

## STICTOPELTA.

*Stictopelta*, Stål, Kongl. Sv. Vet.-Ak. Handl. Band viii. 1, p. 32 (1869); Butler, Cist. Ent. ii. p. 339.

*Cryptoptera*, Stål, loc. cit. p. 32.

This genus, as here constituted, contains upwards of twenty species from Central or Tropical South America. I feel, however, very doubtful as regards several of these, for they run in many cases into one another, and it will be necessary to examine a much larger amount of material than is at present available before the constitution of the genus can be finally settled; the venation of the tegmina is very distinct, two veins only proceeding from the base, and being forked near the middle at about equal distances from the base. I have included the genus *Cryptoptera*, Stål, under *Stictopelta*, as it only appears to differ in its elongate form, and certain species of *Stictopelta* lead up to it.

1. *Stictopelta affinis*.

*Darnis affinis*, Guér. Icon. Règne Anim., Ins. p. 364, t. 59. fig. 2 (1829-44)<sup>1</sup>.

*Stictopelta affinis*, Butl. Cist. Ent. ii. p. 339<sup>2</sup>.

*Darnis transversalis*, Walk. List of Homopt. Ins., Suppl. p. 148<sup>3</sup>.

*Hab.* MEXICO<sup>1</sup> (*Sallé*<sup>2 3</sup>), Temax in North Yucatan (*Gaumer*).

We have received a single specimen of this species from Yucatan.

2. *Stictopelta bipunctata*. (Tab. IV. figg. 19, 19 a, b.)

*Darnis bipunctata*, Burm. Rev. Ent. Silb. iv. p. 171<sup>1</sup>.

*Stictopelta bipunctata*, Butl. Cist. Ent. ii. p. 340<sup>2</sup>.

*Darnis adusta*, Burm. Rev. Ent. Silb. iv. p. 170<sup>3</sup>.

*Stictopelta adusta*, Butl. Cist. Ent. ii. p. 340<sup>4</sup>.

*Hab.* MEXICO<sup>1 2 3</sup> (*Mus. Holm.*), Amula in Guerrero (*H. H. Smith*), Cuernavaca (*Bilimek*, in *Mus. Vind. Cæs.*), Oaxaca (*Sallé*, in *Mus. Brit.*<sup>4</sup>).

*S. adusta* is a light or immature greenish-brown variety of the type-form, which is of a rich shining brown colour, with a short marginal orange patch on each side behind the shoulders. We have received one specimen of this species from Amula, which we figure.

3. *Stictopelta strigifrons*.

*Darnis strigifrons*, Fairm. Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr. sér. 2, iv. p. 481<sup>1</sup>.

*Stictopelta strigifrons*, Butl. Cist. Ent. ii. p. 340<sup>2</sup>.

*Hab.* MEXICO<sup>1 2</sup>.

I have not seen a specimen of this insect, which is described by Fairmaire as "Tota