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NOTES ON CASNONIA LUDOVICIANA, SALLE.

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Long, 30-33 inch. Body elongated, glabrous, sanguineous, pilose. Head, disk of prothorax, and under surface black; head rhomboidal, middle wider than thorax, thence gradually constricted into a narrow rufous neck; eyes large and prominent; mouth parts, three basal joints, antennæ and legs rufous; eighth and ninth joints of antennae white, remaining joints black; prothorax elongate, cylindrical, piceous; humeral base and apex rufous, widest just behind middle, when viewed vertically two fine long yellowish erect hairs will be observed to arise laterally just before the middle, much longer than on elytra. Elytra faintly striate, striae with fine distant punctures, from each arise a single yellowish erect hair; intervals smooth, flat, elytral constriction at humeri narrower than middle of thorax, humerus slightly elevated, angles rounded, a wide black band on middle of elytra, sinuated above, arcuate below, apex truncate and tipped with black; knees darker than femora, posterior thigh with outer two-thirds black.

I am unable to detect any sexual dissimilarity.

Its larger size and finer punctured striae before band on elytra, and the white eighth and ninth antennal joints, easily distinguishes it from pennsylvanica. The Californian picta is unknown to me.

Habitat New Orleans, La. Mexico. Rare.

This charming addition to our North American fauna appears first due to M. Salle, of Paris, France, who (if I am correctly informed) about forty years ago took a unique near an old Saw Mill, in N. O. Subsequently, none others were known to occur until 1861, when an individual was attracted by the lamp of a Mr. Speck, which ultimately became the property of Mr. Salle, making the second specimen in all Europe. Mr. Trabranelt, a diligent collector who has resided here some eighteen