

tions representing the genuine *sahlbergi*, originally described from Turkestan. I am not going to propose here a special taxonomic name for the Crimean population, since at present it is not known whether there is a gradual variability in the size of the eyes and in the antennal length from west to east or whether, according to the 75 % rule, a splitting into two geographical races is possible. Additional material is also desirable from areas between Macedonia and the Crimea to establish whether, according to the rule in question, *pinkeri* can be distinguished as a separate race, or has to be united, without a special taxonomic name, with *sahlbergi*.

*P. incanus* Fb. differs from *sahlbergi*, according to WAGNER (1968), in the ocular index (1.35 - 1.40 in ♂, 1.75 - 1.80 in ♀), in the length of the 1st antennal joint (in both sexes 1.2 × as long as the diatone) and in the spiculum of the vesica (narrow and furnished with 3 apical teeth).

### 3. *Leptopectera dentifer* sp.n. (Het., Miridae)

Of the genus *Leptopectera* Fb. four European species have been described: *L. dolobrata* (L.)

(Holarctic), *L. pilosa* Rt. (Iberian), *L. ferrugata* (Fn.) (Holarctic) and *L. griesheimae* Wgn. (Mediterranean, known from Sicily and southern France and Spain). An examination of a collection from Spain revealed another new species.

### Key to the European species

- 1 (6) ♂: ocular index about 1.85 - 2.0. ♀: 2nd antennal joint of nearly equal width throughout, only slightly narrowing apicad ..... 2
- 2 (3) Hairs of legs pale, remarkably long and erect ..... *pilosa*
- 3 (2) Hairs of legs dark and rather short ..... 4
- 4 (5) Spicula of vesica long and slender (Fig. 4 c). Black pattern of vertex, pronotum and scutellum intensive ..... *dolobrata*
- 5 (4) Spicula of vesica (Fig. 4 a) shorter and thicker, the shorter one apically dentate and provided with a triangular lobe. Black pattern much less developed: vertex with a Y-shaped median spot, black longitudinal bands of pronotum present only in anterior half, scutellum only laterally darkened ..... *dentifer*
- 6 (1) ♂: ocular index at most 1.8. ♀: 2nd antennal joint distinctly thickening basad ..... 7
- 7 (8) Body more robust. 2nd antennal joint 2.5 (♂) or 2.9 (♀) × as long as diatone. In brachypterous



Fig. 4. Spicula of vesica of *Leptopectera dentifer* sp.n. a, *L. pilosa* Rt. (type) b, *L. dolobrata* (L.) c. — Orig.