Argyrodes frontatus, n. sp.-Cephalothorax yellowish, a median

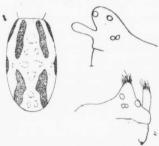


Fig. 9.—Theridium interruptum: dorsum of abdomen (on left); Argyrodes rostratus: head of male (upper right hand); Argyrodes frontatus: head of male (lower right hand).

blackish mark behind eyes and on the sides; legs pale, tips of joints blackish; sternum pale: abdomen gravish or silvery. densely marked with blackish spots, mostly on the sides; above is a narrow median black stripe from base two-thirds of the way to tip; venter pale. large, about diameter apart; P. M. E. smaller, more than two diameters apart. Femur i as long as abdomen, the latter conically extended above behind, in side view it is triangular, the tip

is rather broad and very plainly emarginate. Abdomen of male less extended above, but also emarginate at tip. The head of male has two short median processes; one on clypeus extending upward, and one above M. E., both bearing stiff hairs at tips. (Fig. 9.)

Length, Q, 3.1 mm.; Z, 2.7 mm.; femur i, Q, 2.4 mm. From Ocean Springs, Miss., Jan. (Prof. Comstock.)

Argyrodes decorus, n. sp.—Cephalothorax dark brown; palpi mostly black; legs yellowish, marked with dark brown on black; femora i brown, leaving only a pale streak each side at base; patella brown, except above; tibia brown on apical third, shading off into pale; tip of metatarsus dark; leg ii similar, but with less dark; leg iii mostly pale, only dark at tips of ojints; iv mostly pale, but dark on outside of femur. Abdomen with a broad black stripe above, from base to tip, with a cross-bar somewhat before the tip; venter black, the black extending up each side above spinnerets; the abdomen behind, parts of the sides and above are silvery, or with some golden colour. Cephalothorax quite flat, head but little elevated; A. M. E. large, about one and a half diameter apart, and as far from the smaller S. E.; P. M. E. searcely two diameters apart; femur i longer than abdomen, the latter greatly prolonged above behind, so that the posterior side is twice as long as the venter; tip rounded.

Length of Q, 3.2 mm.; height of abdomen, 3.3 mm.; length of femur i, 2.9 mm.

From San Pedro, California.