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scarcely longer than the fourth : prothorax between bell-shaped and a truncated cone, a little constricted in the middle, fringed with yellow hairs anteriorly and posteriorly : scutellum triangular : elytra testaceous, yellow at the base, and with three yellow bands, the first interrupted ; oblique sinus at the apex not so deep as in the two preceding species : legs testaceous; abdomen of a deeper colour; and segments scarcely emarginate. This species differs in habit from the two preceding ones, it is narrower in proportion, and comes nearer to L. quadrifasciata, but the posterior angles of the prothorax, though acute, are not so prominent; it belongs however to the same subdivision, with the last mentioned insect. [Considered by Newman to be synonymous with Strangalia fugax.]

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244. LEPTURA BREVIS Kirbr.-Length of body 5 lines. Taken in Canada by Dr. Bigsby.

Body shorter than usual in proportion to its width ; black, underneath minutely punctured and thinly covered with rather silvery decumbent hairs. Head thickly and confluently punctured, rather downy with erect hoary hairs ; antennæ shorter than the body ; fourth, fifth, and sixth joints long and slenderer than the rest ; six last short and pale at the base : prothorax between bell-shaped and globose, deeply and confluently punctured ; downy with some erect hoary hairs ; anteriorly constricted, posteriorly depressed : scutellum linear covered with pale decumbent hairs : elytra very grossly and deeply punctured, shorter than the abdomen and rounded at the apex, with a lateral band bent a little inwards towards the base, which it does not reach, of the colour of the yolk of an egg ; anus entire : down on the legs yellow. [A variety of *L. ragans* Oliv. Taken in Canada, also in N. Y. and Penn.]

245. LEPTURA SEXMACULATA Linn. Length of body 5½ lines. Two specimens taken in Lat. 65°.

 $[1S_3.]$ Body rather short, black, downy, minutely punctured. Head very thickly and minutely punctured, obsoletely channelled; antennæ slender, shorter than the body, fifth joint considerably longer than the fourth: prothorax shaped as in the preceding species but less depressed posteriorly; very thickly as well as minutely punctured: scutellum triangular: elytra pale-yellow, with an arched black spot at the base, then follows an interrupted band consisting of three acute black spots placed in a triangle, beyond the middle is a dentated black band which reaches

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