

STRAY NOTES ON MYRMELEONIDÆ, PART 2.

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I. *Species figured in A. Seba Thesaurus.*

I have quoted, Synops. Hemerob., p. 457, as belonging to *Pamexis*, a new species figured in Seba Thesaur., vol. iv., pl. 86, f. 20. The explanation says, "Color pallide subfuscus, maculis suture fuscis." I can not here compare a colored copy of Seba's work, nevertheless the figure proves to be a male of a species of *Pamexis* without antennæ. The figures of insects in Seba are not good; but as the species belongs surely to *Pamexis*, and is larger than the other known species, and different from them, I wish to draw attention to the existence of a new species of this curious genus. It is, besides the figure given by Thunberg, the only species figured. Seba's collection was sold in the beginning of the last century to Peter the Great, but as far as I know, was destroyed entirely in St. Petersburg, as well as the collection of Madam Merian, of which only a few of the large Lamellicorns are left. Seba has figured on plate 86 six Myrmeleonidæ, five of which belong to *Palpares*. Fig. 17 is quoted by Linné, Syst. Nat. ed. xii., in the appendix, to be his *Libellula capensis*, p. 904, n. 19. This species belongs certainly to a *Palpares* from Cap. b. sp. Among the species known to me it is near to *P. latipennis*; the quotation in my Syn. Hemerob., p. 456, by *P. latipennis*, f. 5, is a typographical error for f. 17, as Prof. Brauer justly remarks.

Of the four other figures by Seba; is f. 18, a male of *Palpares*, perhaps the unknown male of *P. Caffer*. The fig. 5 is, as Prof. Brauer has proved, Wien. Z. B. Ges., xvii., p. 521, *Myrmelcon sinuatum* Oliv., Enc. Meth., viii., p. 121, No. 4, from Cap. b. sp., which was described only from Seba's figure. The figure well represents *Palp. hæmatogaster* Gerst., except that the posterior margin of the hind wings is not subfalcate, as in Gerstaecker's species. Therefore Prof. Brauer believes it to be different. McLachlan, Jour. Linn. Soc., ix., 243, has established for *P. hæmatogaster* the genus *Crambomorphus*, and believes Olivier's *M. sinuatum* to be the same species; but he has apparently at the time not compared Seba's figure, as he would have stated the difference of the hind wings. For the species *P. gigas* Drury, *contrarius* Walk., *moestus* Hag., and *falcatus* McLachlan, this author has established the genus *Symma-*