

Hab. GUATEMALA, Purula in Vera Paz (*Champion*).

Four specimens. A very distinct species, easily identified by the patch of whitish-ochreous scales on the head, the flattened elongate elytra, and the uniformly granulate upper surface.

30. **Hilipus empiricus.** (Tab. II. figg. 17, ♂; 17 *a*, profile of head; 17 *b*, rostrum from beneath.)

Hilipus empiricus, Pasc. Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond. 1881, p. 71.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Teleman (*Champion*); NICARAGUA, Chontales¹ (*Belt*); PANAMA, Caldera in Chiriqui (*Champion*).

We possess six specimens of this peculiar species. Apart from the confluent scrobes*, it is recognizable by the broad, sinuous, sordid ochreous elytral vittæ, which extend from the base to the apex (or are occasionally interrupted), leaving two confluent, common, diagonal patches on the disc and a transverse one before the apex, the prothorax also with broad similarly-coloured vittæ. The elytra are flattened on the disc, coarsely seriate-punctate; the prothorax is as long as broad, coarsely rugose, and with a smooth median carina; the rostrum is strongly curved and slightly longer than the prothorax; the antennæ are inserted before the middle of the rostrum in both sexes; the second joint of the funiculus is slightly shorter than the first; the eyes are narrowly separated above and beneath. The first and second ventral segments are broadly depressed down the middle in the male.

H. velamen, Boh., *H. tetanicus* and *H. designatus*, Pasc., are allied forms.

SECTION II.

31. **Hilipus securiger**, sp. n. (Tab. II. figg. 18, ♂; 18 *a*, profile of head; 18 *b*, antenna.)

Oblong-ovate, very robust, slightly shining, black, the rostrum and legs more or less piceous; the prothorax sparsely clothed with fulvous piliform scales, these tending to form a narrow, irregular, sinuous vitta on each side of the disc and some spots on the flanks, the scutellum with white scales; the elytra clothed with brownish-fulvous piliform scales, with very small, irregularly scattered, white or ochreous spots, and an oblong dark brown patch on the fourth interstice at about the middle; the mesepimera with a patch of fulvous scales below the humeri; the under surface and legs with widely-scattered, narrow, whitish scales. Head closely punctured, the eyes large and approximate; rostrum curved, moderately stout, considerably longer than the prothorax, rugosely punctured in its basal half, the scrobes extending forwards from the points of insertion of the antennæ to near the tip; antennæ inserted at about the middle of the rostrum in both sexes, joints 1 and 2 of the funiculus subequal in length. Prothorax convex, nearly as long as broad, bisinuate at the base, rounded at the sides, abruptly constricted and narrowed in front; conspicuously granulate, with an interrupted, smooth, median carina. Elytra one-half wider than the prothorax, subtruncate at the base, gradually narrowing almost from the shoulders, conjointly rounded at the apex, the humeri rounded; coarsely seriate-punctate, the interspaces dull, granulate. Lateral portions of the metasternum coarsely foveolate.

* A character not noticed by Pascoe.