

of the surface uniform, and the second joint of the antennæ smaller, so that there is a conspicuous difference between it and the third joint. The mucro at the extremity of the hind tibia is very short, as in *B. obsoletus*. It is equally similar to *B. difficilis*, but that species has the third joint of the antennæ small, and three distinct denticles on the hind femur. Only four very fragmentary examples are before me, but from these it is clear that the colour of the surface is variable; when there is a vitta of red colour on the elytra the resemblance to *B. difficilis* is considerably increased. I am not able to detect any sexual characters.

27. *Bruchus pruininus*.

? *Bruchus pruininus*, Horn, Trans. Am. Ent. Soc. iv. (1873), p. 327¹.

Hab. NORTH AMERICA, Arizona¹.—MEXICO, Guanajuato (*Sallé*).

I refer a single mutilated example to this species with some doubt. It presents no salient points of distinction when compared with Horn's description¹, except that it is apparently less densely clothed with pubescence. It is exactly similar in appearance to *B. vexatus*, but the thorax is shorter, the two basal spots are not present on it, the hind femur bears two denticles in addition to the tooth, and there is apparently no mucro to the tibia. This last point is not quite clear, as the hind legs are much mutilated.

28. *Bruchus vexatus*.

Niger, tenuiter albido-vestitus; prothorace basi utrinque scutelloque albo-maculatis, antennarum basi tibiisque anterioribus fuscis; prothorace conico, fortiter punctato; femoribus posterioribus dente lato armatis.

Long. $2\frac{1}{3}$ millim.

Hab. MEXICO, Toxpam (*Sallé*).

Head short and broad, eyes widely separated. Antennæ short, the basal joints infusate yellow; third joint a good deal longer than the second or the fourth, penultimate joints strongly transverse. Thorax rather elongate, very coarsely punctate, clothed sparingly with white pubescence, which is concentrated at the base on each side to form a small spot; scutellum densely clothed with white pubescence. Elytra rather elongate, somewhat deeply striate; black, sparingly but uniformly clothed with very fine white pubescence; interstices not sculptured. Under surface rather more closely and less uniformly clothed with white pubescence; hind coxæ quite bare. Pygidium rather small. Hind femora short, somewhat incrassate, armed with a single rather large tooth; tibia short and stout, slightly curved at the base, armed at the extremity with a rather short mucro.

29. *Bruchus pertinax*.

Niger, griseo-vestitus, supra variegatus; antennarum basi tibiisque anterioribus testaceis; antennis brevibus, sat