

ERISTALIS TENAX (Linné), Meig. Atlantic and Middle States, Washington Territory! Europe, Asia, Africa. A single specimen from the Pacific coast agrees in every respect with Eastern ones. The distribution of this species is remarkable; although at present very abundant in the region of New England, it was never observed or known to collectors longer ago than 1874!

ERISTALIS FLAVIPES, var. MELANOSTOMUS Lw., Centur. vi., 69. I have a single female specimen from Oregon that I doubtfully refer to this species. While the dorsum of the thorax is black pilose the yellowish pile of the abdomen is confined to the terminal segments. I have collected large numbers of *flavipes* in Connecticut, and among them I have found typical specimens of *melanostomus* and others agreeing quite with the specimen from Oregon, while still others have the yellowish pile of the abdomen more or less intermixed with black. A typical *melanostomus* presents a very different appearance from *flavipes*, and yet from the collection I have, I doubt the specific distinction. The name *melanostomus* may be retained, however, to express the difference, more particularly of the dorsal thoracic pile.

ERISTALIS STIPATOR O. S., West. Dipt., 336. Colorado, Western Kansas! New Mexico, California.

ERISTALIS HIRUTUS Lw., Cent. vi., 66; O. S. West. Dipt., 335. Wash. Terr., Oregon, California, Colorado! A very common species, over thirty specimens are in my collection. They show a considerable variation as observed by Osten Sacken (d. e.).

ERISTALIS (?) MEIGENII Wied., Ans. Zwei. Ins. ii. 177, 35, pl. x., fig. 15. (*E. androctonus* O. S.), Brazil (Wied.) New England! Utah, Alaska (see O. Sacken, West. Dipt., 337). This species agrees so closely with Wiedemann's figure and description of *Meigenii* from Brazil, that I believe it to be the same. I shall, however, send specimens for comparison with South American ones.

ERISTALIS MONTANTUS, sp. nov.

♂.—Eyes thickly pilose, sub-contiguous; front and face reddish-black with yellow pile, the facial stripe and cheeks black, shining, antennae brownish-black, arista bare. Thorax black, densely covered with yellow pile, the scutellum yellow. Abdomen reddish-yellow, with thick reddish-yellow pile, first segment black; second segment in the middle opaque black, narrowed behind, in the third segment the black is confined to a broad median stripe, opaque in front, shining behind; fourth segment similar, wholly shining, hypopygium black. Legs black with black pile, all the tibiae at the base yellowish-red. Wings hyaline with a brown spot. Long. corp. 12 mm. One specimen. Wyoming Territory.

ERISTALIS OCCIDENTALIS, sp. nov.

♂♀.—Eyes pilose, front (♀) brownish-black, dusted with yellow on the sides, face on the sides thickly covered with same colored dust, and