

much resembles that of *E. diademata* in its form. In one or two examples, the exterior one on each side of the black spots above noted forms the last of a lateral series of four or five conspicuous deep brown spots, each margined with white, and the series converging towards the spinners. In the typical example these spots are apparently merged in the central band.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Chilasco Mts., Coban, Magdalena near Antigua (*Sarg*).

Mr. Sarg obtained specimens of this species from flowers.

***Epeira ocellata*, sp. n.**

Immature female, length 2 lines.

Although not adult this spider presents so very marked and characteristic a pattern on the abdomen that I am induced to describe it as a distinct species. It is of the ordinary form belonging to the *E. diademata* group. The whole of the fore part is yellow; the legs annulated, but not very distinctly, with dark yellow-brown, the metatarsi and tarsi only tinged with it at their fore extremities. The legs are tolerably strong, but not very long, 1, 2, 4, 3. Spines few and inconspicuous.

Abdomen subtriangular, of a dull drab hue; from near the fore part on each side two rows of four or five very distinctly defined ocellated spots converge towards the spinners; these spots are oval, black, and encircled with a pale yellowish border, outside which a black ground runs through the row; from each of these spots a row of others, decreasing gradually in size, runs obliquely downwards over the side of the abdomen, those spots also being more or less distinctly ocellated. The large triangular space between the two rows on the upperside is occupied by whitish-yellow curved or oblique markings, forming, however, no very definite pattern. Spinners short, compact, yellow-brown.

The *eyes* are small, subequal, and in the usual three groups; those of the central group form a square whose posterior side is shorter than the other three; the eyes of the posterior side are the largest, and are separated by less than a diameter's interval.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Cahabon (*Sarg*).

***Epeira aculifera*, sp. n.**

Adult female, length $3\frac{1}{2}$ lines.

This spider belongs to the *E. cornuta*, Clk., group.

The *cephalothorax* is yellowish-brown, with a rather darker central longitudinal broken line, and a deep brown oblique dash on each side along the grooves, where the caput and thorax unite, and it is clothed with whitish hairs.

The *eyes* are in the usual three groups; those of the central group are on a prominence, and form a square, whose posterior side is slightly shortest, the anterior pair being an eye's diameter from the lower margin of the clypeus, and the posterior pair the largest.

The *falces* are dark yellow-brown, moderately powerful, and vertical.

The *legs* are short, moderately strong, clothed with grey and other hairs, armed with spines, some black, others pale whitish. Their colour is yellow to yellow-brown, irregularly annulated with dark brown; relative length 1, 4, 2, 3.

The *palpi* are similar to the legs in colour and armature.

The *maxillæ* and *labium* are blackish-brown tipped with whitish, and the *sternum* is of the same colour, bisected longitudinally by a broad but ill-defined pale band, and clothed with grey hairs.

The *abdomen* is of a subtriangular form, rounded in front, obtuse behind, and has the upperside of a greenish-white hue, the larger portion being occupied by a broad yellow-brown band which tapers from the fore margin to the spinners, and has its sides defined by a sharply dentated black-brown line on each side. Within this area is a longitudinal dagger-shaped whitish-yellow marking, double-crossed at the anterior extremity. The sides appear to be marked with some irregular oblique brown stripes. The underside has its central portion blackish, and marked with four whitish spots forming a square. Spinners normal, and of a dark brown hue. The abdomen is clothed with greyish hairs, and has a few prominent dark and pale bristles on the upperside. The genital process is characteristic and prominent; from its fore