

a synonym of *Gnaphosa*—since the type of *Drassus* is *D. lucifugus* (Walck.), a species which now falls under the genus *Gnaphosa*.

The two species known to me may be distinguished by the following characters:—

- A. Tibiæ iii. and iv. without dorsal spines. Vulva large, with a stout chitinous horseshoe, its open side directed forwards *ferrum-equinum*, sp. n.
- B. Tibiæ iii. and iv. with dorsal spines. Vulva small, hemispherical, with a tongue-like process, very narrow at its base, suddenly broadening into a transverse oblong piece behind *centralis*, sp. n.

1. *Drassodes ferrum-equinum*, sp. n. (Tab. IV. figg. 12, 12 a, b, ♀.)

Type, ♀, in coll. Godman & Salvin.

♀. Total length 7.5 millim.

Carapace mahogany-brown, suffused with dark sooty-brown over the ocular area, and lightly reticulated with the same colour over the sides. Sternum deep mahogany-brown, suffused with darker brown over the margins. Legs mahogany-orange-brown. Abdomen clothed with short madder-brown pubescence.

Posterior row of eyes slightly procurved, eyes subequal, centrals almost in contact, just under one transverse diameter apart; anterior row slightly procurved, eyes subequal, almost in contact; laterals scarcely one diameter apart. Clypeus as high as one diameter of an anterior central eye. Tibiæ iii. and iv. without dorsal spines. Vulva horseshoe-shaped. (See Tab. IV. fig. 12.)

Hab. MEXICO, Amula in Guerrero (*H. H. Smith*).

This small species belongs to that group of the genus of which *D. troglodytes*, C. Koch, may be regarded as the type, characterized by the more closely grouped eyes and the absence of spines on the upperside of tibiæ iii. and iv.

2. *Drassodes centralis*, sp. n. (Tab. IV. fig. 13, ♀.)

Type, ♀, in coll. Godman & Salvin.

♀. Total length 9 millim.

Carapace, legs, and sternum pale yellow-brown, suffused over the caput with darker mahogany-brown. Mandibles and margins of sternum also darker.

Central posterior eyes distinctly larger than the laterals, less than half a diameter apart, two diameters from the laterals; posterior row slightly procurved; central anteriors a full diameter apart, less than half a diameter from the laterals; anterior row slightly procurved; laterals of both rows one diameter apart.

Clypeus (in centre) one and a half diameters from the central anterior eyes. Upper margin of fang-groove with three teeth, lower margin with two teeth. Protarsi i. and ii. with a single spine beneath close to the base. Tibiæ i. and ii. with a single spine about the middle beneath. Tibiæ and protarsi iii. and iv. numerously spinose. Tibiæ iii. and iv. with two dorsal spines above, one near the base, the other towards the apex. Tarsi and protarsi i. and ii. scopulate beneath; tarsi iii. and iv. alone scopulate.

Vulva transverse triangular, with curved sides, forming a black-margined semicircle; from its anterior margin springs a tongue-like process, very narrow at the base, suddenly enlarging to form a broad, transverse, oblong chitinous piece, margined with black, its posterior side slightly protuberant in the middle; close to its anterior angles lies a smooth round chitinous spot.

Hab. MEXICO, Puebla (*Godman*).

This species belongs to the group of which the type of the genus, *D. lapidosus*, is a typical representative.