

thick. There is a tooth beneath anterior femora, near the base; while the anterior tibiæ are peculiarly twisted, the twisted part ending in a spine, besides the apical tibial spine. Otherwise as in the female.

Described from one male and one female specimen.

AN INTERESTING NEW CHALCID FROM CANADA.

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Among a small collection of parasitic Hymenoptera sent me by Mr. James Fletcher, the Dominion Entomologist, for names, I found an interesting Chalcid belonging to that remarkable Pteromalid genus *Caratomus* Dalman, no species of which has as yet been described as occurring in our fauna; and as the present species seems to be distinct from the European species, *Caratomus megacephalus* Dalm., I believe it to be undescribed, and submit herewith the following description:

Caratomus leucophthalmus, n. sp.

Male. Length .10 inch. Robust, blue-black, confluent, granulately punctate. The head is very large, its breadth being nearly twice the width of the thorax when measured from eye to eye; its front is deeply, broadly emarginated, and there is a deep emargination or broad groove extending from the eye obliquely towards the mouth, the upper edge of which forms an acute tubercle, while the lower edge forms an acute ridge. The eyes are satiny white, finely pubescent. The antennæ are 13-jointed, clavate; scape, the long pedicel, and first and second funicular joints brownish-yellow, the following joints brown. The legs are red, excepting the trochanters, extreme tips of femora and tibiæ and the anterior tibiæ, which are wholly brownish-yellow. The abdomen is oval, with a dull bronzy tinge; petiole short, yellow. The wings are hyaline with a large fuscous blotch across the middle; veins thick, rufo-piceous; the submarginal vein is distant from costal edge and nearly three times as long as the marginal vein; the stigmal vein is about as long as the marginal, curved; while the post-marginal is distinctly longer than the stigmal vein.

Described from one male specimen taken on a window at Ottawa, in 1885, by Mr. James Fletcher.