

Head flat, impunctate; antennæ as long as half the body, slender, the first four joints fulvous, the rest black; thorax nearly three times as broad as long, the sides evenly rounded, the posterior angles not produced but acute, posterior margin slightly sinuate and but little produced towards the middle, surface perfectly impunctate and shining, the interrupted lateral margin broadly, the others narrowly flavous, and the base with two widely apart yellow oblique spots; scutellum fulvous, margined with black; elytra cylindrical and parallel, with ten rows of brown punctures, placed as follows—the first one ending much behind the middle, the third and fourth united at some distance from the apex, the fifth and sixth rows also united, but much shorter than the preceding ones, the seventh and eighth of the same length as the first pair, and interrupted below the shoulder by two short oblique transverse rows of punctures which enclose between them a smooth space, the ninth and tenth rows complete and ending near the apex, the interior of the punctures dark brown, forming irregular longitudinal lines which surround, when seen *without* a glass, five or six large round flavous spots, as represented on our Plate. Underside also flavous, legs more fulvous.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Capetillo (*Champion*).

In the markings of the elytra this species, of which I have seen a single female only, somewhat resembles that of *C. 14-pustulatus*, and in some respects also *C. rimosus*; but the totally different punctuation will not allow it to be confounded with either of them, as all the striæ are present here and only interrupted by a short transverse space.

39. *Cryptocephalus lævipennis*. (Tab. III. fig. 18.)

Elongate, parallel; below flavous or black and flavous; antennæ black, the basal joints fulvous; above black, margins and two spots of the thorax yellow; elytra almost impunctate, two or three longitudinal narrow streaks at the base, two spots behind the middle, and the apex yellow.

Length $1-1\frac{1}{2}$ line.

♂. Head impunctate, bright yellow, with a short central brown impressed line; eyes nearly contiguous; antennæ as long as half the body, rather robust, the first four joints fulvous, the rest black; thorax transverse, of nearly equal width, but a little narrowed anteriorly, sides slightly rounded, posterior margin deeply sinuate at each side, surface impunctate, smooth and opaque, black, the lateral margins broadly, the others narrowly (as well as two narrow oblique spots at the base) yellow; scutellum black; elytra cylindrical and parallel, with very faint indications of punctured striæ, sometimes even these absent, and, if visible, only confined to the two outer rows, of the same subopaque black colour as the thorax, a streak from the base of the shoulder to the middle of the elytra, another of equal length near the sutural margin, and between these a very short streak (which is sometimes absent) yellow, two spots near the apex and the latter itself of the same colour: all these marks are rather variable in shape; and the elongate ones are generally widened at their ends. Underside and legs fulvous or flavous, the former more or less mixed with black, especially at the abdominal segments; posterior thighs as long as the abdomen.

♀. Larger; eyes more distant; thighs shorter, the last abdominal segment with a deep triangular fovea.

Var. Black, with the exception of the narrow anterior margin of the thorax and two apical spots of the elytra, which are bright yellow; legs fulvous.

Hab. MEXICO, Juquila (*Sallé*); GUATEMALA, near the city (*Salvin*), Zapote (*Champion*).

This curious species, which was found by Mr. Salvin at an elevation of 5000 feet, is the only instance, so far as I know, of a *Cryptocephalus* from the New World having almost entirely smooth or impunctate elytra, whereby it constitutes a special group, the peculiar elongate shape of the insect adding to its distinctive characters. Eight specimens are before me, of which two are males. The figure is drawn from a specimen from Mexico.