

flava, nitida, maculâ subhumerali obscurâ.—Of a shining yellow colour, finely punctured, with an elongate dark patch behind the shoulders; underside of a dirty ferruginous colour; legs with a black line.—Coll. Spinola.”

#### 4. *Stictopelta zonifera*.

*Ochrolomia zonifera*, Butl. Cist. Ent. ii. p. 339, t. 7. fig. 2<sup>1</sup>.

*Hab.* MEXICO<sup>1</sup> (*Boucard, in Mus. Holm.*).

The Stockholm Museum specimen is dark violaceous-brown, with light testaceous markings; the type in the British Museum is of a light testaceous-brown colour, with lighter markings, and looks quite different at first sight; on close examination, however, I can find no structural difference, and I have since found that the variation of colour is not uncommon in certain violaceous-brown species. The species is not represented in our collection.

Butler places this species under *Ochrolomia*, but the venation is that of *Stictopelta*, and besides this only a very small portion of the tegmina is visible below the pronotum, whereas Stål's chief character for the genus is that half the tegmina are exposed (*v. Hem. Fabr.* ii. p. 32).

#### 5. *Stictopelta varians*, sp. n. (Tab. V. figg. 1, 1 *a-c.*)

Brevis, latior; capite, marginibus nigris exceptis, testaceo; pronoto violaceo-brunneo, colore nigro cincto, limbo laterali lato albido, subtiliter punctato; metopidio margine extremo testaceo, humeris obtuse prominulis; tegminibus ultra apicem pronoti extensis, semi-intectis, tegminibus hyalinis ad apicem brunneis; pedibus testaceis, plus minusve nigro-notatis.

*Var.* Ochracea vel testacea, limbis lateralibus albidis supra distinctius nigro cinctis.

Short and rather broad, with the head, except the margins, testaceous; pronotum of a violaceous-brown colour, with the part thus coloured surrounded by a more or less broad dark line, which is often not distinctly marked, on each side at the margins there is a broad elongate whitish band or lateral patch extending from behind the shoulders and ceasing at some little distance before the apex; the metopidium has the extreme margin testaceous above the head; the pronotum is finely punctured, and is obtuse at the apex, and the tegmina extend beyond the apex, and have at least half their area exposed towards the tips, this character, however, being variable in different specimens; legs testaceous, more or less marked with black.

*Var.* Ochraceous or light testaceous brown, with the whitish side patches banded above by a distinct dark line, which sometimes extends to the apex; tegmina with the extreme tip fuscous.

Long. 8–9 millim.; lat. int. hum. 4–4½ millim.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Ventanas in Durango 2000 feet (*Forrer*), Jalisco (*Schumann*).

Two males of the type-form, and one male and three females of the variety, from Ventanas; and one specimen, without abdomen, from Jalisco.

The variety, at first sight, looks very distinct; it may possibly be an immature form, but the markings are very plain. We figure a typical example from Ventanas.