

## MOSQUITO NOTES—No. 4.

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Among the mosquitoes lately sent from the various Army Stations are the following, of interest mostly because of their apparent close relation to already known forms :

*Uranotania ceruleocephala*, Theob., var. *lateralis*, n. var.—♀. Head covered with flat blue scales, becoming white around the eyes, a couple of brown bristles between, and a few around, the eyes, no fork scales; the scales on the occiput change from a dark indigo or violet to a light blue, according to the direction of the light, and when viewed from the side may even seem brown with a wide white border around the eyes, but in other positions are some shade of blue; antennæ brown, verticels and pubescence brown, basal joint light testaceous, with a few thin flat scales; palpi also light brown, very short, hardly longer than the depth of the clypeus, the last joint reduced to a knob; proboscis dark brown, swollen at the tip; clypeus testaceous; eyes brown and silver.

Thorax brown, prothoracic lobes covered with flat scales, which change from white to bright blue; mesothorax covered with long slender brown scales, slightly if at all curved, suggesting lateral wing scales in their general appearance, a median row of long brown bristles, and clusters of them near the wing joint and scutellum, a small bunch of flat changeable (bright blue to white) scales just cephalad of the wing joint; scutellum brown, covered with brown flat scales, with green iridescence, and a few border bristles; pleura brown, with one large bunch of flat changeable (bright blue to white) scales on the mesopleura; metanotum brown.

Abdomen brown, heavily covered with brown flat scales, with green iridescence, unbanded, but with well marked lateral, apical white spots on each segment; venter almost entirely light scaled.

Legs: coxæ and trochanters light, and white scaled, femora all light ventrally, but brown dorsally, the tibiæ much darker, and the remainder of the legs brown; unguis very small, simple and equal.

Wings brown, covered with brown scales, the median broad, rather short, and often truncate, the lateral broadly lanceolate, and much longer than the median; 1st submarginal cell much ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) shorter and somewhat narrower than the 2nd posterior, the stem nearly three times as long as the cell, and a third longer than that of the 2nd posterior; posterior cross-