

cum eruca crescit, eam paulatim consumens,"—implying continued observation, and also from the fact that Prof. Comstock found his larvæ upon *half-grown* cotton worms, the opposite view can be readily held. The species, I think, may appropriately be dedicated to Prof. Comstock.

EUPLECTRUS COMSTOCKII, n. sp.

Male.—Length of body, 1.8 mm. ; expanse of wing, 4 mm. ; antennal scape, slender ; joint 2, small ; remaining five joints larger, ovate, subequal. Head smooth ; scutum with many shallow, transversely elongate punctuations ; scutellum and remainder of thorax smooth ; abdomen smooth and shining. Scutum, with a very delicate longitudinal carina, extending back into the scuto-scutellar furrow, and forward to the prothorax. Middle tibial spur delicate, but as long as the first and second tarsal joints together. Color, black ; upper surface of abdomen with an ochreous patch of varying size ; antennæ and all legs ochreous ; eyes dark red ; wing veins fuscous.*

Described from 2 ♂ specimens.

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* In the figure of this insect, p. 196 of the report on Cotton Insect, the tarsi should be 4-jointed instead of 5, and the parts of the mesothorax should be entirely revised.