

faintly dusted. Abdomen red, with more or less black, on the dorsum of the third, fourth and anterior part of fifth segments; posterior part of fourth, the fifth and sixth segments, in well preserved specimens, quite conspicuously dusted with golden yellow. Legs red, coxæ mostly, or at least the middle ones in front, black; basal half of tibiæ yellowish. Wings light brown on the anterior half, coloration very nearly as in the preceding, the first posterior cell, sometimes scarcely at all, sometimes for the larger part, nearly hyaline. Long. corp., 10–11<sup>mm</sup>. Twelve specimens. Kansas Plains; California (Baron); Washington, Ter. (Morrison).

This species is intermediate between *marginatus* and *texanus*, holding the same relation to the former as *Burgessi* does to *forcillatus*. From *texanus* it may be distinguished by its much smaller size and broad thoracic stripes, from *marginatus* by the shape of its antennal style and the strong difference in coloration.

#### *Conops pictus* Fab.

According to Loew, who apparently has recognized this species, (Vide O. Sacken's Catalogue, Note 258), *pictus* F. is not *pictus* Wied. but *Ramondi* Bigot is a synonym of the former. Not having seen the species I give here Fabricius' original description, together with Bigot's:

Fab. Ent. Syst. IV, 391, 3. Caput ferrugineum, rostro nigro orbitaque oculorum aurea. Thorax niger antice utrinque puncto calloso, marginali ferrugineo. Lineolæ duæ parvæ marginis antici, lineæ lateralis, scutellum lineaque punctaque duo sub scutello flavis. Abdomen hamosum, ferrugineum segmenti primo et secunda nigris margine flavo. Alæ hyalinae, costa late flava. Pedes ferruginei, apice nigri.

*C. Ramondi* Bigot, Ramon de la Sagra, 808.

"Niger, capite ferrugineo; oculis brunneis; antennis ferrugineo-brunneis, basi pallidis; haustello ferrugineo, acumine brunneo; facie ferruginea, aureo-nitente; fronte ferrugineo, lineâ media brunnea; orbitis, postice, flavidis; thorace nigro-piceo, antice, lineâ transversali sinuata, interrupta, flava; metathorace postice subtus lineâ lata transversali, flava; pleuris externe auratis; alis hyalinis, antice margina ferruginea; margine magna apicali fusca; abdomine petiolato, segmentis duobus primis nigris, incisuris pallide flavis; omnibus segmentis posterioribus rubescentibus; incisuris superne obscure brun-