

## ORMENIS.

*Ormenis*, Stål, Bidrag till Rio Janeiro-Traktens Hem.-Fauna, ii. p. 68 (1858); Hemipt. Afr. iv. p. 236 (1866); Kongl. Svensk. Vet.-Ak. Handl. Band 8, no. 1 (Hem. Fabr.), p. 109 (1869).

The chief characteristics of this genus appear to be as follows:—"Corium with two more or less distinct and regular rows of transverse venules towards the apex; ocelli distinct; posterior tibiæ bispinose before the apex." It seems to be very closely allied to *Petrusa*, Stål, from which it is said chiefly to differ in having the posterior tibiæ furnished with two spines before the apex, those in *Petrusa* being unispinose; the latter character is not, I believe, always a reliable one, but as all our specimens, with one doubtful exception, appear to belong to *Ormenis*, we need not here discuss the matter further.

The species differ very much in size; some of them are conspicuous insects, while others are very small and insignificant.

1. ***Ormenis pulverulenta*.** (Tab. VII. figg. 18, 18 a.)

*Pæciloptera pulverulenta*, Guér. Icon. Règne Anim., Ins. p. 361<sup>1</sup>.

*Ormenis pulverulenta*, Stål, Stett. ent. Zeit. 1864, p. 54<sup>2</sup>.

*Hab.* MEXICO<sup>2</sup> (*Mus. Vind. Cæs.*), Rinconada (*Schaus*), Vera Cruz (*Mus. Vind. Cæs.*), Teapa in Tabasco (*H. H. Smith*), Bay of Campeachy<sup>1</sup>.

This species looks very different when denuded of the violet or whitish-violet, waxy, scale-like covering which is usually present on the tegmina; the reticulation seems as if it might form a character, but this is found to vary in different specimens; the size, too, is very variable, the expanse of the wings ranging from 23–38 millim.

Walker, List of Homopt. Ins. ii. p. 468, gives "Ceylon" as the locality for *P. pulverulenta*, but he adds a query as to the species.

A specimen from Rinconada is figured.

2. ***Ormenis nigrolimbata*, sp. n.** (Tab. VII. figg. 19, 19 a.)

Albida, tegminibus maculâ communi parvâ post medium nigrâ, et limbo perangusto ante hanc maculam deficiente fuscato; capite perbrevis, sat lato, truncato, oculis prominentibus, pronoto vertice fere longiori; scutello æquilongo ac lato; tegminibus apicem versus paullo latoribus, apice fere recto late truncato; alis lacteis; corpore virescente.

Entirely white above, with a distinct black common round spot on the tegmina; from this towards the apex proceeds a very narrow fuscous border, which is continued completely round the outer edge, though not so distinctly at the costal apical angle; the suture in front of the spot is not bordered; head very short, with the eyes, which are prominent, as broad as the pronotum and about the same length; scutellum about as long as broad; tegmina with the sides nearly straight, wider at the apex, the apex broadly truncate; body greenish; legs light, probably greenish in life.

Long.  $9\frac{1}{2}$  millim.; lat. ad hum.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  millim.

*Hab.* PANAMA, Bugaba (*Champion*).

This is one of the most distinct of the smaller members of the genus.