Mexico, July, 1897 , by Mr. A. Koebele, and sent to the New Mexico Expt. Station by Mr. L. O. Howard. This is the first time that $D$. virgatus, Ckll., has been found in Mexico.

Phenacoccus minimus, n. sp.-Adult 7 . Length about 1 mm . Shape, somewhat globular. Colour, reddishpink.

Body nearly naked, and shining. No lateral filaments ; a pair of short, stout, flattened, caudal filaments.

Antenne (see Fig. 19) of 9 segments: segment 9 longest : segments 2 and 3 next longest, these may be subequal, or three may be the shorter; segment 1 next, and fairly stout; segment 6 about same length as I , although it may be a little shorter; segment 7 next; segments 4,5 and $S$ subequal, and shortest.

Formula $9(23) 167(458)$. Segments of antennee with very long, fine hairs. While the fully-developed antenne have 9 segments, and are well represented in the figure, yet a large proportion of the individuals examined have 7 and $S$ segments. Those with $S$ segments are due to the failure of segment $S$ to divide. Those with 7 are due to lack of division in 3 and 8 . The division in the Sth segment (terminal segment) is never so distinct as that between the other segments.


Fit. 19.

Legs - Femur, length is $5 \mu$, width $50 \mu$; with some long, slender hairs. Tibia, length $185 \mu$, width $30 \mu$, with rather slender hairs. Tarsus, length $S_{5} \mu$, proximal end nearly as wide as ribia, tapering toward the distal end to join the slender claw ; hairs similar to those on tibia; a pair of slender hair-like digitules, not knobbed. Claw, length $25 \mu$, slender, with a small denticle on its inner face. A pair of slender, knobbed digitules longer than the claw.

Anal ring normal. Anal lobes well developed.
Ovisac.-Apparently without defmite shape, just a fluffy mass of fairly coarse filaments, enclosing the pale yellow, almost white, eggs, and partially enclosing the female.

Male unknown.
Habitat. -On silver spruce, Picea punsens, Engelm. The specimens were near the end of the twig on one side, at the base of the needles, and had apparently caused the death of the needles.

