

postmarginal vein very nearly as long as the marginal; abdomen aeneous black, tinged with metallic green basally at the sides, ovate, somewhat pointed at apex, very little longer than the thorax.

Type.—Cat. No. 1010, U. S. N. M.

Host.—Hym.: *Isosoma eremitum*, Portschinsky.

Hab.—Oufa, Russia. Described from a single specimen, received from Mr. Ivan Vassilief, of St. Petersburg.

Two of the Russian joint-worms described by Portschinsky, namely, *Isosoma apterum* and *I. eremitum*, should be relegated to the genus *Philachyra*, Haliday.

CONCERNING GASTROPHILUS EPILEPSALIS, FRENCH.

Mr. Washburn's note in the November number (p. 320) induces me to state that *Gastrophilus epilepsalis*, French, is no *Gastrophilus* at all; in fact, not the larva of an *Æstrid*. The figure shows that it is a Muscid larva, very probably of *Calliphora*, certainly so if the figure is correct. The species cannot be identified until more of these forms are reared. French's figure indicates that it is very close to the European *C. vomitoria* as figured by Piepers. There is no definite character known to identify *Æstrid* larvæ, but the larvæ of some Muscidæ can be separated from the *Æstridæ*. The larvæ of *Calliphora* differ somewhat in the structure of the mouth from any known *Æstrid* larvæ. That Prof. Washburn had a *Gastrophilus* is quite possible from the habits; but it is not the *G. epilepsalis*, French.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR,—Please insert the following addition to my paper on *Isodontia*, published in the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST for October, 1903 (p. 271):

Isodontia macrocephala, var. *cinerea*. Described from four specimens taken at Enterprise, Fla.; Columbia, S.C.; Texas, and one without locality. These cotypes are in the collections of the U. S. National Museum, American Entomological Society, Mass. Agricultural College, and Dr. W. H. Ashmead, the collections from which I received them.

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