

one in front of, and another behind, the apical declivity; fourth interstice with three short, very distant marks, the sixth with two short marks on the posterior portion, the eighth with a mark on the middle. Under surface shining; metarostrum regularly biserially foveolate; metasternum and abdomen not impressed. Base of hind femora compressed and lamelliform above.

We have received only one specimen of this fine and interesting insect.

HETEROBRENTHUS, gen. nov.

Antennæ mediocriter crassæ et elongatæ, haud pubescentes. Rostrum maris supra omnino muticum, apice dilatato, antennarum insertione fere mediana. Caput angustum, utrinque post oculos tuberculatum, vertice emarginato, angulis posterioribus liberis. Femora anteriora dentata, intermedia et posteriora mutica. Tibiæ anteriores intus dentatæ.

The species I separate under this name has perhaps more the appearance of a true *Brenthus* than of *Rhaphirhynchus*; nevertheless its affinities appear to be chiefly with the latter genus and *Abrentodes*, from both of which it differs by the form of the male rostrum, by the unarmed middle and posterior femora, and by the want of setosity on the antennæ. The shape of the head is peculiar, and is nearest to that of *Psalobrenthus*. There is, on the upperside, a well-marked constriction between the head and the neck, and the angles of the vertex project a little backwards over this, and are somewhat depressed; the eyes are placed at some little distance from the back of the head, and behind them a small angular projection exists on each side. The metarostrum of the male is rather long, but the antennæ are inserted distinctly behind the middle of the rostrum. On the underside the neck is very prominent, as in *Rhaphirhynchus*, but there is no true excision between it and the head. The structure of the breast and abdomen shows nothing remarkable, being much the same as in *Rhaphirhynchus*.

1. **Heterobrenthus distans**, sp. n. (Tab. II. figg. 9, ♂; 9 a, profile of the side of the head; 9 b, tip of antenna.)

Angustus, piceus; elytris vage flavo-signatis, ad suturam profunde bistriatis, externe obsolete seriatim punctatis; tibiis anterioribus intus dentatis.

Long. 10-19 millim.

Hab. MEXICO, Juquila (*Sallé*), Temax in North Yucatan (*Gaumer*); GUATEMALA, Panzos, El Reposo (*Champion*); NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Janson*).

Antennæ rather long and stout, reaching back two-thirds of the length of the thorax, destitute of outstanding setæ. Metarostrum of female moderately long, broad, deeply impressed. Eyes rather elongate. Vertex flat, placed above the eyes, on the middle with faint indications of an elevation; hind margin excised, hind angles prominent. Thorax elongate, smooth, moderately shining. Elytra with two deep striæ near the suture, externally with only obsolete distant punctures serially arranged, piceous; third interstice red, the colour interrupted on the middle; a long red mark behind the shoulder,