

- c.* Tegmina almost entirely exposed, with the areas regular and oblong, but less elongate; one small subtriangular discoidal area present; third basal area strongly petiolate; facies of a small *Ceresa* *Nassunia*, Stål.
- C. Pronotum without frontal or lateral horns, and with the humeral angles at most slightly prominent.
- a.* Pronotum strongly compresso-elevate, cymbiform *Cymbomorpha*, Stål.
- b.* Pronotum not compresso-elevate.
- a**. Tegmina not coriaceous.
- a†.* Areas of tegmina irregular, veins of apical areas strongly curved, dorsum sinuate *Dysyncritus*, gen. nov.
- b†.* Areas of tegmina regular, veins of apical areas not or very slightly curved; dorsum even *Darnoides*, Fairm.
- b**. Tegmina externally in part coriaceous; facies of a small *Tragopa* *Scaphula*, Fairm.
- II. Tegmina twice as long as wings; pronotum nodose and spined . . *Heteronotus*, Lap.

ASPONA.

Aspona, Stål, Kongl. Sv. Vet.-Ak. Handl. iii. 2 (Bidrag till Rio Janeiro-Trakt. Hemipt.-Fauna, ii.), p. 29 (1860).

The type-forms of this genus are very peculiar insects on account of their broad form, scabrous appearance, and the very large and distinct impressions on their surface. According to Stål, the tegmina have only one discoidal area, but in the first species described below two are present, and the character is evidently variable.

In our collection there are specimens of three species, one of which belongs to the typical form, and the second is intermediate and passes on to the third, which any one would describe as a new genus without the least hesitation, were it not for the second; after considerable doubt I have come to the conclusion that it is best to class them together under *Aspona* until more is known regarding the group, which seems to be a very scarce one. *Tragopa aspera*, of Walker's Cat. Homopt. Ins., Suppl. p. 151, is a small *Aspona*, allied to *A. bullata*, Stål. The genus is allied to *Hygris*.

1. *Aspona turgescens*, sp. n. (Tab. IV. figg. 12, 12 *a-c.*)

Oblonga, lata, robusta, fusco-ferruginea indistincte testaceo-variegata; capite æque longo ac lato, ferrugineo, dense punctato; pronoto rugoso, humeris prominulis, auriculatis, ferrugineis, fortiter et dense rugose punctato, linea centrali aliisque quibusdam utrinque irregularibus elevatis, ad medium profunde, iterumque levius postice, impresso, lateribus fere usque ad apicem parallelis, deinde in apicem obtusum abrupte contractis; tegminibus hyalinis, venis crassis, piceis, margine exteriori apicem versus fusco, ad basin ferrugineo, opaco, punctato; pedibus testaceis, tarsis infuscatis.

Oblong, subquadrate, with the sides of the pronotum parallel until near the apex, and then abruptly narrowed to a blunt point; head as long as broad, thickly punctured; pronotum scabrous and rugose, with irregular raised lines, fusco-ferruginous, indistinctly variegated, especially on these lines, with testaceous colour, very strongly impressed transversely at the middle, and again behind the middle, and much depressed before the apex; tegmina hyaline, slightly infuscate on their exterior margin, the basal portion of which is punctate