



FIG. 3.—*Mesolamia marmorata* Sharp, $\times 8$. FIG. 4.—*Metalamia obtusipennis* (Bates), $\times 5$.

Eyes finely faceted and strongly notched, the inferior lobes as high as broad. Front a little broader than high. Head with a median longitudinal groove. Pronotum twice as broad as long, with two straight and fairly deep transverse depressions, one anterior and one posterior, and with a spine in the middle of the lateral border. Elytra long, moderately convex, a little broader than the pronotum, rounded at the apex and provided with crests. Head retractile. Prosternal projection as elevated as the coxae, truncate at its anterior edge. Mesosternal projection much broader than long, truncate at its anterior edge. Metasternum of normal length. Intermediate coxal cavities closed. Legs of average length, femora claviform, intermediate tibiae without dorsal groove, claws divaricate. All the body and the scape clothed with erect hairs.

TYPE: *obtusipennis* Bates. Two species from New Zealand.

KEY TO SPECIES OF METALAMIA BREUNING

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| 1. Pronotum with two broad longitudinal bright distinct bands,
each situated at the internal edge of the lateral spine | <i>cuprea</i> Breun. |
| Pronotum without such bands | <i>obtusipennis</i> (Bates) |

1. *obtusipennis* (Bates). (Fig. 4)

Disterna obtusipennis Bates (1876), *Ent. Mon. Mag.*, 13, p. 54.

Antenniferous tubercles not projecting. Inferior lobes of eyes more than twice as high as the cheeks. Lateral spine of the pronotum fairly long, conical at the base, then with parallel edges, truncate at the apex. Scutellum broad and triangular, rounded at the apex. Elytra very gradually narrowed in the direction of the apex, sparsely and fairly finely punctured on the anterior half. Shoulders prominent. On each elytron an obtuse postbasal discal transverse boss, moderately