

the mesonotum. The propleuræ are closely punctured; the metapleuræ are covered with fulvous pubescence. The abdomen is longer than the head and thorax united, and, in the middle, is wider than the thorax; ferruginous, a band near the apex of the basal segment, the apex of the second segment, and nearly the whole of the other segments, black; the basal segment has a band of golden pubescence at the apex; the second segment has a triangular mark on the sides, and a larger oblique mark near the apex, golden, the apex itself banded also with golden; the third and fourth segments are golden in the centre; the fifth is entirely golden; the pygidium is densely covered with golden hair. The basal segment bears pale hair, the others long black hair. The ventral segments are ferruginous, blackish at the apex, the apex bearing long pale fuscous hair. The basal segment is punctured; the keel blunt, not raised at the base. The legs are ferruginous, densely covered with pale hair; the knees blackish; the tibial spines rather long, stout; the calcaria pale fulvous; the metatarsus densely covered with golden pubescence.

✓ 17. *Sphærophthalma extinctor*. (Tab. XIV. fig. 10, ♀.)

Long. fere 8 millim. ♀.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Teapa in Tabasco (*H. H. Smith*).

Head much wider than the thorax, slightly rounded in front, concave behind; the sides broadly rounded, margined; the part behind the eyes a little longer than their length; the front with a distinct channel down the centre; ferruginous, punctured, sparsely covered with golden hair; the tips of the mandibles black. The antennæ pale ferruginous, thick; the scape stout, curved, almost bare; the third joint slightly longer than the fourth. The thorax ferruginous, except a black oblique stripe on the metapleuræ; above sparsely covered with long fuscous hair, strongly punctured, the punctures at the apex running into reticulations; considerably narrowed towards the apex, the base rounded, the middle roundly incised; the tubercle in the centre of the incision large, shining, pale yellow; in front of it are two large acutely-pointed teeth, followed by a small tubercle; behind are five short teeth. The abdomen as long as the head and thorax united, the apex acutely pointed; the basal segment ferruginous, the apex fringed broadly with pale golden hair; the second segment broadly black in the middle, dark ferruginous at the sides, the apex with a broad band of pale golden pubescence, dilated in the middle; the other segments ferruginous, fringed with long golden hair. The basal ventral segment has the keel distinct, dilated in the middle; the second segment is dull ferruginous, punctured. The front legs are entirely ferruginous; the four posterior legs have the knees, tibiæ, and base of the tarsi black.