

1 (D). **Pristoscelis femoralis.**

Nigro-plumbeus, subæneus, breviter nigro-pilosus, nitidus, creberrime punctatus; tibiis tarsisque fulvescentibus. Long. 5 millim.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Puebla (*Sallé*).

The head and thorax in this species are so closely and finely punctured that separate punctures are only visible under a very strong magnifying-power; this, and the rather broader thorax, which is less narrowed in front and less deflexed at the sides, together with the reddish legs (excepting the femora), will distinguish it from *P. nigroæneus*; in other characters it is very similar to that species, but the pile will be observed to be both denser and blacker.

I have at present only found two specimens in *Sallé's* collection which I can assign to this species. There are, I suspect, a large number of species of *Pristoscelis* to be separated by very minute characters, of which this is one.

1 (E). **Pristoscelis fulvipes.**

Nigro-æneus, breviter pilosus, tenuiter pubescens, creberrime leviter punctatus; pedibus fulvis; antennis nigris, latiusculis, articulo tertio piceo. Long. 6 millim.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA (*coll. G. & S.*).

The large size and the red legs of this species are sufficient for its recognition, it being rather larger than *P. rufipennis*. The structure is generally the same as in that species; the mandibles are pitchy-red, except at their outer edge and tips, which are black; the antennæ have the six joints preceding the last one transverse, not noticeably serrate, the terminal joint not much longer than wide, blunt at its apex; the thorax is distinctly, not confluent, but thickly punctured; the elytra with close, somewhat confluent and stellate, punctuation.

One specimen, without precise locality.

4. **Pristoscelis fuscus?**

*Dasytes fuscus*, Leconte, Proc. Ac. Phil. vi. p. 169<sup>1</sup>?

*Byturosomus griseus*, Motsch. Bull. Mosc. 1859, ii. p. 395.

*Byturosomus rufipes*, Motsch., teste Leconte.

*Hab.* NORTH AMERICA, United States, California<sup>1</sup>.—MEXICO, Pinos Altos in Chihuahua (*Buchan-Hepburn*).

Leconte omits to mention the colour of the legs of his insect; in the single specimen of what may possibly be this species, taken in Northern Mexico by Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, the legs are griseous and clothed with scales and hairs, the front femora being red within; the thorax is wider and more depressed than in any other species of the genus known to me; and the elytra are densely clothed with grey shining