

- a.* Tarsal claws small, connate; elytra with two oblique pallid fasciæ; mesosternum not protuberant. [PROMECOPS, sensu stricto.]
- a*¹. Elytral setæ abundant, long, erect *viator*, Fähr.
- b*¹. Elytral setæ scattered, short, decumbent *umbrata*, Fähr.
- b.* Tarsal claws free. [Subgen. PROMECOPSIS, n. n.]
- c*¹. Mesosternum conically protuberant; tarsal claws rather long.
- a*². Anterior tibiæ in ♂ armed with a long, acute, oblique tooth near the tip, the intermediate pair also toothed and abruptly excavate near the apex in this sex *unidentata*, sp. n.
- b*². Anterior and intermediate tibiæ without subapical tooth in ♂ . . . *leucothyrea*, Fähr.
- d*¹. Mesosternum simply convex or flattened, not protuberant.
- c*². Vestiture of the upper surface variegate: prothorax bi- or trivittate, the elytra with one or two more or less distinct oblique pallid fasciæ.
- a*³. Third joint of anterior tarsi with a dentiform process on inner lobe above in ♂ *dentimanus*, sp. n.
- b*³. Third joint of anterior tarsi without process in ♂.
- a*⁴. Anterior tibiæ armed with three long, projecting, hooked teeth in ♂, feebly tridentate in ♀ *tridentata*, sp. n.
- b*⁴. Anterior tibiæ not dentate along their inner edge.
- a*⁵. Elytra with the alternate interstices raised and set with scattered, clubbed, setiform scales *clavisetis*, sp. n.
- b*⁵. Elytral interstices equal, moderately or feebly convex.
- a*⁶. Elytra with scattered, long, suberect setæ on the alternate interstices *alternans*, sp. n.
- b*⁶. Elytra with numerous short, curled, decumbent setæ along each interstice *brevisetis*, sp. n.
- d*². Vestiture of the upper surface uniformly coloured, the elytra at most with a faint transverse post-median darker fascia; legs very stout in ♂ *uniformis*, sp. n.

1. *Promecops viator*. (Tab. XIV. figg. 21, 21 *a*, ♂.)

Promecops viator, Fähr. in Schönh. Gen. Curc. vi. 1, p. 332¹.

Length $3\frac{1}{5}$ –5, breadth $1\frac{1}{5}$ – $2\frac{1}{5}$ millim. (♂ ♀.)

Hab. MEXICO (*Dupont*¹, *Mus. Holm.*; *Mus. Brit.*; *Truqui*), Puebla, Orizaba, Toxpam (*Sallé*), Cordova (*Sallé*; *Höge*; *Knab*, in *U.S. Nat. Mus.*), Jalapa (*Höge*; *Smith*, ex *Wickham*), Cerro de Palmas, Oaxaca (*Höge*).

A common insect in Mexico. It is the only Mexican species of the genus with long, erect, stiff, seriatly arranged setæ down each interstice of the elytra and small connate tarsal claws. The markings are very variable and sometimes indistinct. The elytra in well-marked examples have two oblique pallid or whitish fasciæ (one, before the middle, not reaching the suture, the other subapical and complete) and the rest of