

INSECTS OF THE NORTHERN PARTS OF BRITISH AMERICA.

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[90.] 125. *ALCOCHARA PALLIATARSIS*, Kirby. Length of body 2 lines. Locality unknown.

The species of this genus of minute *Brachelytra* are so extremely numerous, nearly 200 having been discovered in Britain alone, and so difficult to discriminate, that it is not with great confidence that I give this as a nondescript. I have many undescribed species in my cabinet that come very near it, but I cannot find one that altogether agrees with it.

Body black, gloss deadened by short inconspicuous hairs. Head rather spherical, narrower than the prothorax, very minutely punctured; antennae shorter than the prothorax, rather robust, intermediate joints turbinate, last joint ovate, acute: prothorax sub-orbicular with the sides deflexed, very minutely and thickly punctured; dorsal channel nearly obsolete; a large punctiform impression just above the scutellum: elytra longer and rather wider than the thorax, piceous-black, extreme tips rufous, very minutely and thickly punctured: legs piceous-black with rufous tarsi.

126. *TACHYPORUS ACUDUCTUS*, Kirby.—Length of body 1 line. Taken near Cumberland-house, lat. 54°.

[91.] Body dark-piceous, naked, smooth, glossy. Antennae and mouth testaceous: prothorax very smooth, wider than the elytra, posterior angles testaceous: elytra longer than the head and prothorax together, piceous with the external apical angle testaceous; if viewed under a good magnifier, they appear covered, especially next the suture, with minute branching scratches, as if made by a pin or needle, intermixed with very small punctures; abdomen very short and conical, scarcely margined, piceous with the segments paler at their tip.

127. *TACHYPORUS AFFINIS* Kirby.—Length of body, 1 line. Taken with the preceding species. This species is extremely similar to *T. acuductus*, but the posterior angles of the prothorax are not testaceous; the elytra are palish-chestnut and thickly covered with very minute punctures, without any scratches.