

1. **Sceptobius dispar.** (Tab. V. fig. 23, ♂.)

Fusco-niger, pedibus fusco-ferrugineis, antennis ferrugineo-testaceis, opacus, dense subtilissime pubescens, subtilissime punctatus.

Long. $3\frac{1}{2}$ millim.

Mas antennis pedibusque elongatis.

Fem. antennis pedibusque mediocribus, illis rigidulis consolidatis.

Hab. MEXICO (*Truqui*).

Antennæ in the male nearly as long as the body, destitute of setæ; third joint large; terminal joints closely articulated, so as to have little mobility (as in many other Myrmecophilous Staphylinidæ); terminal joint very elongate, as long as the two preceding together. Head very finely, scarcely visibly punctulate. Thorax nearly as long as broad, a little narrowed behind; in the female rather shorter, and distinctly narrowed behind, scarcely visibly punctate, very finely pubescent. Elytra extremely short, especially at the suture, where they are not half so long as the thorax, extremely finely punctate. Hind body getting broader till the fifth segment is reached, excessively densely and finely punctate and pubescent.

The differences between the sexes is very great. In the female the antennæ, after the third joint, are abbreviated, and their joints amalgamated so as to form an elongate solid piece, the sutures between the joints, however, being visible; the head is smaller than in the male, and more truncate behind, so as to be almost triangular in form; and the prothorax and afterbody are broader. The legs in this sex are probably of ordinary size. In the male the middle and hind legs are elongate, the latter pair being specially large and remarkable, and apparently, from their form and the position they assume, not adapted for locomotion. The tibiæ are stout, and a little oblique-truncate externally at the extremity; the tarsi are large, and continue the direction of the tibiæ; the basal joint is stout and very elongate, almost equal in length to the four following together, each of which is more slender than its predecessor; fourth joint small; fifth slender, almost equal in length to the second joint; claws very minute. In this sex there are no peculiar abdominal structures.

The pair of this species in my collection were captured by Signor Truqui in Mexico; and another pair, obtained from the collection of M. Sallé, is evidently from the same source. The specimens are so extremely fragile that very cautious investigation has caused the detachment of the larger part of what remained of the legs and antennæ of the females. That the species is Myrmecophilous is evident not only from the structure, but from the fact that an ant is mounted along with one of the individuals in M. Sallé's collection.

FALAGONIA.

Facie et summa affinitate generis *Drusilla*, Rey; sed mesosternum aliter formatum.

The insect for which the above generic name is proposed is very closely allied to the