

## ARGIOPE, Savigny (fam. Epeiridæ).

**Argiope godmani**, sp. n.

*Adult female*, length  $14\frac{1}{2}$  lines; length of the cephalothorax 4 lines.

*Cephalothorax* of normal form, black-brown, clothed with short, fine, grey, adpressed pubescence.

*Eyes* in the ordinary position; those of the fore-central pair largest, seated at the extremity of a strong prominence separated by somewhat more than a diameter's interval and forming a line rather longer than that of the two hind-central eyes, which are smallest of the eight; those of each lateral pair are contiguous to each other, and seated on a strong protuberance. The three protuberances placed in a transverse and nearly straight line.

*Legs* moderate in length and strength, 1, 2, 4, 3 (1 and 2 very nearly equal in length), of a deep black-brown colour, furnished with short hairs and a few short fine spines.

*Palpi* short, dark brown, the humeral and cubital joints more or less yellow; furnished with hairs and fine spines.

*Falces* powerful, straight, perpendicular, strongly prominent in front; colour deep black-brown, marked with a strongish stripe of somewhat orange-yellow towards the extremity on the inner side.

*Maxillæ* and *labium* of normal form, deep black-brown, with a broadish margin at their extremity of reddish-orange-yellow.

*Sternum* deep black-brown, with a broad, longitudinal, tapering, orange-yellow central band, notched or indented towards the hinder extremity, and there is also a small prominent point on each side just before the indentation.

*Abdomen* large, rather elongate-oval, slightly pointed behind, where it extends considerably over the spinners; its anterior extremity is rather strongly protuberant on each side, giving an indented or broadly notched appearance. Its colour is black, marked on the upperside with dull orange-yellow distinct markings of various sizes and shapes, but forming a symmetrical pattern. The largest of these are along the outer margins, extending from the fore corners to the spinners; four round orange-yellow spots form an oblong figure in the middle of the upperside, the anterior pair largest; and halfway between the posterior pair and the spinners is a short transverse line of several minute orange spots. The lower part of each side is marked with longitudinal, broken, subhorizontal, and oblique yellow lines; the underside has a strong longitudinal, irregular, yellow stripe on each side of the fore half, and on each side of the spinners are two elongate spots—a large one in front, a fine one behind; and between the longitudinal stripes in front is a longitudinal series of four pairs of small yellow spots.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA, Guatemala city (*O. Stoll*).

## EUTICHURUS, Simon \* (fam. Drassidæ).

Closely allied both to *Chiracanthium*, C. Koch, and *Clubiona*, Latr.

*Cephalothorax* much broader than long; caput well developed, truncate in front; lateral marginal constrictions at caput tolerably strong.

*Eyes* in four pairs on two transverse, subparallel, curved rows, occupying the whole width of the caput; curve of posterior row with the convexity directed backwards, that of the anterior row having its convexity directed forwards; lateral pairs and fore-centrals seated on strong tubercular prominences. Clypeus very narrow. Eyes of posterior row equally separated; four centrals form a quadrangle whose width (transversely) is greater than its length, and its posterior rather longer than its anterior side; fore-central pair much the largest.

*Legs* rather long, moderately strong, not greatly different in length, 4, 1, 2, 3, furnished with fine hairs and a few spines. A scopula beneath the tarsi and metatarsi, nearly the whole length of the latter on the two first pairs, but only a little way beneath the metatarsi of the third and fourth pairs; terminal tarsal claws two, with claw-tuft.

*Falces* strong, straight, and a little projecting forwards.

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\* In August 1896 the spider here described was submitted to Mons. Simon for his opinion, and returned to me as sp. n. of *Eutichurus*, Sim., the description of which I have not yet seen.