

therefore probable that Wolff, in confounding the two species, likewise copied the name of the habitat from Fabricius.

2. *Homæmus ænifrons*.

Scutellera ænifrons, Say in Long. Exp. ii. p. 299. 2; Compl. Writ. i. p. 199. 2.

Pachycoris exilis, H.-S. Wanz. Ins. iv. p. 5. f. 346; Germ. Zeitschr. i. p. 98. 35.

Homæmus exilis, Dall. List Hem. i. p. 36. 1, pl. 1. f. 5.

Homæmus ænifrons, Stål, En. Hem. i. p. 15; Uhler, Bull. U.S. Geol. & Geog. Surv. ii. p. 272, iii. p. 365; Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist. xix. p. 368.

Hab. NORTH AMERICA.—MEXICO (*Mus. Berol.*); GUATEMALA, Capetillo (*Champion*).

Specimens from Central America appear to be much smaller than more northern forms. Of these Uhler states that in general western mountain specimens are not so dull-coloured nor so broad as those which occur on the eastern side of the continent; and in Maryland the species seems to affect the colder parts of the State, where the vegetation is from a week to ten days later in developing than in the lowlands of the warm areas.

3. *Homæmus proteus*. (Tab. II. figg. 3 & 4.)

Homæmus proteus, Stål, Stett. ent. Zeit. xxiii. p. 82. 11¹.

Hab. MEXICO¹.—COLOMBIA (*Mus. Holm.*).

The following are the described varieties of this form:—

Var. *a*.

Obscure punctatus, supra unicolor, pallido conspersus.

Var. *b*.

Ut var. *a*, sed scutello utrimque ante medium macula mediocri ornato.

Var. *c*.

Thorace utrimque vittis vel fasciis duabus valde obliquis, fuscis, angustis; scutello basi interrupte infuscato, posterius maculis duabus subconnexis majusculis fuscis.

Var. *d*.

Ut var. *c*, sed pictura thoracis distinctiore, scutello utrimque vittis duabus fuscis obliquis ornato.

The forms figured are the type vars. *a* and *c*, in the collection of Dr. Signoret, who has in the most liberal and scientific spirit placed the whole of Stål's types in my hands for examination and illustration.

SPHYROCORIS.

Sphyrocoris, Mayr, Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien. xiv. p. 904 (1864); Reise der Freg. Novara, Hem. p. 16 (1866).

The three species of this genus at present known are found in Central America, one