

coarse rounded punctures, ventral segments sparingly but not very finely punctured; metasternum longitudinally impressed in the middle.

Length 8-9 millim.

Hab. NICARAGUA, Chinandega (*Sallé*), Chontales (*Belt*).

Two examples. These specimens differ slightly *inter se*: the elytra are a little more parallel in the Chinandega individual and the interstices more distinctly punctured.

2. *Mencheres elongatus*. (Tab. I. fig. 4.)

Elongate oval, convex, reddish brown, pubescent, slightly shining. Head rather convex, coarsely and sparingly punctured in front, more finely behind; prothorax rather convex (especially in front), rounded at the sides, transverse, very slightly narrowed and sinuate behind to the subacute hind angles, narrowed a little in front to the rather prominent acute anterior angles, base strongly bisinuate, slightly impressed transversely near the base just within the slightly raised margin, closely and finely punctured; elytra about three times as long as the thorax, a little wider than the thorax at the base, slightly rounded at the sides, humeral angles obtuse, with regular rows of rounded punctures (more distinct outwardly), the interstices flat with scattered fine punctures distinct towards the suture, obsolete at the sides, and each with a row of short appressed yellowish hairs. Beneath shining; ventral segments sparingly and finely punctured, the rest somewhat coarsely and sparingly punctured; metasternum faintly impressed longitudinally down the middle.

Length 9 millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, El Jicaro in Vera Paz (*Champion*).

Two examples. Closely allied to *M. nicaraguensis*, but longer, the intercoxal process acuminate and pointed in front, the thorax a little more finely and more sparingly punctured, &c.

POSIDES.

Mentum rather large, transverse, slightly angular at the sides, feebly emarginate in front, closely fitting to the side pieces of the submentum; mandibles strongly toothed on the upperside, the tooth on the right side strong and stout, that on the left short and slightly pointed, the lower longer lobes broad and truncate at the apex; maxillary palpi stout, apical joint broad oval; labrum almost completely and mandibles in greater part hidden by the epistoma; ligula entirely concealed; head short and broad; epistoma broad, almost truncate in front, a little produced triangularly in the middle and deflexed, lateral lobes rounded, not prominent, slightly impinging on the eyes behind; eyes large, rounded, carinated within; prothorax transverse, convex, strongly margined, the front angles rather prominent, strongly bisinuate at the base, and fitting closely to the elytra, coarsely punctured; elytra convex, oblong-ovate, with regular rows of deep coarse punctures; antennæ rather long, not very stout, third joint half as long again as the second, fourth to eighth decreasing in length and oboval, ninth and eleventh broader, subtriangular, eleventh rounded; legs short, tarsi stout, densely clothed with hair beneath; intercoxal process rounded in front; epipleuræ narrow, distinct to the apex; scutellum small, transverse; intermediate coxal cavities entirely closed externally; prosternum narrow, declivous behind.

One species from Mexico. Superficially resembling somewhat the genus *Helops*.

1. *Posides dissidens*. (Tab. I. fig. 2.)

Oblong oval, very convex, dark reddish brown or black, shining, apterous. Head dull, strongly impressed transversely in front with a few scattered fine punctures; prothorax transverse, convex, impressed transversely along the base, rounded at the sides, equally narrowed in front and behind, lateral and basal margins and the slightly prominent subacute anterior angles a little raised and prominent, base strongly