

1454. *Sthenaridea pusilla*, Reut. Ent. Tidskr. v, p. 198 (1884).

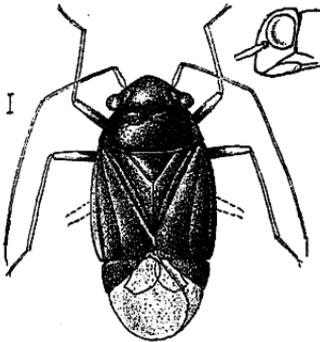


Fig. 306.—*Sthenaridea pusilla*.

Black, fuscous or reddish-black, shining, slightly griseous pubescent; second joint of antennæ excluding basal fourth, rostrum, apices of anterior and intermediate femora, the tibiæ and tarsi ochraceous; apex of last joint of antennæ fuscous; tibiæ finely spinulose; membrane fuliginous.

Var. Second and third joints of antennæ sometimes wholly ochraceous.

Length, ♀,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  millim.

Hab. Bengal (*Copenhagen Mus.*).

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I have been enabled to figure the type of this species.

Genus **NICOSTRATUS**, nov.

Type, *N. balteatus*, Dist.

Distribution. Ceylon.

Body elongate; head globose, almost circular; eyes moderately large but not exerted, adpressed to head; antennæ with the first joint shorter than head, second a little incrassated towards apex and almost as long as lateral margin of corium (excluding cuneus), third a little longer than fourth; rostrum passing the anterior coxæ; pronotum globosely tumid, deflected anteriorly, where it is strongly constricted, and behind a narrow anterior collar armed with two strong divergent spines, posterior margin slightly concavely sinuate; scutellum developed in a strong robust upright tuberculous spine; clavus distinctly raised and deflected on each side; corium with the lateral margins concavely sinuate, widened and tumid at apices; cuneus posteriorly deflected, a little longer than broad; membrane considerably passing the abdominal apex; legs moderately long and slender.

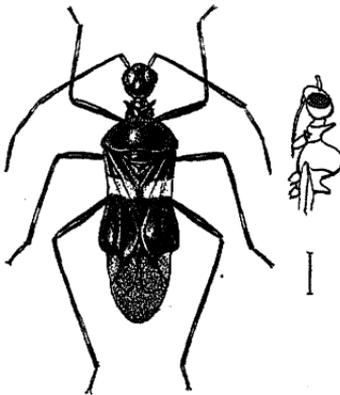


Fig. 307.—*Nicostratus balteatus*.

1455. *Nicostratus balteatus*, sp. n.

Black, shining; basal annulation to third joint of antennæ, a transverse fascia crossing corium and clavus behind scutellum, bases of intermediate and posterior femora, posterior acetabula, and a

intermediate and posterior femora, posterior acetabula, and a