

five outer ones forming a slender elongate club. Thorax slightly broader than long; sides obsoletely angulate, nearly straight and parallel at the base, obliquely converging before the middle; disc subcylindrical, closely foveolate-punctate; the lateral margins, and also a few of the punctures on either side of the middle disc, black; a patch just in front of the scutellum, together with the apical margin, piceous. Elytra oblong, parallel, obtusely rounded at the apex; outer margin minutely serrulate, the serratures rather coarser near the hinder angle, the latter rounded; each elytron with eight, at the extreme base with nine, rows of large deep punctures; second, fourth, and sixth interspaces costate, the fifth also elevated at its base; nigro-æneous, a large irregular patch which extends from the base to beyond the middle, and which covers laterally the space between the humeral calli, together with some irregular spots on the apical third of the disc, flavo-fulvous.

*C. distinctus* is closely allied in general form and sculpture to *C. inæqualis*, Weber, a North-American species.

### 15. *Chalepus breviceps*.

Anguste oblongus, postice vix ampliatus, dorso subdeplanatus, nitidus; subtus cum capite rufo-piceus, pectore nigro-piceo, pedibus flavis; supra pallide flavus; capite brevi, facie inter oculos vix producta; thorace subcylindrico, profunde subcrebre punctato; lateribus obsolete angulatis, piceo-tinctis; elytris oblongis, parallelis, ad apicem vix ampliatis, minute serrulatis, apice obtuso, obsolete irregulariter serrulato, angulo postico distincto, breviter dentato; disco piceo-æneo marmorato; utrisque octo- basi nono-seriato-punctatis; interspatiis secundo, quarto et sexto, nec non sutura, costatis; costa externa ante apicem minus distincte elevata.

Long.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lin.

*Hab.* PANAMA, David in Chiriqui (*Champion*). A single specimen.

Head short, rotundate; clypeus very short, transverse; interocular space obsoletely produced. Antennæ robust, equal in length to the head and thorax, the five outer joints distinctly thickened; eyes piceous. Thorax transverse, subcylindrical; sides straight and parallel from the base to the middle, thence very slightly converging towards the apex, armed just behind the latter with a minute tooth, the anterior angle with an oblique obtuse tooth; disc transversely depressed behind, deeply and somewhat closely punctured. Elytra oblong, slightly dilated towards the posterior angle; apices conjointly obtuse, the hinder angle distinct; sides minutely, the apical margin obsoletely, serrulate; posterior angle armed with one or two coarser serratures than those on the sides; moderately convex, flattened along the suture; each elytron with eight, at the extreme base with nine, regular rows of punctures; the second, fourth, and sixth interspaces, together with the suture, costate; the outer costa less distinctly raised before its apex, the apex itself more strongly elevated; apices of the costæ free.

The form of the head will at once separate *C. breviceps* from its allies.