

14. **Stictopelta acutula.** (Tab. V. figg. 6, 6 *a*, *b*.)

Darnis acutula, Fairm. Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr. sér. 2, iv. p. 481¹.

Cryptoptera acutula, Butl. Cist. Ent. ii. p. 342².

Darnis brevis, Fairm. Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr. sér. 2, iv. p. 483³.

Cryptoptera brevis, Butl. Cist. Ent. ii. p. 342⁴.

Hab. MEXICO³ (*Sallé*⁴); GUATEMALA, Chiacam in Vera Paz, Cerro Zunil, Zapote (*Champion*); PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui 2500 to 4000 feet (*Champion*).—SOUTH AMERICA¹, Brazil².

We have received a single specimen from Cerro Zunil which appears to belong to *D. brevis*, Fairm.; this insect is shorter and has a somewhat blunter apex to the pronotum than *S. acutula*, but they cannot well be separated. We figure an example of *S. acutula* from Chiacam.

N.B.—I have before me Signoret's type of *Darnis prasina* (from Venezuela), on which Fairmaire described the species; it is very like *Cryptoptera olivacea*, Stål (= *Darnis olivacea*, Fabr.), and perhaps ought to be referred to that species.

TROPIDARNIS, gen. nov.

Generibus præcedentibus affinis, sed dorso elevato, distincte et acute carinato facillime distinguendus; tegminibus tertiâ parte intectâ, vix ad apicem pronoti extensis, ad basin externe opacis et fortiter punctatis, corio tribus venis e basi emissis et areis discoidalibus duabus, interiore apicem versus dilatato; pedibus teretioribus.

Allied to the other genera of the family, but easily distinguished by having the back of the pronotum raised and acutely keeled; the tegmina scarcely reach the apex of the pronotum, and have about one-third of their breadth exposed beyond its sides; the base externally is opaque and strongly punctured; three veins proceed from the base of the corium, and are continued to the apex, as in *Darnis*, *Leptosticta*, and *Hebeticoides*; and there are two discoidal areas, of which the interior is the longest and is dilated at the apex, the exterior one starting at the dilated portion and continuing towards the apex; the legs are rather slender. In the specimen described there is an oblique depression on each side of the dorsal keel at about the middle, which meet or almost meet at the keel and form a very indistinct V-shaped mark.

1. **Tropidarnis tectigera**, sp. n. (Tab. V. figg. 7, 7 *a-c*.)

Virescens, capite testaceo; pronoto antice sat lato, humeris modice prominulis, ad apicem acutum sensim angustato, distincte et regulariter punctato, vix nitido, dorso elevato, a latere viso æqualiter declivi, carinâ sat nitidâ instructo; tegminibus hyalinis, vittâ longitudinali exteriori brunneâ; pedibus et corpore subtus fusco-testaceis.

Of a light greenish colour, with the head and the metopidium just above the head testaceous; pronotum, viewed from above, rather broad in front, with the sides slightly rounded and gradually narrowed to the apex, which is acute, and with a distinct shining keel, which is continued as a smooth line on the meto-