

patch bordering the scutellum, an irregular oblique vitta before the middle (extending from the side downwards towards the suture), and a similar one behind the middle (slanting from the sides upwards), the two fasciæ being connected by a dusky sutural stripe. The tubercles of the thorax are very similar to those of the North-American *D. undata*.

### 7. *Distenia chrysostigma*.

*Distenia chrysostigma*, Bates, Trans. Ent. Soc. 1872, p. 196.

*Hab.* NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Belt*).

### 8. *Distenia nigrella*.

Nigra æneo tincta, longe setosa; thorace disco utrinque tumido, polito; elytris dimidio basali confertim grosse striato-punctatis, dimidio apicali lævibus, apice obtuse rotundatis; femoribus incrassatis, inermibus; antennis breviter pubescentibus, filiformibus, subrobustis.

Long. 5-6 lin.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA, Zapote (*Champion*).

Unicolorous, shining black, slightly bronzed, with rather long, brown, erect pubescence. The usual tubercles of the disk of thorax are not distinguishable, those on each side the dorsal line being blended in a large smooth elevation, and the elongated central one being obsolete; there are a few minute punctures only in the central depression; the lateral tubercles are well developed, conical, and acute. The elytra have more than their basal half thickly striate-punctate, the apical portion being quite smooth.

### 9. *Distenia vittata*.

Elongata, fusco-nigra, nitida, fulvo-pilosa, antennis (scapo excepto), pedibus (genibus exceptis) vittisque duabus utrinque elytrorum fulvis; capite mox pone oculos angustato, collo cylindrico; thorace tuberculis discoidalibus quinque lævibus paullulum elevatis, tuberculo laterali conico obtuso; elytris quam thorax duplo latioribus, versus apicem vix attenuatis, apice conjunctim rotundatis, supra dimidio basali subseriatim grosse punctatis, apicem versus irregulariter punctulatis; antennis (♀) quam corpus paullo brevioribus, breviter pubescentibus, scapo gradatim modice incrassato; tibiis anticis apice extus productis; coxis anticis valde exsertis; prosterni processu angustissimo.

Long.  $9\frac{1}{2}$  lin. ♀.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA, Calderas (*Champion*).

In form and colours resembling certain Lepturina (e. g. *Oxymirus cursor*, *Acmaeops longicornis*, Kirb.), to which family it makes some slight approach in its exserted anterior coxæ, which, however, have not the conical form of the Lepturina. The species is probably generically different from *Distenia*; but until both sexes are known it would be unsafe to found a genus upon it. The vittæ of the elytra are:—one continuous, parallel and very near the suture, diverging from it near the scutellum in the direction of the shoulders; and one marginal, interrupted and irregular in width, passing round the apex and joining the sutural stripe.