

6. **Stiretrus anchorago.** (Tab. I. figg. 14 & 15.)

Cimex anchorago, Fab. Ent. Syst. p. 86. 25.

Tetyra anchorago, Fab. Syst. Rhyng. p. 137. 44.

Tetyra diana, Fab. Syst. Rhyng. p. 137. 45.

Tetyra fimbriata, Say, Amer. Ent. pl. 43. fig. 1; Compl. Writ. i. p. 93, pl. 43. fig. 1.

Asopus diana, Burm. Handb. ii. p. 381. 12¹.

Pentatoma pulchella, Hope, Cat. Hem. i. p. 42².

Pentatoma anchorago, Hope, Cat. Hem. i. p. 42³.

Stiretrus dianæ, Germ. Zeitschr. i. p. 19. 19⁴; H.-S. Wanz. Ins. v. p. 3, fig. 454.

Asopus variegatus, H.-S. Wanz. Ins. iv. p. 90, fig. 427.

Stiretrus anchorago, Dall. List Hem. i. p. 80. 7⁵; Stål, En. Hem. i. p. 24. 13⁶; Uhler, Bull. U.S. Geol. & Geog. Surv. ii. p. 281⁷.

Stiretrus fimbriatus, Dall. List Hem. i. p. 81. 10; Uhler, Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist. xix. p. 369; Packard, Guide, p. 547, fig. 551 (5th ed.).

Stiretrus ornatus, Dall. List Hem. i. p. 80. 8⁸.

Stiretrus (Oncogaster) personatus, Stål (part.), En. Hem. i. p. 25. 14.

Stiretrus atricapillus, Walk. (part.) Cat. Het. i. p. 115. 8, *g*⁹.

Tetyra violacea, Say, Am. Ent. pl. 43. fig. 2.

Stiretrus personatus, Germ. Zeitschr. i. p. 16. 12¹⁰; Stål, En. Hem. i. p. 25. 14.

Stiretrus violaceus, Germ. Zeitschr. i. p. 12. 3; A. et S. Hist. des Hém. p. 76. 2, pl. 1. fig. 1; Dall. List Hem. i. p. 79. 3; Stål, En. Hem. i. p. 25. 15.

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Of this variable and wide-ranging species Prof. Uhler writes:—"Almost all the varieties, from an almost uniform yellow *fimbriatus* through the red and blue *diana* to the uniform violet *violacea*, have passed through my hands." The Central-American specimens which I have had the opportunity of examining vary from the form *pulchella* (ground-colour greenish black or reddish purple) to the var. *violaceus*. The form figured, Tab. I. fig. 14, is from Costa Rica, and has the fore femora banded as in some of the more typical species, one of which, with the fore femora unicolorous, is figured on the same Plate (fig. 15), from Guatemala. The specimen confounded by Walker with *S. atricapillus*, Hope, is a variety which is reddish and unicolorous, with the legs bluish black. *S. ornatus*, Dall., is described as having the "thorax more than twice as broad as long," which would render it distinct, and bring it into the first section of the genus. I have, however, with Mr. Waterhouse, carefully measured the type and only representative in the British Museum, and find that the pronotum does not exceed in breadth more than twice the length. I have included the *S. personatus*, Germ., as a variety on the authority of Prof. Uhler, who states that the same form occurs in Pennsylvania. "In Maryland it frequents *Rhus glabra*, and sucks the blood of the