

Order HYMENOPTERA.

Genus THORACANTHA, Latr.

Thoracantha Latreillii. (Pl. XVII. fig. 3.)

T. atro-carulea, antennis piccis, ad apicem testaceis, decem-articulatis; pedibus pallidè testaceis: thorace posticè producto et in duas prolationes diviso (clytra *Coleopterorum* fingentes) ad apicem abdominis extensas: capite et thorace antico sulculis notatis, his sulculis similibus segmentis cyclo-rum circa centrum unicum prope basin antennarum.

Long. corp. $1\frac{3}{4}$ lin.

The insect here described appears to be identical with one figured in Guérin's *Iconographie du Règne Animal*, but as there is as yet no description, it appeared desirable that so remarkable an insect should be better known; I therefore lay before the Society an outline drawing, and exhibit a specimen. It is of course described under Guérin's name, but should the *species* be distinct (for I think there can be no doubt as to the genus) I would propose the specific name of *Coleopteroides*, since this insect so remarkably resembles one of that tribe; viewed from above it resembles a species of *Mordella*. It has literally elytra or *wing-cases*, although they are not analogous to the members so called in Coleopterous insects.

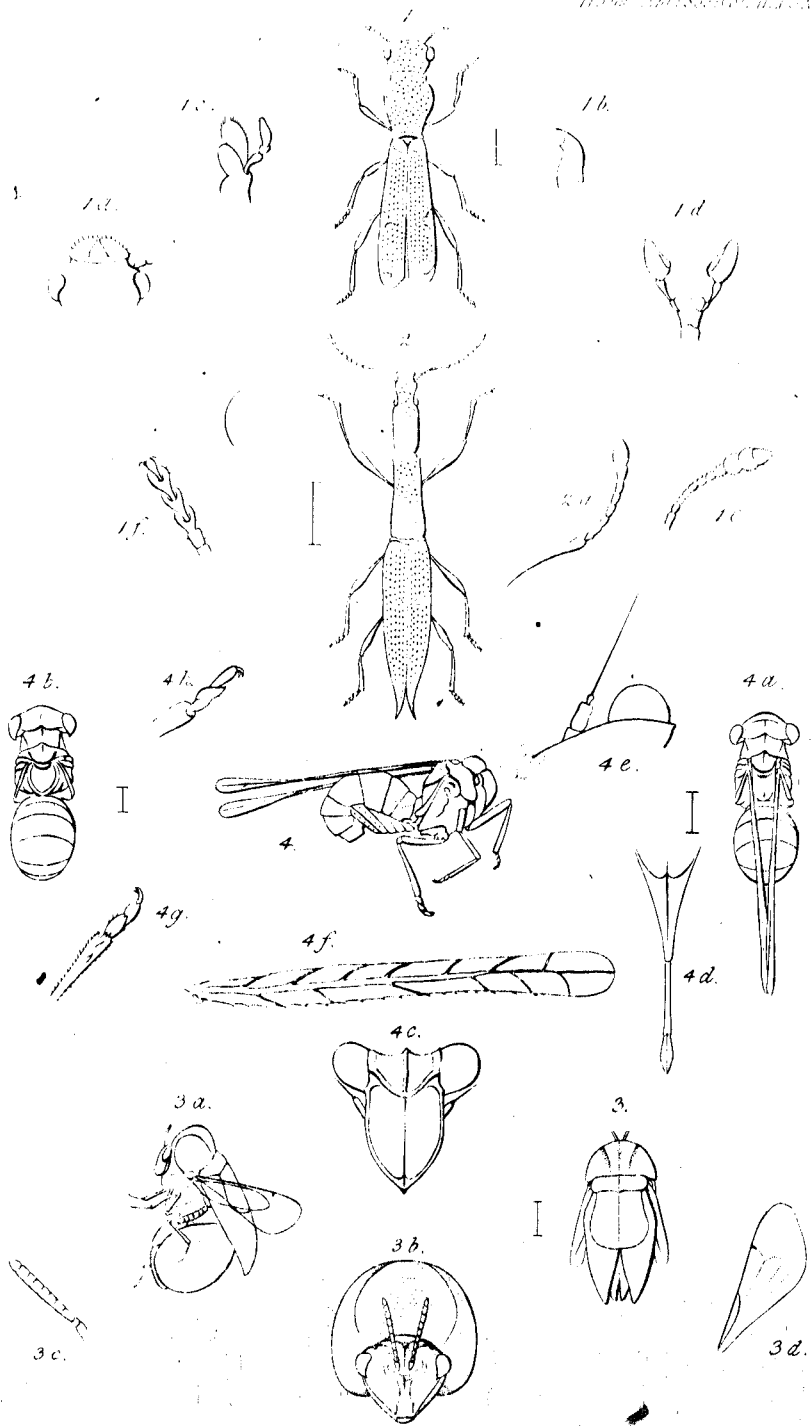
From Bahia.

Plate XVII. Fig. 3. The insect seen from above; 3 a, ditto seen sideways; 3 b, front of head and thorax; 3 d, fore-wing; 3 e, antenna.

XXXVI. Observations upon the Chigoe, or Pulex Penetrans. By W. SELLS, Esq.

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Most persons who have been resident for any length of time in Jamaica, especially in the interior of the island, have experienced the attacks of this tiny tormenter, and can tell what it is to have a *Chigoe*. In the first instance of its occurrence, the newly arrived emigrant, being without previous experience, is at a loss how to account for a slight itching, or sort of tickling sensation, in one or other of his toes, and which he instinctively seeks to alleviate by rubbing the part smartly—this he repeats again and again, but alas! to no good purpose. At length, the itching increases to pos-



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