

**\*\* *Elytra with an opaque lateral patch on each side about the middle.***

### 6. *Uroplatopsis simulans*. (Tab. III. fig. 13, ♂.)

Elongate, narrow, subparallel, thickly clothed with erect hairs, the head and prothorax shining, the former piceous, obscurely reddish between the eyes and in front, the latter testaceous, with a broad longitudinal piceous stripe on the middle of the disc extending from the base to the apex; the elytra subopaque, flavous, with a perfectly opaque fulvous lateral patch (small in the female, large and oblong in the male) about the middle, the suture, from the base to about the middle, rather broadly (but becoming more narrowly so posteriorly), and about the apical fifth, fusco-piceous. Head with exceedingly coarse confluent setiferous impressions between and behind the eyes, coarsely punctured in front, the eyes convex and moderately large; antennæ black, joints 3-10 very broadly flattened and each angularly dilated towards the apex, 6-10 very sharply so, 3 the length of but much narrower than 4, 11 nearly as long as 7-10 in both sexes; prothorax longer than broad, a little narrowed in front, and feebly constricted behind, the sides completely immarginate, the hind angles very prominent, the disc deeply canaliculate in the centre anteriorly and with a very deep <-shaped impression on each side about the middle, the basal margin much raised and preceded by a deep groove extending completely across, the sides and base rather coarsely and irregularly punctured, the disc smooth; elytra very long, subparallel nearly to the apex, the disc flattened, the sides towards the base almost vertical from the sixth row of impressions, the surface with regular rows of deep foveate, very closely placed impressions which extend to the apex, the interstices quite narrow and convex, each with a row of closely placed very fine setiferous punctures extending from the base to the apex, the fifth and seventh towards the base and the ninth towards the apex broader and costate, the apices obtuse; beneath entirely piceous; legs rather long, piceous-brown, the femora towards the base and the coxæ more or less ferruginous, the femora and tibiæ sparsely and rather deeply (the anterior tibiæ thickly) punctured and somewhat thickly clothed on all sides with long hairs.

♂. Anterior tibiæ triangularly widened on the inner side about the middle; intermediate tibiæ bent inwards towards the apex and a little thickened there, the basal portion flattened and opaque within; intermediate and posterior femora deeply grooved along their inner side.

Length  $6\frac{2}{3}$  millim.; breadth  $1\frac{1}{2}$  millim. (♂ ♀.)

*Hab.* PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui 3000 feet (*Champion*).

Two examples. This and the following species differ from the allied Central-American forms, *U. excavata* excepted, in the very peculiar sculpture of the thorax.

### 7. *Uroplatopsis dilaticornis*.

Closely resembling *U. simulans*:—The head similarly punctured between and behind the eyes, but with the vertex convexly raised and smooth in the middle; the prothorax with the longitudinal stripe on the middle of the disc narrowing and almost obliterated in front, the sides coarsely and rather closely punctured; the elytra with a small perfectly opaque fulvous lateral patch about the centre, the suture broadly fusco-piceous, the fusco-piceous colour rapidly extending outwards from about the middle and towards the apex reaching the lateral margin; the rest as in *U. simulans*.

Length  $6\frac{3}{4}$  millim.; breadth  $1\frac{1}{2}$  millim. (♀.)

*Hab.* PANAMA, Bugaba (*Champion*).

One female example. This insect, at first sight, would appear to be only a colour-variety of *U. simulans*; but the sculpture of the head is so different that it cannot be treated as such. The apical joint of the antennæ is unfortunately broken off.