

*Ashmeadiella Holtii*, n. sp.—♂. Length nearly 6 mm., head and thorax black, abdomen and legs mostly ferruginous. Head nearly as large as thorax, eyes very large; face about square, covered with snow-white pubescence, as also are the cheeks; vertex punctured, with thin pale mouse-coloured pubescence; antennæ short, flagellum dull ferruginous beneath; mandibles ferruginous, tridentate, the outer tooth long, slender and black. Thorax not very closely punctured, the pubescence white beneath and at the sides, grayish above. Tegulæ amber colour. Wings short, quite clear. Legs ferruginous with white pubescence; anterior coxæ and femora and middle coxæ and femora more or less blackened. Abdomen punctured, ferruginous; first segment black at base, and dorsal middle of second and third segments suffused with blackish; no distinct hair-bands, but apex largely clothed with white hair; apex with four teeth, the median ones somewhat further from each other than from the lateral.

*Hab.*—College Farm, Mesilla Valley, New Mexico, May 2, 1895. Collected by Mr. Alfred Holt. Allied to *A. bigeloviae*, but very distinct by the red abdomen.

*Halictus olympia*, n. sp.—♀. Nearly 10 mm. long, black. In structure, colour, the shiny surface, the white patches on the abdomen, etc., this agrees with *H. pectoraloides*; it differs, however, in being considerably larger, and much broader in every way; the abdomen is very broad, and the head is transversely oval, with an extremely broad face. The abdomen, including the first segment, is very distinctly punctured. The antennæ are proportionately longer than in *pectoraloides*, and the mesothorax is more closely punctured. The base of the metathorax is covered with quite regular, strong, longitudinal ridges. The tegulæ are shining, piceous, with a brown spot and a pale edge. Wings slightly smoky, nervures and stigma dark brown. Hind spur of hind tibia with numerous short teeth.

*Hab.*—Olympia, Washington State, June 26, 1896. (T. Kincaid.) Also from Olympia, Mr. Kincaid sends what may be called *H. olympia*, var. *subangustus*. It differs from the type by the narrower and more hairy face, the translucent pale testaceous tegulæ, and the narrower basal enclosure of the metathorax. It is possible that *subangustus* is a distinct species, but I think it is only a variety.

*Halictus Kincaidii*, n. sp.—♀. About 8 mm. long, black. This is another species of the type of *pectoraloides*, from which it differs thus: