

*Sternum* slightly longer than broad, subtriangular, obtusely rounded at the hinder extremity, and of a dark yellow-brown colour.

*Abdomen* large, very convex, almost globular above and projecting over the base of the cephalothorax, broadest towards the fore part, and obtusely pointed at the spinners. Colour jet-black, with some pale white-spotted markings along the central median line, indicating a broken denticulate band or stripe, the foremost of these markings (in one example) having a distinct cruciform shape, and on the sides are three short, oblique, pale narrow stripes, with some longer oblique fine lines forwards; sides (towards the underside, especially in front) whitish or marked with blackish; a belt round the spinners jet-black, edged outside with white; underside in the middle blackish; genital prominence and process red-brown and of characteristically distinct form.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Omilteme in Guerrero 8000 feet (*H. H. Smith*).

### ***Theridion albulum*, sp. n.**

*Adult female*, length slightly less than 1 line.

*Cephalothorax* nearly as broad as long, broadest across the thoracic indentation; lateral marginal impression at the caput scarcely any; fore extremity obtuse; the profile forms a slight curve. Colour light yellow-brown, with the normal indentations of a dusky brown hue. Clypeus a little prominent below, and less than half the height of the facial space.

*Eyes* rather large, subequal; those of the posterior row in a straight transverse line, the central pair rather nearer to each other than to the laterals, the interval being less than a diameter. The central quadrangle is rather longer than broad, and its anterior is longer than its posterior side; the fore-centrals are seated on a prominence, as also are each of the lateral pairs; the fore-centrals are almost contiguous to the fore-laterals; the anterior row is rather strongly curved, the convexity of the curve directed forwards.

*Legs* not very long, 1, 2, 4, 3, slender. They are of a pale dull yellow colour, annulated with yellow-brown, and furnished with coarse hairs, slender bristles, and a distinct spine or two on the tibiæ; on the inner side of the genuæ of the fourth pair is a rather distinct prominence furnished with a short spine.

*Falces* and *maxillæ* yellow-brown; the latter are rather long and strong, greatly inclined towards the labium and somewhat pointed at their extremity.

*Labium* much broader than high, rounded at the apex; colour yellow-brown, slightly suffused with sooty-brown.

*Sternum* a little longer than broad, yellow-brown, suffused with sooty-brown; its form is heart-shaped or subtriangular, its posterior extremity very obtusely pointed. The interval between the coxæ of the fourth pair of legs is equal to the width of the coxa.

*Abdomen* almost globular; colour dull luteous-brown, much darker on the sides and underside, thinly mottled above with obscure darker spots and white points; two curved white bars, meeting at the middle of the fore extremity, form a border to the fore side, and an agglomeration of the white spots forms an irregular broken median longitudinal band on the upperside, and ends in a large white spot above the spinners. The upper surface is thinly furnished with long, strongish, prominent, somewhat spine-like bristles, each issuing from a minute tubercle. The sides are rather thickly spotted with white points, forming a largish wedge-shaped white patch; and on the middle of the underside is a vivid white elongate spot of sugar-loaf form. The genital aperture is small and of a transverse oval shape.

*Hab.* PANAMA, Bugaba (*Champion*).

### ***Theridion niveum*, sp. n.**

*Adult female*, length rather over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines.

*Cephalothorax*, *falces*, *legs*, *maxillæ*, *labium*, and *sternum* clear pale yellow; a narrow longitudinal tapering stripe of black bisects the thorax and the occiput, where, close behind the hind-central eyes, it ends in a fine point. The height of the clypeus is equal to half that of the facial space.

The *eyes* are small, subequal, and in two equally curved transverse rows, the anterior a little the shortest, the convexity of the anterior row directed forwards, that of the posterior row backwards; the eyes of the posterior row are equally separated; in the anterior row the centrals are further from each other than