

hairs; the antennal tubercles and the mandibles black; the portion of the head behind the eyes fully half their length. The antennæ black; the scape punctured and sparsely covered with silvery hairs; the flagellum with a fuscous down; the third joint distinctly shorter than the fourth. The thorax is more than twice the length of the head; the pronotum covered with dull silvery pubescence, but not so thickly as to hide the punctures; the mesonotum coarsely punctured, covered with long black hairs; the scutellum coarsely punctured, sparsely covered with long black hairs; the median segment with a gradually rounded slope, reticulated, covered with very long fuscous hair. The pro- and mesopleuræ are coarsely punctured and covered with long white hair; the apex of the median segment coarsely reticulated and bearing some long white hair. The petiole becomes gradually dilated to the apex; black, very coarsely punctured, and covered with long white hairs. The second abdominal segment moderately strongly punctured and covered with black hairs; its apex and the apex of the third segment fringed with long pale golden hair; the fourth and following segments entirely black; the fourth segment coarsely punctured and bearing laterally long black hair; the pygidium punctured, and fringed at the sides with long fuscous hair.

### 121. *Sphærophthalma aspasia*.

Longe fulvo-hirta; antennis, capite, corpore subtus pedibusque nigris; alis fusco-violaceis. ♂.  
Long. 13 millim.

*Hab.* MEXICO, near the city (*Höge*).

Head narrower than the thorax, coarsely punctured, rounded in front, the part behind the eyes less than their length; black, covered with long black hairs; the vertex with long ferruginous hair. The antennæ longer than the head and thorax united, black; the scape shining, covered with long black hairs; the flagellum with a fuscous down; the third and fourth joints equal. The thorax slightly widened towards the middle, black; the pro- and mesonotum, with the scutellum, covered with long ferruginous hair, as on the vertex of the head. The pleuræ coarsely reticulated and sparsely covered with long black hair. The median segment coarsely reticulated and covered with long black hair; it has a rounded slope above. The abdomen longer than the head and thorax united, black; from the middle of the second segment covered all over with long ferruginous hair; the petiole narrowed at the base, covered with long black hair; the base of the second segment coarsely punctured, covered with long, black, somewhat depressed hair. The pygidium is indistinctly keeled in the middle; black, shagreened, almost hidden by the long ferruginous hair of the fifth segment. The basal ventral segment shining, bearing large deep punctures; the keel only reaching to the middle, becoming gradually raised to its apex, which hardly projects; the apical half of the segment with an oblique slope. The second ventral segment has large widely-separated punctures, and is sparsely covered