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On some Palearctic Hemiptera

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The paper concerns taxonomic studies on certain Hemiptera from the Mediterranean and Eremian subregions. *Phytocoris hesperidum*, *Leptopterna dentifer*, *Megalocoleus pericarti* and *Dictyophara pales* are described as new. The taxonomic status of *Phytocoris pinkeri* Wgn. and *P. sahlbergi* Rt. is discussed and the former considered conspecific with the latter.

1. *Phytocoris hesperidum* sp.n. (Het., Miridae)

Length 5.5 mm. ♂, 6 mm. ♀. Dirty yellowish brown, dark pattern relatively faint, not contrasted. Head with dark markings around tylus, with a few dark obliquely transverse lateral bands at either eye and a broken faint reddish brown median stripe on vertex and frons. Eyes dark brown. 1st antennal joint yellowish, with dark brown confluent spots on inner surface, these more developed in ♂; 2nd joint (Fig. 1 b) dark brown, with base narrowly and a narrowish subapical ring whitish; other joints dark brown, base of 3rd narrowly whitish. Pronotum suffused with brown, lateral margins narrowly and an undate transverse line along basal margin dark fuscous. Scutellum with basal angles dark brown and with two small dark apical dots; brown suffusion otherwise faint. Elytra tinged with brownish, with sparse and ± indistinct dark irroration, the most distinct forming an obliquely transverse dark stripe at

medioapical area of corium; cuneus mainly pale, a small black spot present in basal inner angle; membrane milky, with dark brown irroration, leaving a largish area in lateral margin nearly immaculate; veins brown, apically pale. Under-surface ± marked with dark along sides. Legs yellow-brown; fore femora apically sparsely irrorate with brown, irroration of middle femora denser, hind femora in apical half densely irrorate with brown, dark rings of tibiae broader than the pale ones.

Body small and rather slender, distinctly broadening caudad. Upper surface with double hair covering: both the semidecumbent black hairs and the smooth yellowish hairs rather short and sparse, the latter not concentrated into special groups. Head (Fig. 1 a) about 0.7 × as broad as pronotum, short and broad, strongly decliving apicad, in lateral aspect distinctly higher than long (21:15), in apical view broader than high (26:23), frons not protruding beyond