

## CERACIS (p. 223).

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*Hab.* MEXICO, Vera Cruz (*Sallé*).

It is in error that *C. furcifer* is given as a synonym of this species. I was in fact led into the mistake by specimens of *C. furcifer* being labelled *C. militaris* in *Sallé*'s collection; these are those from Tuxtla. The specimens from San Juan in Vera Paz also belong to *C. furcifer*, one of which is figured on Tab. X. fig. 26. I had not at the time the opportunity of verifying these species with M. Mellié's descriptions and figures, which I have now done. The localities given under *C. militaris* on p. 223 all therefore refer to *C. furcifer*, which should follow the present species.

There are, however, eight specimens from Vera Cruz in *Sallé*'s collection which I refer to *C. militaris*, with perhaps a very little uncertainty, the thoracic prominences in the male being a little less pronounced, and the whole insect more cylindrical than Mellié's figure would appear to represent. It is also to be regretted that Mellié was not informed of, or did not give, the precise locality in Mexico from whence his species came. Our species is the smallest I have yet seen of this group; from *C. furcifer* it differs entirely by the two small reflexed projections on the front of the thorax in the male, in which sex the clypeus bears a reflexed ridge in front, which appears to be bidenticulate. The females are of course very difficult to separate, but it is probable that the nearly allied species will not generally occur together; in this species the very small size and cylindrical form will serve for a distinction.

1 (A). **Ceracis furcifer.**

*Ceracis militaris*, Mellié, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr. 1848, p. 379; ante, p. 223 (partim).

To the Guatemala locality given, add:—Yzabal (*Sallé*).

Mellié informs us that he had seen many examples of this species in Melly's collection, from Cayenne and Peru, and in Chevrolat's and Reiche's collection, from Surinam. It appears to me highly improbable that all these really pertained to *C. furcifer*. *Sallé*'s specimens from Guatemala, he says, were taken at Yzabal in a species of *Polyporus*. I apprehend there are many closely allied species\*.

3. **Ceracis quadricornis.**

Oblongus, cylindricus, nigro-piceus, nitidulus, creberrime vix visibilibiter punctatus. Long. 1 millim. ♂.

*Mas.* Prothoracis margine antico bi-denticulato, clypeo in medio bi-elevato.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Tuxtla (*Sallé*).

\* I possess two specimens of a *Cis* from Mexico labelled respectively *Ceracis variabilis* and *Ceracis mutabilis*, Chevrolat. It is in the highest degree improbable that these specimens are correctly named, as both are females; or that a species from Cuba should also occur in the interior of Mexico.