

Three examples and fragments of two others. Allied to *S. veræpaci*s, but with the upper surface much more shining; the legs (the tarsi especially) and antennæ much shorter, the latter not nearly so slender; the elytra shorter and much more brilliant, and the head and thorax shining and obsoletely punctured. In its brilliant metallic colour, *S. æneipennis* resembles certain species of *Calleida* inhabiting the same district.

33. *Statira ærata*. (Tab. I. fig. 25, ♂.)

Elongate, rather depressed, blackish-æneous, the elytra æneous, shining. Head with a few very fine scattered punctures, the eyes moderately large; antennæ rather slender, moderately long, ferruginous, the basal joints a little darker—the apical joint in the male equalling joints 7–10, in the female 8–10, united; prothorax about as long as broad (sometimes a little shorter), the sides narrowly but distinctly margined from the base to the apex, a little rounded or slightly oblique in front, and strongly constricted behind, the hind angles very acute and prominent, the basal margin much raised and shallowly grooved within (deeply so at the sides), the surface very minutely, sparsely, and indistinctly punctured; elytra with long and deep intrahumeral depression, very shallowly transversely impressed below the base, widest beyond the middle, moderately long, the disc slightly flattened, very closely, finely, and rather deeply punctate-striate, the punctures transverse, the interstices flat or very feebly convex, the first with three or four (near the apex), the third and fifth each with seven or eight (scattered between the base and apex), the seventh with from four to six (one at the shoulder and the others between the middle and apex), and the ninth with nine or ten (between the base and apex), rather deep setiferous punctures, the apices obtuse; beneath brownish-piceous, shining; legs slender, moderately long, piceous, the tarsi lighter.

Length 9–10 millim.; breadth (at shoulders) $2\frac{1}{2}$ – $2\frac{3}{4}$ millim. (♂ ♀.)

Hab. MEXICO, Jalapa (*Höge*), Atoyac in Vera Cruz (*H. H. Smith*).

Var. Entirely reddish-testaceous, the elytra with a translucent æneous tinge; the setiferous impressions on the seventh interstice (except in one example) more numerous and extending upwards towards the shoulder. (♂ ♀.)

Hab. GUATEMALA, Purula (*Champion*).

Two examples of the type and three of the variety. This insect is closely allied to *S. mexicana*, but it cannot be satisfactorily treated as a variety of that species. Out of a long series of examples of the latter, not one has the setiferous impressions on the ninth elytral interstice continued up to the base (as in *S. ærata*), nor more than one or two (at most and oftener than not obsolete) on the seventh near the apex. The setiferous impressions on the apical third are not preceded, as in most examples of *S. mexicana*, by a slight elevation, and the striæ are not so shallowly punctured; the anterior angles of the thorax are also less prominent. The antennæ are similarly formed in both species. Not so brilliantly metallic as *S. æneipennis* (the elytra not cupreous at the sides), and the setiferous impressions on the elytra more numerous and more scattered.

34. *Statira mexicana*. (Tab. II. fig. 1, ♂.)

Moderately elongate, shining, black or nigro-æneous, the elytra æneous or greenish-æneous. Head densely and rugulose, or closely and finely, or sparingly and minutely, punctured, the eyes not very large; antennæ more or less ferruginous, moderately long, sometimes darker towards the base—the apical joint