12. Maxillary palpi 3- or 4-jointed ..... 13.
Maxillary palpi 5-jointed.
Labial palpi 3-jointed ..... Monobia, Saussure.
(Type Vespa quadridens, L.)
Labial palpi 4-jointed ..... Hypagris, Saussure.
(Type H. abdominalis, Sauss.)
13. Maxillary palpi 4-jointed ..... 14.
Maxillary palpi 3-jointed ..... 15.
14. Metathorax quadridentate ..... Antagris, Saussure.
(Type A. aequatorialis, Sauss.)
Metathorax concave, bidentate or bispinose ..... Paragris, Saussure.
(Type P. Humbertii, Sauss.)
15. Metathorax short, impressed or subconcave posteriorly, the post-scutellum often broadly but not deeply emarginate or impressed at apex; mesonotum without distinct furrows, at the most represented by two delicately impressed abbreviated lines posteriorly; mandibles long, acute ..... Synagris, Latreille.
(Type Vespa cornuta, L.)

Tribe III.—Alastorini.

This tribe is separated from the two previously-defined tribes by the venation of the front wings, the second cubital cell being distinctly petiolate.

Table of Genera.

1. Abdomen sessile or subsessile ..... 2.
Abdomen distinctly petiolate ..... 3.
2. Mandibles long, acute, bluntly dentate within; maxillary palpi 6-jointed; labial palpi long, 4-jointed, the last joint minute.
First abdominal segment *without* a transverse suture or furrow ..... Alastor, Lepeletier.
(Type A. atropos, Lepel.)
First abdominal segment *with* a transverse suture or furrow ..... Alastoroides, Saussure.
(Type Alastor clotho, Lepel.)
3. Form slender; thorax elongate ..... Smithia, Saussure.
(Type S. Natalensis, Sauss.)