

Two female specimens. This species is allied to *Hoplophora humilis*, Walk. (List of Homopt. Ins. ii. p. 514), but differs in being broader, with the humeral projections much more marked, and also in coloration. A specimen from San Joaquin is figured.

4. *Platycotis histrionica*. (Tab. IV. figg. 5, 5 a.)

Hoplophora histrionica, Stål, Stett. ent. Zeit. 1864, p. 69¹.

Lophopelta histrionica, Stål, Kongl. Sv. Vet.-Ak. Handl. Band viii. 1, p. 37².

Hab. MEXICO (*Boucard*), Omilteme in Guerrero 8000 feet (*H. H. Smith*), Jalapa (*Höge*), Vera Cruz (*Mus. Holm.*¹); GUATEMALA, Cerro Zunil, San Gerónimo (*Champion*).

All the specimens yet discovered are females. The dorsal horn in this species varies considerably, as in *P. tuberculata*. Among some unnamed Membracidæ from the Stockholm Museum I found a specimen of a *Platycotis* similar to those in our collection from the various localities mentioned above, and I therefore described them as a new species; but they agreed so closely with the description of *P. histrionica* that I asked Dr. Aurivillius to compare his specimen with the unique type of that species in the Stockholm Museum, and he tells me that *P. histrionica* only differs from the insect in question in having the dorsal horn nearly twice as long, and the pronotum reaching the apex of the abdomen and more tapering at the end. I have therefore suppressed my species, and included it under *P. histrionica*; had I not very carefully compared it with Stål's description I should certainly have felt justified in treating it as new from the fact of its having been sent out as unknown from the Stockholm Museum, which contained the unique type of *P. histrionica*. We figure a specimen from San Gerónimo.

5. *Platycotis nigro-rufa*.

Hemiptycha nigro-rufa, Walk. List of Homopt. Ins., Suppl. p. 143¹.

Hab. MEXICO¹ (*Mus. Brit.*), Xucumanatlan in Guerrero 7000 feet (*H. H. Smith*); GUATEMALA, Quezaltenango 7800 feet (*Champion*).

This insect, which Walker described as a *Hemiptycha*, although it has nothing in common with that genus, is a very distinct *Platycotis* of a brick-red colour variegated with black. It is of about the same size as the preceding species. The two examples in our collection are mostly griseous, and may belong to another species, though they do not appear to be sufficiently different structurally to be separated.

OCHROPEPLA.

Ochropepla, Stål, Öfv. Vet.-Ak. Förh. xxvi. p. 268 (1869).

This genus contains three or four small species from Central America and the adjoining regions; they are mostly of a unicolorous testaceous colour, occasionally with dark markings on the head and on the front of the pronotum or on the tegmina; the