

This is the most minute species yet discovered of this genus. It is closely allied to the small and smooth variety of *Hydroporus granum*, Lec., found in South America; but it is readily distinguished by the impunctate upper surface; with a strong lens, however, traces of obsolete punctuation may be seen on the wing-cases.

### 8. *Desmopachria mexicana*.

Latissima, brevis, nitida, sine pubescentia, crebre sat fortiter punctata, ferruginea, abdominis apice prothoraceque infuscat, hoc transversim in medio dilutius, antennis, pedibus elytris testaceis, his nigro signatis; clypeo acute marginato; prothorace utrinque plica curvata; coxis posterioribus sat fortiter punctatis.

Long.  $1\frac{1}{8}$ , lat.  $\frac{3}{4}$  lin.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Guanajuato (*Dugès, coll. Sallé*).

This species is very similar to *Hydroporus latissimus*, Lec., but is entirely destitute of the lateral foveæ of the wing-cases, and shows numerous other less important distinctions. It is also very similar to *D. variegata* and *D. dispar*, but is readily distinguished by the prothoracic impression and the punctate coxæ. The head is almost impunctate; but the punctures on the thorax are numerous and distinct, although fine. The punctuation of the elytra is rather close, but not coarse, and is absent at the side margins. The punctures on the hind coxæ are not dense, and, though quite distinct, are not very coarse. The dark marks on the wing-cases cover a large portion of their area in an irregular manner, leaving, however, the sides and apex pale; in addition to the larger mark, there is a small isolated one on each side some distance behind the shoulder. The hind tarsi are infusate. I do not know the sex of the unique individual described.

## BIDESSUS.

*Bidessus*, Sharp, Trans. Roy. Dubl. Soc. n. s. ii. p. 852 (1882).

*Hydroporus* (ex parte), Aubé, Spec. Gén. vi. p. 468.

The small insects of which this genus consists are numerous in species, and are found in most of the warmer parts of the world. About 100 species are known at present.

### 1. *Bidessus discedens*.

Ovalis, postice acuminatus, subtus convexus, glaber, nitidulus, testaceo-ferrugineus; elytris secundum suturam nigro signatis et fortiter punctatis, ad latera lævigatis, basi in medio plica profunda, sat elongata; capite in medio distincte marginato.

Long.  $1\frac{1}{4}$ , lat.  $\frac{3}{4}$  lin.

*Hab.* MEXICO.

Head reddish yellow, very shining impunctate, distinctly margined in front in the middle. Thorax yellowish, with a longitudinal infuscation on the middle, a very distinct plica at the base on each side of the middle; the surface shining, but little