

Berosus Salvini Sharp, Biol. loc. cit. p. 79. This species also occurs in our fauna. It belongs to the same series as *punctatissimus* and resembles it, but is rather more elongate, the sculpture smoother and the apical spines of the elytra more prolonged.

Occurs in Texas and Mexico.

BOOK NOTICES.

Report of the Dominion Entomologist for 1884.—Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

A long felt want has at last been supplied in the appointment of a Dominion Entomologist, and a well qualified expert selected for the work, Mr. James Fletcher, whose preliminary report is before us. His appointment was made so late in the season that he has been unable to do more than furnish a brief report, in which reference is made to the organization of the department under his charge and the measures taken to interest all those engaged in agriculture and horticulture in the work. Following this is a report on the quality of the Paris green found in the market, with results of the analysis of six samples; also reports on insects injuring grain crops, hay and clover, peas, root crops, fruits and forest trees; altogether a useful review of the chief injuries caused by insects to these several crops during 1884. We sincerely congratulate Mr. Fletcher on the good work thus far done, and earnestly hope that he may be able to carry to a successful issue the plans laid out for the present year.

Eighth Report of Observations on Injurious Insects and Common Farm Pests, with Methods of Prevention and Remedy, by Eleanor A. Ormerod, Dunster Lodge, near Isleworth, England; 8 vo., pp. 122, with 39 cuts. Published by Simpkin, Marshall & Co., Stationers, Hall Court, London, England.

We are much indebted to the talented authoress for a copy of this valuable report, which is in no respect behind its predecessors. In the preface reference is made to the relations of birds to insects, wherein the sparrow is condemned very strongly. Its habit of driving away other and more useful birds, together with its grain-feeding propensities, are fully recognized in England as well as in this country, and fairly entitle it to be regarded as an enemy rather than a friend. More extended reference is made to this subject in a chapter headed "Birds, Depredations of Spar-