

logs of wood, stones, the bark of trees, &c., and are often abundant in the angles of windows and the corners of dwelling-houses, where they spin a slight web and rest in a crouching position. The known species number between forty and fifty, but there is little doubt that many more remain to be discovered.

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Scytodes, Latreille, Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat. xxiv. p. 134 (1804).

Type, *S. thoracica*, Latr. Hab. Europe.

Of the species of this genus occurring in Central America, three only are known to me; they may be distinguished as follows:—

- A. Sternum smooth or clothed with fine hairs only (♂); legs annulated, streaked, or speckled with black.
 - a. Legs yellow, entirely spotted and annulated with black, except the tarsi. Carapace and sternum variegated with black, without U-shaped central mark. Abdomen pale brown, more or less streaked and speckled with black. Mandible in both sexes with a series of conspicuous striæ on the outer side and a minute cusp at the base of the femur of the pedipalp on the inner side. Ventral surface of abdomen of the female with a pair of adjacent, elongate-oval, dark chitinous depressions, immediately behind the genital rima. Palpal bulb short, broad-ensiform, its apex exhibiting a short sharp spur. Anterior central eyes fully one diameter from the anterior margin of the clypeus *longipes*, Luc.
 - b. Legs pale yellow, with a few linear black spots and lines beneath the femora and on the dorsal surface and sides of the tibiæ, whose apex is very distinctly black. Carapace reticulated with brown, with a central conspicuous U-shaped mark, its apex emarginate and resting on the central line towards the posterior margin, the two branches directed forwards. Sternum sometimes unicolorous, often delicately margined and speckled with brown. Mandible with scarcely a trace of striation on the outer side, but the femur of the pedipalp exhibits a distinct minute spine at the base on the inner side. Palpal bulb elongate, geniculate, much developed, dilate towards the apex, lamelliform. Anterior central eyes less than half a diameter from the anterior margin of the clypeus . . . *championi*, sp. n.
- B. Sternum clothed with stout papilliform hairs or spines (♂). Legs unicolorous; apex of femora and tibiæ darker. Carapace dark fuscous-brown, with a central narrow longitudinal pale band, enclosing a finer dark streak; also a pale lateral area broken and reticulated with brown. Abdomen pale purple-brown, with or without transverse pale bars. Palpal bulb elongate, ensiform, terminating in a fine filiform spine *hebraica*, E. Sim.