

Equal in size to *P. congruus*; the form of the prothorax is different, being longer, more narrowed in front, and not so wide at the base, from which the sides begin to contract at once, forming acute angles with the base. There is a rather indistinct carina on the front half of the disk. The elytra are much darker and more ovate than in *P. congruus*, the pale vittæ are only a little visible in paler specimens, they have the lateral margin expanded, two nervures a little visible near the base, and are clothed with a grey, but very short pubescence. The pygidium in the male is truncate, the seventh ventral plate with a round emargination, fuscous in the middle, diaphanous at the sides. In the female the apical plate is dark fuscous, notched, the penultimate dark at its base.

### 3. *Photinus gliscens*. (Tab. IV. fig. 13.)

Pallide testaceus; capite, antennis, palpis, genibus tarsisque nigro-fuscis; prothoracis disco aurantiaco, macula obconica picea, obsolete longitudinaliter impressa; elytris subparallelis, fuscis, margine externo, sutura et vitta discoidali sat lata pallide testaceis. Long. 18 millim. ♂ ♀.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Tuxtla (*Sallé*).

This is one of the most conspicuously marked and handsomest of the *Photini*, and is very distinct from any other known to me. The head is fuscous, excepting the mouth and antenniferous tubercles. The antennæ and palpi fuscous. The whole of the underside in the male is pale, excepting the base of the first four ventral plates, which are irregularly blotched with fuscous. In the female, as usual, the breast and all the segments are more or less of the darker colour, the paler parts being the margins of the first four, the middle of the fifth, and the whole of the apical one. The thorax is nearly semicircular; but the base is a little contracted; the disk bears a rather long triangular spot, the apex of which is towards the base. The elytra are dark fuscous, with conspicuously pale margins and central vitta. The male has the pygidium with a double notch. The female the same, very slightly sinuate; the ventral plate rounded, and with a minute emargination in the centre.

### 4. *Photinus nigradorsis*. (Tab. IV. fig. 17, ♀.)

Nigro-fumosus, elytris subopacis, oblongo-ovalis, prothorace antice angustato lateribus late testaceis, elytris marginibus et apice indeterminate late testaceis. Long. 13-15 millim. ♂ ♀.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Istapan, Juquila (*Sallé*, *Mus. J. Sturm*).

A female specimen from Juquila is figured in the Plate.

Body beneath, legs, and antennæ smoky black; in the male the seventh and apical ventral plates and the apical half and margins of the pygidium are pale; in the female the apex only. The antennæ are subfiliform, longer in the male and a little compressed; the eyes of moderate size, larger in the males than the females. The thorax is wider at the base than long, the sides sinuous and not much reflexed. The disk is almost smooth, in some a faintly impressed channel, in others a very fine carina may