

A NEW WAX-SCALE FROM THE ARGENTINE.

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The Coccidæ of the Argentine Republic must be considerably more numerous than the records show. A carefully prepared list, with full bibliographical details, was published by Eugenio Autran in 1907 (Bol. Minist. Agricultura, VII), but it shows only 32 species. One may now be added; I have had it in my possession for a number of years, but only recently, with the assistance of Miss L. H. Falk, have I been able to examine it in detail.

Ceroplastes Lahillei, n. sp.

Waxy scale about 3 mm. long, $2\frac{1}{2}$ broad and $1\frac{1}{2}$ high, solitary or aggregated in masses more or less surrounding the branch, the wax of the different individuals then completely confluent; wax creamy-white, wholly without red or brown; dorsal patch oval, consisting of the elongate-oval dorsal nucleus, and the six lateral and one anterior plates surrounding it, having their several nuclei distinctly developed; caudal patch with a large dark spot, consisting of the caudal horn; lateral wax abundant, convex in section, more or less concentrically grooved, with the usual broad vertical bands of chalky-white secretion. In lateral view the dorsal patch is hardly or not visible.

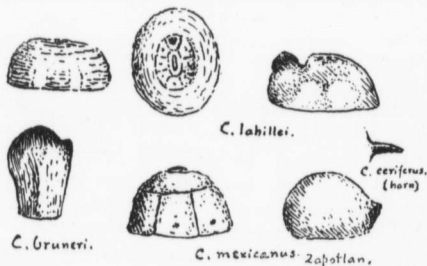


FIG. 5.

Female with wax removed very small, about 2 mm. long, $1\frac{1}{2}$ broad, $1\frac{1}{5}$ high; pale ochreous, with the broad low shining mammiform caudal horn deep chestnut-brown, in strong contrast; dorsum obtusely keeled, and sides with the usual tubercles. In lateral view there is a deep impression between the dorsal hump and the caudal horn.

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