

*E. olivacea*, and differing from that species in colour. The upperside is pitchy, with the head and thorax and the margins of the elytra pitchy-red; the whole of the under-side, with the legs, mouth, antennæ, and epipleuræ, is pitchy-red. The thorax has often three obscure oblong pitchy spots, but often only the middle one is visible. The punctuation is very fine, but just visible. The suture is paler, and the pubescence has a plum-bloom appearance. Although allied to *E. olivacea* and *E. tristis*, I have little doubt the five examples captured by Mr. Champion at Bugaba represent a very distinct species.

### 7. *Epilachna tristis*.

Oblonga, subovata, nigra, confertissime minute punctata, pube brevissima cinerea vestita; elytris margine ampliata, antice latissimis; labro, geniculis tarsisque subtus flavescentibus. Long. 10 millim.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Chiapas (*Sallé*).

The labrum, base of the palpi, antennæ (excepting the club), tips of the femora and extreme bases of the tibiæ, and the basal joint and soles of the tarsi in this insect are rufous, all the other parts being black, with a faintly bluish tint. The most important distinction between this and *E. olivacea*, and that which leads me to give it specific rank, is the widened epipleural margin at the base, the elytra there being twice as wide as the thorax, thus bringing this species into Section A. It will be seen that in *E. olivacea* the thorax is not much narrower than the elytra at their base. And this is a character on which Mr. Crotch attempted, and I think with some success, to divide the perplexing forms of *E. proteus* into species. One example only of this insect has been received; it was labelled *E. obscurella* in the *Sallé* collection, which species, however, it only resembles in having the legs nearly black.

### 8. *Epilachna nigrocincta*. (Tab. XIII. figg. 4, 5, 6.)

*Epilachna nigrocincta*, Muls. Spec. Col. Trim. sécur. p. 716 (1851)<sup>1</sup>; Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 62<sup>2</sup> [nec Thomson, Arch. Ent. ii. p. 237 (1858); Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 73].

*Hab.* MEXICO<sup>1 2</sup>, Chilpancingo 4600 feet, Omilteme 8000 feet, and Xucumanatlan 7000 feet, all in Guerrero (*H. H. Smith*), Mochitlan in Guerrero (*Baron*), Esperanza, Boca de Monte (*Höge*), Toxpam, Parada, Yolos (*Sallé*).

Var.  $\alpha$ . (Fig. 5.)

*Epilachna nigrocincta*, var.  $\alpha$ , Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 62.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Parada (*Sallé*).

Var.  $\beta$ . (Fig. 6.)

Var.  $\alpha$  similis, sed cum vitta altera margini propiore, et juxta apicem ad fasciam obliquam conjuncta suturam vix attingente.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Canelas in Durango (*Becker*).

This pretty variety is similar to var.  $\alpha$ ; but a second vitta, which is only disunited