

following, all longer than broad. Head short, broadly transverse, slightly broader than thorax; lateral ocelli separated from the eyes by a space about equal to their own diameter; a depression in front of middle ocellus. Frons and face minutely reticulated by grooves, reminding one of crocodile hide. Thorax subglobular, somewhat broader than long, with very sparse short pubescence; anterior part of mesothorax very indistinctly subreticulately sculptured, its anterior margin with a distinct row of pits. Hind portion distinctly but very delicately and minutely reticulated with raised lines. Scutellum smooth, with a few hairs; hind margin of scutellum and postscutellum with a row of pits. Abdomen short and broad, carinated at sides, smooth, rather shiny. Wings hyaline, quite hairy, fringe short, nervures rufescent; marginal vein short, not half length of stigmal.

Habitat.—Las Cruces, New Mexico; bred from eggs of some Hemipteron, apparently Pentatomid. The eggs are barrel-shaped, pale gray with a white base and a white ring at top, the lid with a white central ringlet, and its suture white. Only one specimen was bred, and the tip of its antennae are broken off, but the species differs at once, by its reticulate sculpture and other characters, from all those described by Mr. Ashmead in his Monog. Proctotrypidæ or in his work on the Hymenoptera of St. Vincent. Another parasite of Pentatomid eggs occurs in the Mesilla Valley, namely, *Trissolcus euschisti*, Ashm. (a Mesilla example described by Ashm.). With us, I believe it is a parasite on the eggs of *Brochymena obscura*, H. S., which abounds in orchards.

NOTES ON VANESSA INTERROGATIONIS.

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I remember about ten years ago to have taken several large specimens of a *Grapta*, probably *G. interrogationis*, but they were lost without being identified. I saw no more of the species until August, 1895, when I took a fine example of the form *Fabricii*. It proved to be the forerunner of a "wave" of the species, and from that date until frost a number were seen, perhaps in all twenty or more, but all but two of them were of the form *Fabricii*. This spring I watched the hibernating butterflies closely, hoping to obtain a fertile female and rear a brood of larvae, but although there were many *G. comma* and *j-album*, and a few *progne* and *fauna* on the wing throughout April, I did not observe one *interrogationis* amongst them. By the middle of May the other species of *Grapta* had