

genus to definitely identify either as an extreme variety of the last-named species, or as constituting in itself a new species. I have inclined to the last view; and the distinct markings of the corium and the colour of the apex of the membrane favour that conclusion.

6. **Dysdercus concinnus.** (Tab. XXI. figg. 11, 12, & 15.)

Dysdercus concinnus, Stål, Ofv. Vet.-Ak. Förh. 1861, p. 198. 2¹; En. Hem. i. p. 121. 17².

Dysdercus mundus, Walk. Cat. Het. v. p. 181. 8³.

Hab. MEXICO^{1 2 3}, Cornuvacca (*Bilimek*, *Mus. Vind. Cæs.*), Presidio (*Forrer*); BRITISH HONDURAS, river Sarstoon (*Blancaneaux*); GUATEMALA, Zapote, Capetillo (*Champion*); NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Janson*); PANAMA, Colon (*Boucard*), Volcan de Chiriqui, 2000 to 3000 feet and 2500 to 4000 feet (*Champion*).—COLOMBIA, Bogota² (*coll. Dist.*), Antioquia², Honda (*Dr. Thieme, coll. Oberthür*), Manaure (*Simons*).

This species is of a very protean character. The head is either red as in fig. 15, spotted with black as in fig. 11, or wholly black as in fig. 12. The scutellum is generally black; but amongst Mexican specimens it is sometimes found to be ochraceous. The anterior margin or collar of the pronotum is usually white, but sometimes marked with black as in fig. 11. The femora are either reddish or partly so, or wholly black, as shown by the varieties here illustrated; and the abdomen beneath is more or less prominently banded with black.

A specimen from British Honduras is represented by fig. 11, and figg. 12 & 15 are those of Guatemalan forms.

7. **Dysdercus splendidus**, n. sp. (Tab. XXI. fig. 14.)

Head and base of first joint of antennæ red; eyes and antennæ (excepting apical joint, which is pale fuscous) black; pronotum red, anterior collar white, inwardly margined with black, and with a large basal spot occupying nearly half of disk black, margined anteriorly with a yellow transverse line; scutellum pale yellow; corium white, basal costal margin and base of clavus pale yellow, and with a large irregularly shaped black spot about centre of costal margin; membrane black, with a narrow pale margin; head and body beneath reddish; anterior and posterior margins of prosternum and posterior discal portions of second, third, and fourth abdominal segments whitish; meso- and metasternum, coxæ, abdominal base, and posterior margins of fifth and sixth abdominal segments yellow; legs piceous, femora more or less reddish; rostrum red, with the apex black, and reaching a little beyond posterior coxæ.

Anterior femora armed beneath with two spines near apex.

Long. 13 millim.

Hab. PANAMA, Bugaba (*Champion*).

It is with considerable diffidence that I have described as a distinct species this very strongly and beautifully marked insect; and, though apparently unlikely, I shall not be surprised to find it eventually proved to be but an extreme varietal form of the protean *D. concinnus*.