

**Menalippe punctigera**, sp. n.

*Adult female*, length  $4\frac{2}{3}$  lines.

*Cephalothorax* orange-reddish yellow-brown; surface thickly covered with minute punctures or pock-marks, most strongly on the caput and sides of the thorax, and furnished thinly with short, fine, pale hairs; a deep brown, jagged-edged, or somewhat zigzag stripe runs from each hind-lateral eye backwards to the posterior extremity, and a narrow angulated stripe runs round each lateral margin; the thoracic indentation is marked by a deep red-brown line, and from each hind-central eye a short brown streak runs backwards.

*Falces* dark red-brown, furnished in front with strong bristles.

*Maxillæ* and *labium* yellow-brown.

*Sternum* dull orange-yellowish, the middle being palest.

*Legs* dull brownish-yellow; tibiae and metatarsi of the third and fourth pairs very faintly annulated with brown.

*Palpi* like the legs in colour; digital joint long, slightly claviform, furnished with slender spines; on the outer side, rather underneath the humeral joint, is a longitudinal row of slender, spiniform, curved bristles.

*Abdomen* dull whity-brown, very thickly clothed with short fine hairs; a broad, longitudinal, irregular, black-brown band runs backwards on each side of the upper surface. On the fore-half of the space between these two bands are two short, longitudinal, reddish-brown bars, and following them are several dark brown angular bars or chevrons in a longitudinal line, the anterior ones broken at the apex. The sides and underside are similar in colour to the ground-colour of the upperside. Spinners pale dull yellowish, short, compact, the four outer ones about equal in length; the inferior pair are a little the stoutest; the superior and middle pairs are each furnished with several strongish distinct spinning-tubes or spinnerets, the inferior pair being without them. Genital aperture rather large and of very characteristic form.

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

**MELPOMENE\***, gen. nov. (fam. Agelenidæ; subfam. Ageleninæ).

Closely allied to *Agelena*, Walck.; differs in the narrow cephalothorax, whose lateral margins at the junction of the caput and thorax are less impressed. The lateral eyes of the anterior row are considerably larger than the centrals, the rest subequal. The labium is as wide as it is long. The abdomen is long, narrow, almost cylindrical; the inferior pair of spinners are separated at their base by nearly a diameter's interval, and the terminal joint of the superior pair is nearly, if not quite, double the length of the basal joint.

**Melpomene elegans**, sp. n.

*Adult male*, length 5 lines; length of cephalothorax 2 lines, breadth  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines.

*Cephalothorax* rather dark yellow-brown, with short darker converging lateral lines; a broadish, lateral, well-defined, marginal, yellow band on each side, clothed with grey hairs, and a longitudinal, central, less well-defined, narrow, yellowish stripe similarly clothed and running nearly through the ocular area.

*Eyes* as in *Agelena* in general position; central quadrangle longer than broad, and its fore side slightly shorter than the hinder one; the interval between the hind-centrals is very nearly a diameter, that between the fore-centrals much less.

*Legs* long, rather slender, 4, 1, 2, 3, furnished with long hairs (many of which are grey) and a few slender spines. Colour yellow-brown, obscurely annulated with a paler hue; a broad dark brown annulus at the fore end of each of the tibiae.

*Palpi* short, similar to the legs in colour, and furnished with grey and other hairs. Cubital and radial joints short, but of about equal length. The former is slightly prominent at the fore extremity on the upper-side, where it is furnished with a very long, strong, tapering, spiniform bristle directed forwards, and a

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\* Nom. propr.