

insect the anterior femora are strongly incrassate and have a sharp tooth at the middle beneath, and the anterior tibiæ are greatly widened on the inner side towards the apex, with a short tooth before the tip; the intermediate femora are simple.

1. **Phorticus collaris.** (Tab. XVIII. fig. 21, ♂.)

Phorticus collaris, Stål, Enum. Hemipt. iii. p. 109 (♂ ♀)¹.

Hab. NORTH AMERICA, Texas¹.—MEXICO, Teapa (*H. H. Smith*).

One male, sent by Mr. H. H. Smith. One of Stål's types from Texas has been seen.

NABIS.

Nabis, Sect. I., Latreille, Gen. Crust. et Ins. iii. p. 127 (1807); Fieber, Europ. Hemipt. pp. 43, 159; Stål, Hemipt. Afr. iii. p. 41; Reuter, Öfv. Vet.-Ak. Förh. 1872, no. 6, p. 80; Rev. d'Ent. ix. p. 293.

Coriscus (Schrank), Stål, Enum. Hemipt. iii. pp. 111, 112.

Some authors, including Stål, adopt the name *Coriscus*, Schrank [Fauna Boica, i. 2, p. 46 (1801)], for this well-known genus; but as Schrank subsequently gives (*op. cit.* p. 99) *C. dauci* (= *Alydus calcaratus*, Linn.) as the type, it cannot be used. Various subgenera of *Nabis* have been proposed by Reuter and others, two only of these being represented within our limits. In this genus all the tarsi are 3-jointed, the anterior and intermediate tibiæ have a lobe at the apex*, and the rostrum and antennæ are 4-jointed. Seven species are now known from within our limits, one of them being the holarctic *N. fergus* (Linn.)†. The undeveloped or brachypterous forms cannot always be satisfactorily determined in the absence of developed examples; and in at least two of the Central-American species the elytra vary in length in these forms.

a. Anterior and intermediate femora beneath, and the tibiæ within, finely denticulate. [HOPLISTOSCELIS, Reut.]

a'. Legs with scattered long, fine, soft hairs.

a''. Posterior lobe of pronotum almost smooth.

a'''. Body rather short, comparatively broad; legs moderately long; abdomen not vittate above, infusate beneath.

a⁴. Anterior femora strongly incrassate: form robust *crassipes*, Reut

b⁴. Anterior femora moderately incrassate: form more slender . . . *nigriventris*, Stål.

b'''. Body moderately elongate, narrow; legs longer; abdomen vittate above; anterior femora moderately incrassate *sordidus*, Reut.

b''. Posterior lobe of the pronotum rugose; elytra constricted below the base: form slender *constrictus*, n. sp.

* Not noticed by Reuter.

† The types of *N. crassipes*, *N. sericans*, *N. sordidus*, *N. pallescens*, *N. rufusculus*, *N. punctipes*, *N. vicarius*, and *N. roseipennis*, Reut., have been lent me by Dr. Aurivillius for examination.