

line, and at the lower part of the sides are several other ill-defined blackish markings. The sides are rather paler than the upperside. Genital aperture behind a strongish prominence and of characteristic form.

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

### ARGYRODES, Simon.

#### *Argyroides furcata*, sp. n.

*Adult female*, length to spinners 1 line, to extremity of abdomen from spinners  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines.

This spider is of normal form and general appearance.

*Cephalothorax* of a broad oblong-oval form, drawn out in front into a projecting clypeus (which exceeds in extent half the facial space), the hinder extremity broad and truncate. Ocular area elevated. Colour dull greenish-yellow-brown, obscurely marked and clouded with blackish.

*Eyes* about equal in size, those of the posterior row in a straight transverse line, the two centrals considerably further apart than from the laterals of the same row. The central quadrangle is very nearly a square, the anterior side slightly longer than the posterior. Laterals on tubercles and contiguous to each other, and forming a line which lies at right angles to the posterior row, each fore-lateral less than half a diameter from the fore-central on its side. The eyes of the lateral pairs and hind-centrals pearly-white, the fore-centrals dark.

*Legs* tolerably long, slender, 1, 4, 2, 3, furnished with hairs only; colour greenish-yellow-brown, slightly clouded with blackish at the fore extremities of the joints.

*Falces*, *maxillæ*, *labium*, and *sternum* similar in colour to the legs; the sternum has a few prominent bristles on its surface issuing from minute tubercles.

*Abdomen* oval, with its hinder part greatly produced into a long caudate shape, cleft in a fish-tail form at its extremity; it is of a dark brown colour, thickly covered with nearly coalescing silvery-white spots and markings, leaving a longitudinal central brown stripe on the upperside, whose extremity is drawn out into a fine line at the furcate end of the abdomen; a little in front of this are two oblique indistinct brown lines converging near the fork, and the sides of the produced part of the abdomen are marked by a broadish but rather indefinite curved brown bar. The spinners are rather further from the hinder extremity of the abdomen and its fore end on the upperside. Genital aperture and process small, dark reddish-brown, of characteristic form, and placed behind a largish, convex, semicircular prominence.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Omilteme in Guerrero 9500 feet (*H. H. Smith*).

#### *Argyroides maculosa*, sp. n.

*Adult female*, length 1 line.

*Cephalothorax* of somewhat oblong-oval form, broadest and truncate behind, rounded in front. Caput rather prominent at the fore extremity. Clypeus prominent and rounded below, its height exceeding half that of the facial space. Colour deep brown.

*Eyes* in the usual position. The four centrals form a large square, the anterior pair largest of the eight. Those of each lateral pair very nearly contiguous to each other, and placed obliquely, the anterior one in a straight line with the fore-central pair; the hind-centrals are much further from each other than from the hind-laterals, and the fore-centrals also are much further from each other than from the fore-laterals.

*Legs* moderately long, slender, 1, 2, 4, 3. Colour yellow, annulated with dark brown.

*Falces* strong, yellow-brown.

*Maxillæ*, *labium*, and *sternum* dark brown.

*Abdomen* nearly globular, with three prominences of about equal length and strength—one on each side towards the hinder extremity, of a conical form; the third a little nearer to the spinners, more cylindrical, and bifid at its termination. The upperside and posterior slope are black, marked with silvery pearl-like spots, those in front of each of the conical prominences forming a somewhat transverse curved line, whose inner extremities unite in an angle between the prominences. Some larger spots surround the base of the bifid prominences; from the outer end of the curved line on each side is another line of spots running forwards and nearly meeting in an angle at the middle of the fore extremity. The sides are of a