

tive of specific difference in the Malacodermata, and it is from a different locality; also closely allied to *D. discoideus* *.

Dromanthus jucundus (p. 123).

A second example of this species was subsequently found by Mr. Champion at Bugaba: this one is rather larger than the type, being five millimetres in length, apart from the three segments of the abdomen which pass the elytra, and from which I infer the specimen is a female. The head and breast are steel-blue, the abdomen yellow. In the type the two segments of the abdomen which are uncovered are bluish black. Both specimens were captured flying about timber in the forest.

HELCOGASTER? (to follow the genus *Dromanthus*, p. 122).

Helcogaster, Boheman, Kongliga Svenska Fregatten Eugénies Resa, Zool. i. p. 81 (1858).

A genus of Melyridæ, founded by Boheman upon three species from Australia, somewhat resembling *Lemphus* and *Carphurus*, but with five-jointed tarsi, and (in some species) pectinated antennæ. The only recently added species is one from Honolulu, described and figured by Dr. Sharp in 'The Trans. Royal Dublin Society,' iii. series 2, p. 157, t. iv. fig. 20, *Helcogaster pectinatus*. The admission into the genus of this species and of the one here described must be considered only tentative at present. They are, however, very clearly allied to the Australian species, and, as far as I have been able to examine them on the limited number of specimens, have no other very near ally.

They may be known from small Malachiidæ by the hairy antennæ and abdomen.

1. *Helcogaster* (?) *atratus*.

Aterrima, nitida, fere glabra; antennis serratis, articulo basali rufo; capite punctato, fronte inæquali; antennis articulis singulis intus, abdominisque apice, villosis. Long. 3 millim.

Hab. PANAMA, Tolé (*Champion*).

Var.? Minor; antennis tenuioribus, articulis duobus basalibus rufis; elytris piceis.

Hab. GUATEMALA, near the city (*Champion*).

This small insect, of which there is only a single specimen from each of the

* *Dromanthus discoideus*.

Niger, nitidus; elytris opacis, prothoracis lateribus femoribusque basi rufo-testaceis; antennis fortiter serratis, articulis tribus basalibus subtus flavis. Long. $4\frac{1}{2}$ millim.

Hab. SOUTH AMERICA, Parana (*coll. Gorham*).

In general appearance very similar to *D. laticornis* and *D. nitidicollis* described above, the most apparent difference being that the thorax has the disc entirely black, leaving only the margin (and that most widely in front) yellow. The antennæ are not so wide as in *D. laticornis*.