[260.] GENUS CRYPTOCENTRUM.

Head between transverse and globose; face quadrangular, with the anterior margin crenate; palpi long, filiform; antennæ slender, first joint thick; second minute; third longer than the rest; trunk ovate-oblong, subcompressed; neck moderately long; scutellum trapezoidal; legs slender, posterior pair elongated; upper wings-apical areoles three; middle four, viz., 2, 2, without a cellule; basilar three; under wings-areolets seven, viz., 4, 3; abdomen sessile, smooth, subcompressed, in the female clubbed at the apex; four first segments longer than the rest, the first curved, rather wider at the apex; the three next are wider than long, the last is minute and triangular; at the extremity the tail is cleft for the passage of the ovipositor; this cleft is formed by the turning up of the sides of the last ventral segment; ovipositor very short; the four last ventral segments, at least in the dead insect, project so as to form an elevated ridge in which the ovipositor is concealed.

360. CRYPTOCENTRUM LINEOLATUM Kirby.—Plate vi., fig. 1.—Length of body 6 lines. A single specimen taken in Lat. 65°.

Body very black, somewhat glossy, sprinkled with whitish decumbent hairs. Head subtransverse, hollowed out behind to receive the neck; face with a streak on each side the eyes; feelers and scape of the antennæ on the outside white; antennæ slender, black, externally obscurely testaceous, with a white annulet below the middle; trunk compressed; margin of the collar on each side, tegulae, and two transverse elevated streaks on the scutellum, white; four anterior legs with the coxae and trochanters, tip of the thigh and under side of the tibiae, white; the thighs, except the tip, testaceous; upper side of the tibiae and tarsi, and long posterior legs, black; wings hyaline with black nervures; abdomen sessile, with the last segments dilated for the reception of the ovipositor; the apical margin of all the segments but the two first is interruptedly white; but in those segments the interruption is not perfect.

[261.] FAMILY BRACONIDE.

361. Bracon crocator Kirby.—Length of body without ovipositor 3 lines. A single specimen taken in Lat. 65?.

Body very black, glossy. Head subglobose, with the segment of a circle taken out behind; eyes between oval and round; antennae as long