

[114.] 162. *ATTAGENUS PELLIO* Linn. Length of body $2\frac{3}{4}$ lines. Taken in Nova Scotia by Capt. Hall.

This species, though particularly destructive to furs, is to be met with in other animal matters, and is very common in houses. De Geer describes its larva as having a very long body covered with a hard, shining skin of a reddish-brown colour and hairy; as having six legs, and the posterior extremity terminated by a long remarkable tail, formed of rufous hairs as long as the body, and placed horizontally in the same line. He says that their motion is gliding, but by snatches.

The American specimen, which is a male, is considerably larger than my British ones and blacker; but in other respects it precisely resembles them. The species may generally be known by its black or dark-piceous colour, covered, especially underneath, with decumbent whitish or cinereous hairs. The stalk of the antennae, and the tarsi, are testaceous, and the last joint of the former, in the male, is longer than the two first and cylindrical: the prothorax at the three posterior angles has three white spots formed of hairs, and the elytra are in the middle near the suture. [Taken in Canada].

[115.] 163. *DERMESTES LARDARIUS* Linn. — Taken in Nova Scotia by Capt. Hall; in Massachusetts by Mr. Drake. Latreille observes that this insect is found in every quarter of the old world. [We may add, in the new as well. It is a great pest to collectors in Canada.]

164. *DERMESTES DISSECTOR* Kirby. — Length of body $3\frac{1}{3}$ lines. Taken by Dr. Bigsby in Canada. [Apparently identical with Say's *D. nubilus* (Ent. Works, i. p. 300), which differs little, if at all, from *D. caninus* Germ. Not uncommon in Canada.]

[116.] 165. *BYRRHUS PICIPES* Kirby. — Length of body $3\frac{1}{2}$ lines. A single specimen taken in Lat. 54° .

Body black, covered with short decumbent hairs. Scutellum velvety-black: elytra with a pair of deep black interrupted stripes terminating in a transverse abbreviated posterior band of the same colour: legs piceous. [As this specific name is preoccupied, Le Conte has named the species *B. Kirbyi*. It is taken in Canada from Quebec to the north shore of Lake Superior].

[117.] 166. *BYRRHUS CONCOLOR* Kirby. — Length of body 3 lines. Two specimens taken in Lat. 54° .

This nearly resembles *B. picipes*, but it is much smaller, the prothorax is more distinctly channelled, the elytra have no black band, and the legs are black. [Supposed by Le Conte to be a variety of *Cytilus varius* Fab.]