

margin, particularly at the base, reflexed: elytra black-bronzed, less glossy than the head and prothorax, lightly furrowed; furrows punctured; in the interstice between the second and third furrows are five punctiform impressions, two nearer the base and three nearer the apex of the elytrum, so that the interval between the second and third is greater than that between the others.

Variety B. Second and third punctiform impressions not more distant than the others. In this specimen, on the left hand elytrum, there are only four impressions and on the other five, but in neither are the second and third situated as in A. It may be a distinct species, but I can discover no other difference.

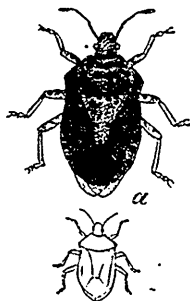
[27] 30. AGONUM SIMILE, Kirby.—Length of the body $3\frac{1}{4}$ lines. Locality not stated.

Body glossy, underneath very black, above black slightly bronzed. Antennæ scarcely longer than the prothorax: prothorax rather longer than broad; basilar impressions roundish, impunctured: elytra more bronzed than the head and prothorax, lightly furrowed; furrow adjoining the suture more depressed and deeper than the rest; in the space between the second and third furrows are five equi-distant punctiform impressions, the two anterior adjoining the latter furrow, and the three posterior the former.

This little species greatly resembles *A. seminitidum*. It is however much smaller, less bronzed, the prothorax is longer in proportion, the sutural furrow is deeper, and the impressions are differently arranged.

AN INSECT FRIEND.

Arma placidum, Ulke.



The accompanying figure correctly represents the mature form of the friendly bug referred to in the "Canadian Entomologist," Vol. ii. No. 2, which was found feasting so energetically on the larvæ of the goose-berry saw fly (*Nematus ventricosus*). For a description of the appearance and habits of the immature form of this beneficial insect the reader is referred to the above number of the "Canadian Entomologist."

The perfect insect has been determined by Mr. Ulke, of Baltimore, Md., who found it to be an undescribed species of *Arma*, to which he has given the specific name *placidum*. Hence our friend will in future be known as *Arma placidum*, Ulke

The excellent drawing of the insect is the work of our esteemed and able friend, C. V. Riley, Esq., State Entomologist of Missouri, who has kindly