

1. *Apion submetallicum*.

Apion submetallicum, Boh. in Schönh. Gen. Curc. v. p. 376¹.

Hab. MEXICO¹.

For the identification of this species an inspection of the type—which is in Chevrolat's collection—is necessary. Having black legs and the antennæ inserted at the base of the rostrum, I place it here.

2. *Apion spretissimum*, sp. n.

Minutum, breve, nigrum, opacum, parce minute albido-setosum; rostro brevi, antennis basi fuscescente; prothorace brevi, sat fortiter et crebre punctato; elytris sulcatis, interstitiis angustis vix planis. Long. $1\frac{1}{3}$ millim. absque rostro.

Hab. MEXICO, Teapa in February and March, Atoyac in April and May, Cuernavaca in June (*H. H. Smith*); GUATEMALA, near the city, Aceituno (*Champion*); NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Janson*); PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui, San Feliz (*Champion*).

One of the smallest and most obscure species of the genus, and without any salient distinctive character. The rostrum is not very different in the two sexes, but in the male is a little shorter—not much longer than the thorax—and not so smooth and shining as in the female; it is curved and strongly deflexed. The eyes are scarcely at all prominent, the interval between them is rather narrow; the antennæ are inserted near the eyes, only about as far in front of them as the width of the interval between them. The thorax is rather strongly transverse, not much narrowed in front, feebly constricted in front of and behind the middle. The elytra are short, much broader than the thorax, deeply sulcate, with narrow interstices. There are no distinct white setæ round the eyes, and none on the sides or front angles of the breast.

This minute insect is probably the most abundant of the genus in our region; a good series was found at Teapa, at Chontales, and on the Volcan de Chiriqui.

3. *Apion præditum*, sp. n.

Minutum, minus breve, nigrum, opacum, parce, minute griseo-setosum; rostro mediocri, antennis basi fuscescente; prothorace subtransverso, antrorsum angustato, obsolete sed haud subtiliter punctato; elytris sat profunde sulcatis, interstitiis subplanis.

Long. $1\frac{1}{2}$ millim. absque rostro.

Mas abdomine segmento ultimo ventrali apice impresso, ante impressionem dense griseo-squamoso, squamulis ad angulum utrinque prominulis.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Aceituno, Dueñas (*Champion*), Coban (*Conradt*).

This insect is very similar to *A. spretissimum*, but will be readily distinguished by the peculiar male structure at the extremity of the hind body; it has, too, the rostrum rather longer—its length in the female being equal to that of the head and thorax; the form is narrower, and the hairs or scales of the upper surface are not of so pure a white colour. The eyes are slightly prominent. The rostrum in the female is slender-cylindrical, and