

[218.] 291. *HALTICA* (*ORCHESTRIS*) *PUNCTICOLLIS* Kirby.—Plate vii, fig. 9.—Length of body $2\frac{3}{4}$ -3 lines. A single specimen taken in Lat. 65°. Taken also by Prof. Peck in New England?

Body subovate, very black, underneath glossy. Head irregularly punctured behind: antennae underneath piecous at the base: prothorax very minutely and lightly punctured, pale-yellow with two black round dots in the disk between which above the scutellum is a less black triangular impression: elytra very minutely and lightly punctured: forebreast pale-yellow.

VARIETY B. Elytra with a blue tint.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF NORTH AMERICAN ENTOMOLOGY.

We are indebted to the kindness of Prof. Townsend Glover, Entomologist of the Agricultural Department, Washington, for the first part of his new illustrated work on our North American insects. This part contains thirteen finely colored plates, in which are figured nearly all our described Orthoptera. The engravings, which are very beautiful, are from copper plates, and are, both in design and execution, the production of the talented author. We deem this work, of which the first number is merely introductory, one of very great merit, and sincerely hope that our esteemed friend will be enabled to continue it until the whole of his valuable material, which has cost him many years of patient labor and study, and which includes figures of a large proportion of our insects of all orders, may be given to the scientific world.

We observe that this first edition of the first part, of fifty copies only, has been generously published at the author's own expense. It is not to be expected that so costly a work could be undertaken by any private individual; we trust, therefore, that the Department of Agriculture, which he has so long, ably, and faithfully served, will at once recognize the value of his labors, and that upon their recommendation, Congress will, with its accustomed liberality in all scientific matters, make such appropriation as may enable the author to give the world the benefit of his patient and persevering study; the more especially as this work will treat of the many insects injurious to vegetation, and will therefore be of immense practical value to Agriculturists as well as to Entomologists.