).

2. ***Majella spinigera***. (Tab. XI. figg. 7, 7 *a-c*, ♀.)

Bucranium spinigerum, O. P.-Cambr. Biol. Centr.-Amer., Arachn. Aran. i. p. 87, t. 11. figg. 11 *a-d* (♀)¹.

Type, ♀ immature, in coll. Godman & Salvin. Total length 5 millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA (*Sarg*¹).

This species is very closely allied to, if not identical with, *M. affinis*. The four central tubercles on the anterior portion of the abdomen are, however, clearly marked; whereas in *M. affinis* the two anterior tubercles are absent. The vulva in the case of *M. spinigera* is not fully matured, while *M. affinis* is adult.