

evidently some variation in the abdominal markings of this species. I have, since describing the above, come across another example in which the large white patch is scarcely defined, but in front of it is a large black one.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Teapa in Tabasco (*H. H. Smith*).

### ***Theridion rotundum*, sp. n.**

*Adult female*, length 2 lines.

This spider is of the *Theridion denticulatum*, Walck., group.

*Cephalothorax* inversely heart-shaped, ending before in a rather drawn-out or an obtusely rounded form; lateral marginal impressions slight, the whole length not greatly exceeding the width of the widest part at the thoracic junction; the posterior margin very hollow, truncate. The clypeus is prominent on the lower margin, and its height exceeds half that of the facial space. Colour yellow-brown, suffused or finely marked, mostly on the sides, with dark brown, and the normal converging grooves indicated by indistinct darker yellow-brown lines.

*Eyes* in two transverse rows not greatly different in length, and occupying the whole of the width of the caput; posterior row not greatly curved, the convexity of the curve directed backwards. The anterior row does not extend so widely as the posterior row, and so might be taken to be the shortest; but as it is much more strongly curved in an opposite direction, it is probably the longest; when, however, looked at sideways, the curves are equal. The eyes of the posterior row are equidistant from each other, though perhaps the centrals may be slightly further from each other than from the laterals. The fore-centrals are considerably further from each other than from the fore-laterals, and are seated on an obtuse prominence of the caput; those of each lateral pair are seated on a strongish tubercle, and slightly obliquely. The fore-centrals are largest of the eight. The central quadrangle is narrower behind than in front, and the anterior side is longer than the length of the quadrangle.

*Legs* short, brownish-yellow, 1, 2, 4, 3, indistinctly annulated with yellow-brown, furnished with hairs only.

*Falces*, *maxillæ*, and *labium* similar to the cephalothorax in colour.

*Sternum* longer than broad, its hinder extremity obtusely pointed; colour yellow-brown, suffused with blackish, mostly towards the margins and hinder extremity.

*Abdomen* large, globular, thickly covered with almost coalescing white irregular spots; with a tapering, not very distinctly outlined, brownish-yellow, central median dentated band, with an indistinct whitish margin; on this band, which reaches to the spinners, are the normal dusky brown lines along the region of the dorsal vessel, and on the sides are several indistinct oblique yellow-brownish stripes. The spinners are short, compact, and placed on a black patch, and between them and the genital aperture (which is of a simple transverse-oval form) is a largish white spot.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Patzcuaro (*H. H. Smith*).

### ***Theridion morulum*, sp. n.**

*Adult female*, length  $1\frac{3}{4}$  lines.

*Cephalothorax* of ordinary form, of a dull orange-yellow colour, narrowly margined with dark brown, a short longitudinal central dark brown bar on the caput.

*Eyes* of tolerable and nearly equal size; in two transverse rows of almost equal length, and very nearly equally curved, though in opposite directions, the convexity of the anterior row being directed forwards, that of the posterior row backwards. The interval between the hind-central pair is equal to a diameter, and these are distinctly nearer together than to the hind-laterals, while that between the fore-centrals is a little greater than between each and the fore-lateral eye next to it. The four centrals form a square; those of each lateral pair are contiguous and placed slightly obliquely on a not very strong tubercle. The height of the clypeus exceeds half that of the facial space, and its lower margin is prominent.

*Legs* rather short and slender, 1, 4, 2, 3. Similar in colour to the cephalothorax and sparsely annulated with dark yellow-brown, furnished with hairs and a few slender erect bristles.

*Falces* rather long, not very strong, similar to the cephalothorax in colour.

*Maxillæ* and *labium* yellow-brown.