

This is the species alluded to under *C. hastatus* (anteà, p. 78) as "*C. limbatus*, Lec.," in error.

The discrimination of species of this section is a matter of great difficulty and doubt. This species and *C. hastatus* have the disc of the thorax opaque; in *C. hastatus* the yellow margin of the thorax is wider, and the scutellar patch is almost always united, generally broadly, with the apical black. The Sonora specimens, which are typical, are small, with the abdomen nearly quite yellow; those from Chihuahua are larger, with each segment black with yellow margins, but they are variable. If, however, *C. hastatus* cannot stand, I think that the whole series (including *C. pennsylvanicus*, De Geer) will have to be merged into one species.

PODABRUS (to precede the genus *Discodon*, p. 78).

Podabrus, Fischer, Westwood, Introd. to Mod. Class. Ins., Gen. Synops. p. 27; Leconte, Proc. Acad. Phil. v. p. 343; Lacord. Gen. Col. iv. p. 352; Leconte & Horn. Class. Col. N. A. p. 210.

Although *Podabrus* is widely dispersed in the Nearctic region, we have not had before to record its occurrence in Central America; and there is no doubt the genus only just passes the northern border of our country. From the cooler parts of the North-American continent some forty species have been described; and it is probable that those of the Old World will not be less numerous when the Asiatic species are as well known.

1. *Podabrus mexicanus*.

Niger, parum nitidus, nigro-fuscus; ore, epistomate prothoraceque rufo-testaceis, hoc disco late nigro-fusco vittato; antennis, palpis et labro fuscis; abdominis margine obscure pallido. Long. 14 millim.

Hab. MEXICO, Pinos Altos in Chihuahua (*Buchan-Hepburn*).

Head subrugulose towards the base, pitchy black behind the eyes; front, including the antenniferous tubercles, testaceous red. Antennæ and palpi entirely fuscous black; the latter have the inner sides of their basal joints pale; extreme edge of the clypeus and tips of the mandibles blackish. The gular part of the head is yellow, but the sides of the neck beneath are fuscous. Thorax quadrate, slightly transverse; front and base truncate, the latter emarginate; sides nearly straight; disc with an obsolete impressed line. Scutellum dull fuscous. Elytra fuscous or leaden black, very finely coriaceous.

Underside of the body and legs fuscous black; only the extreme tips of the coxæ are pitchy. The lateral margins of the abdomen are pale but pubescent, and not clear or distinctly yellow.

Only two specimens have come under my notice. Their larger size will separate them from most of the species described by Leconte from the United States. They