

of the antennæ, which in typical specimens of *M. notulata* is black, whilst in the form described as *M. discoidea*, Dallas, it is luteous or testaceous. This last character, taken in conjunction with the less produced and rounded pronotal angles, induced Stål to consider the two forms as distinct species; but from an examination of a very large series of specimens I have found this to be also only a varietal character—forms with acutely produced pronotal angles, as in the specimen here figured, having in some cases the second joint luteous, whilst in those agreeing with the form described by Dallas the second joint is frequently black.

8. *Mormidea hamulata*.

Mormidea hamulata, Stål, Rio. Hem. i. p. 21. 5¹; Stett. ent. Zeit. xxiii. p. 104. 74²; En. Hem. ii. p. 21. 13³.

Hab. MEXICO².—COLOMBIA³; BRAZIL, Rio Janeiro¹.

9. *Mormidea tetra*. (Tab. VI. fig. 6.)

Mormidea tetra, Walk. Cat. Het. iii. p. 551¹.

Mormidea grisescens, Stål, En. Hem. ii. p. 21. 19².

Pentatoma ignobilis in MS. (Mus. Berol.).

Hab. MEXICO² (*Mus. Berol.*), Oaxaca¹.

The figure is from the type in the British Museum, with which I have had an opportunity of comparing a specimen of Stål's species, kindly forwarded from the Stockholm Museum.

ÆBALUS.

Æbalus, Stål, Stett. ent. Zeit. xxiii. p. 102 (1862); Öfv. Vet.-Ak. Förh. 1867, p. 527.

This genus is principally separable from the preceding by the length of the first joint of the rostrum, which is much shorter than in *Mormidea*, and does not reach the base of the head. It is not essentially tropical in its habitat, being found in the Nearctic as well as in the Neotropical Region. Its closest ally in the Old World would appear to be the Ethiopian genus *Durmia*.

1. *Æbalus pugnax*.

Cimex pugnax, Fabr. Syst. Ent. p. 704. 41; Goeze, Ent. Beitr. ii. p. 238. 10; Fabr. Spec. ii. p. 348. 57 (1781); Mant. ii. p. 285. 66; Gmel. Syst. Nat. i. 4, p. 2140. 211; Fabr. Ent. Syst. iv. p. 100. 83; Syst. Rhynch. p. 161. 32.

Cimex typhæus, Fabr. Syst. Rhynch. p. 162. 34¹.

Pentatoma orthacantha, Palis. Beauv. Ins. p. 130, Hém. t. 9. f. 9.

Cimex typhæus, Wolff, Ic. Cim. v. p. 180, fig. 174.

Pentatoma augur, Say, New Harm. Ind. Dec. 1831; Compl. Writ. i. p. 313. 2.

Cimex vitripennis, Burm. Handb. ii. 1, p. 367. 9.

Mormidea typhæus, Dall. List Hem. i. p. 216. 16², excl. syn. *H. schæfferi* (Stål).