

structure of the epistome, which partly divides the eye. Crotch, however, placed it at the beginning of the "Hyperaspides."

1. ***Corystes hypocrita*.** (Tab. X. fig. 13.)

Corystes hypocrita, Muls. Spec. Col. Trim. sécur. p. 507¹; Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 208².

Hab. NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Belt, Janson*).—GUIANA, Cayenne^{1 2}; AMAZONS, Ega², Santarem², San Paulo².

The example figured is from Chontales.

Subfam. *HYPERASPIDES*.

The Hyperaspides are, as Chapuis remarks, chiefly distinguished by the epipleuræ of the elytra being furnished with fossæ, which are usually deep, and which permit the knees of the middle and hind legs to move over them with facility. In addition to this character, we here meet with another, possessed by very few Coccinellidæ, viz. the presence of a tooth on the front tibiæ.

The subfamily as here restricted, by the exclusion of *Corystes*, *Pentilia*, and *Cryptognatha* (the two latter of which were included in the Hyperaspides by Chapuis), contains but few genera, yet the species are numerous, those of the genus *Hyperaspis* alone amounting to about two hundred. By far the larger number of these are from the New World, several, however (including the type of *Hyperaspis*), are European, and a few have been described from Africa.

THALASSA.

Thalassa, Mulsant, Spec. Col. Trim. sécur. p. 511 (1850); Crotch, Rev. Cocc. p. 209.

Menoscelis, Chapuis, Gen. Col. xii. p. 233.

Chapuis has united *Thalassa* with *Menoscelis*. Crotch, however, while placing *M. glauca* in *Thalassa*, retained the name *Menoscelis* for *M. insignis*, which is a large and differently coloured South-American insect.

1. ***Thalassa pentaspilota*.** (Tab. X. fig. 14.)

Chilocorus pentaspilotus, Chevr. Col. Mex., Cent. ii. no. 124 (1835)¹.

Thalassa pentaspilota, Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 209².

Thalassa pentastigma, Muls. Spec. Col. Trim. sécur. p. 512³.

Hab. MEXICO^{1 2 3}, Jalapa (*Höge*); GUATEMALA, Capetillo (*Champion*).—CUBA².

An apparently rare insect, of which we have only received three examples; it was originally sent by Sallé to Chevrolat.

2. ***Thalassa montezumæ*.** (Tab. X. fig. 15.)

Thalassa montezumæ, Muls. Spec. Col. Trim. sécur. p. 512¹; Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 209².

Hab. NORTH AMERICA, New Orleans².—MEXICO^{1 2}, Ventanas in Durango, Matamoros