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NOTES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF TENTHREDELLA (Hym.)

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The following descriptions and notes on the Tenthredinid genus *Tenthredella* are offered here preliminary to the publication of a paper on the New England species of this genus.

Tenthredella nortoni, n. sp.

The type is in the collection of the United States National Museum: No. 19093.

Type locality-Massachusetts.

Male—Head: Straw colour; the following parts black: the back of head, a large spot on front above antennæ and vertex distinctly trilobed anteriorly and somewhat less distinctly laterally, extending from the posterior margin of the head to between the bases of the antennæ mesally and connecting rather narrowly about half way between the posterior margin of the eye and the posterior margin of the head with a smaller elongate spot behind the upper part of the eye and which extends back about half way towards the posterior margin of the head; an elongate brownish spot on the posterior margin of cheek, the upper portion of which is black; antennæ black, the inside of the basal segment in part rufescent, or straw colour. Head behind eyes distinctly narrower than through them; vertex plate quite convex; supraantennal ridges fairly prominent.

Thorax black; the following parts straw colour: prosternum except medially and longitudinally, a minute spot on the ventral face of the propleura on each side, margin of pronotum (interrupted dorsally), which may broaden out on the posterior dorsal margin of the lobes of collar and on the lower portion of the 'ateral face of the pronotum, pronotal lobe, a V-spot on prescutum, tegulæ (brownish in part), transverse mesoscutel extensions, upper margin of mesoepimeron, an approximately right-angled band on the lower limit of mesoepisternum (wider on the anterior half) and which may be narrowly interrupted about in the middle, pectus except a rather broad band on each side and more narrowly meso-anterior-

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