

HISTERIDAE.

4. *Platysoma urvillei* Le Guill.*Rev. Zool.*, p. 223, 1844.

Upolu I.: Apia, Feb., Oct.; Malololelei, 2000 ft., April.

Tutuila I.: Pago Pago, Fagasa, Leone Road, Sept., Oct. (Swezey and Wilder).

Fiji Is., Tahiti, Borneo, Malay Peninsula, Madagascar.

This insect was found under rotten bark of Hau trees in Tutuila.

*Platysoma*5. *Platysoma cavicauda*, sp. n. (Text-fig. 1).

Planum, angustum, duplo longius quam latius, capite minute punctulato, stria transversa vix lateraliter producta, clypeo leviter excavato, labro valde



arcuato; pronoto lateraliter anguste marginato, stria antice breviter recurva; elytris striis integris tribus externis impressis, praeterea toto laevibus; propygidio grosse et parce punctato, pygidio grosse sat crebre et aequaliter punctato, haud convexo aut inflexo, utrinque paulo excavato; mesosterno antice sed haud lateraliter marginato; segmento ventrali basali striis duabus fortiter divergentibus impresso; tibiis anticis dentibus quatuor fere aequedistantibus armatis.

Long: 4 mm.; lat. max. 2 mm.

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TEXT-FIG. 1.—*Platysoma cavicauda*, sp. nov.

A small species of very narrow form, the elytra of which bear three complete lateral striae on each side, the rest being entirely obsolete. It closely resembles *P. tenuimargo*, Schm. (Seychelles Is.) and *P. rosselense*, Lewis (Louisiade Archipelago), but is rather more elongate than either and differs conspicuously in its pygidium, which is not convex, with its apex incurved, but flattened and prominent, very strongly punctured and a little hollowed on each side. The head has a straight clypeal stria,

not continuous with the short curved lateral stria; the clypeus is a little hollowed, less broad than that of *P. rosselense*, and the labrum is crescent-shaped and narrow. The marginal stria of the mesosternum is not continuous at the sides with that of the metasternum, and the lateral striae of the basal sternite of the abdomen diverge much more strongly than in *P. tenuimargo*.

6. *Carcinops 14-striatus* Steph.

Ill. Brit. Ent., v, p. 412, 1832.

Upolu I. : Apia, July.

A single example was found of this little insect, which is distributed throughout the world.

7. *Paromalus*, sp.

Upolu I. : Vailima, June.

Tutuila I. : Pago Pago, Fagasa, Leone Road, Sept. (Swezey and Wilder).

A few specimens were taken in company with *Platysoma urvillei*, under rotten bark. The species is very minute and apparently undescribed, but as I am not in a position to compare it with various known Papuan species it seems best to leave its description to a more favourable occasion.

NITIDULIDAE.

8. *Carpophilus hemipterus* L.

Syst. Nat., p. 358, 1758.

Upolu I. : Apia, Jan.

This insect is carried to all parts of the world in dried fruits and other provisions.

9. *Carpophilus dimidiatus* F.

Ent. Syst., i, p. 261, 1792.

Upolu I. : Apia, Apr., May, July, Aug., Nov., Dec. ; Vailima, Jan. ; Mt. Vaea, 1500 ft., Dec. ; Malololelei, 2000 ft., June.