

behind and extending downwards a little distance along the lateral margin. In *B. distinguenda* the head is either impunctate or extremely minutely punctured; the antennæ are dentate within from the fifth joint; the thorax is at least twice as broad as long (but agrees in shape with that of *B. quadriguttata*); and the elytra have so many extra punctures placed between the more regular striæ that the latter are difficult to define, all the punctures being of nearly equal size, and also a shallow (but distinct) transverse depression below the base. In the Sallé collection this species bears the name of *B. pudica*, Lac., with which I cannot identify it; Lacordaire says (as above remarked) that the humeral spot commences below ("sous") the shoulder, and that the punctuation of the elytra is scarcely visible, while, on the contrary, in the present species it is more strongly impressed than usual. The fifteen specimens received from the above localities agree very nearly with each other; in all, the humeral spot is transversely-subquadrate in shape (extending to the basal and lateral, but not to the sutural, margins), and its posterior margin concave.

4 (B). *Babia amplicollis*.

Babia amplicollis, Deyr. in litt.; Gemm. & Harold, Cat. Col. xii. p. 3298¹.

Oblong, widened posteriorly, black; thorax finely punctured, the sides narrowly flattened; elytra finely punctate-striate, a quadrate humeral and a round apical spot, flavous.

Length 2 lines.

Hab. MEXICO¹, La Parada, Toxpam, San Miguel (*Sallé*).

B. amplicollis although closely allied to *B. quadriguttata* seems to differ sufficiently to justify its separation. It is much larger and more widened posteriorly. The thorax is strongly transverse, and has a narrow but distinctly flattened and much rounded lateral margin (which is not the case in *B. quadriguttata*); and its surface is very closely (though finely) punctured. The elytra have their anterior spots nearly square (that is, their posterior margin, instead of being rounded, is slightly concave or straight), the striæ distinct, and between the first row and the suture a number of irregularly arranged punctures. The specimens contained in the Sallé collection are labelled as above; another, formerly in the collection of Sturm, is labelled *B. consensanea*.

4 (C). *Babia parvula*.

Obscure fulvous below; above black; head punctured near the eyes; thorax extremely finely punctured; elytra widened towards the middle, strongly punctate-striate, the interstices minutely punctured, a subquadrate spot at the base of each, and the apex, rufous.

Length 1 line.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Mirandilla (*Champion*); PANAMA, Caldera, David, San Lorenzo (*Champion*).

This very small species also seems to be closely allied to *B. quadriguttata*, but differs from it in several particulars. The general shape of *B. parvula* is ovate and widened