

PORIA.

*Poria*, Mulsant, Spec. Col. Trim. sécur. p. 885 (1850); Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 288; Chapuis, Gen. Col. xii. p. 204.

*Poria* is an assemblage of species of two types of colour—blue or green or blackish insects; and red species agreeing in having an irregular stellate punctuation, and long rather well-developed antennæ. They would appear to be more numerous in South America than in our region.

1. ***Poria sallæi*.** (Tab. XI. fig. 18.)

*Poria sallæi*, Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 289<sup>1</sup>.

Nigra, supra cyanea; ore, epistomate, antennis, palpis, pedibus abdomineque saturate rufis; supra breviter, densius griseo-pubescent; capitis vertice cyaneo, prothoracis margine antico et laterali tenuiter rufis; elytris fortiter, irregulariter, subconfluentem punctatis. Long. 7–9 millim.

*Hab.* MEXICO<sup>1</sup>, Juquila (*Sallé*), Cordova (*Höge*); GUATEMALA (*Sallé*), Coban, Panima, Purula, and Cubilguitz in Vera Paz, Dueñas, Zapote (*Champion*).

An example from Purula is figured. This insect very closely resembles *P. cyanea*, a Brazilian species; indeed it scarcely differs from it except in having the metasternum black.

The examples (two in number) from Zapote are rather more greenish in tint than the others. Mr. Champion collected a large number at Purula.

2. ***Poria chiriquensis*.** (Tab. XI. fig. 19.)

*Poria sallæi* similis et valde affinis, prothoracis lateribus late rufis modo differt.

*Hab.* PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui 2500 to 4000 feet (*Champion*).

Three examples of this insect were obtained in Chiriqui by Mr. Champion, and it seems as much entitled to rank as a species as *P. sallæi*. The thorax has a black vitta in the middle, of about equal width with the yellow sides. All the species of *Poria* are very closely allied in form, punctuation, and general details. The size of the three examples is that of full-sized *P. sallæi*.

3. ***Poria cuprea*.** (Tab. XI. fig. 20.)

Statura et forma *P. sallæi* similis et iterum affinis, supra cuprea pube brevi aurea dense vestita; subtus (abdomine rufo) nigra; capite antice, ore, antennis, palpis, prothoracis marginibus tenuiter pedibusque rufis. Long. 8–9 millim.

*Hab.* PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui 4000 to 6000 feet (*Champion*).

In form and punctuation, and by the black breast and black epipleuræ, *P. cuprea* is more closely allied to *P. sallæi* than to *P. cyanea*. It is rather smaller on the average than those species, and of a brilliant brassy copper colour above. The pubescence on the head and thorax is especially dense, and is golden yellow