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"I suppose you are an entomologist?"

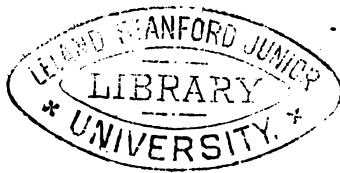
"Not quite so ambitious as that, sir. I should like to put my eyes on the individual entitled to that name. No man can be truly called an entomologist, sir; the subject is too vast for any single human intelligence to grasp."—

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES (*The Poet at the Breakfast Table*).

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Elytra at the base distinctly broader than the thorax, the apical third arcuately-attenuated, strongly striated, the striæ closely and rather strongly punctured, the interstices gently convex, moderately, distinctly, and closely punctured. Antennæ slender, about three-quarters the length of the elytra.

Hab. : Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

A single example received from the late Mr. W. Harper Pease.

British Museum: *March*, 1879.

DESCRIPTIONS OF TWO SPECIES OF *CÆNIS* (*EPHEMERIDÆ*) FROM LAKE NYASSA.

BY THE REV. A. E. EATON, M.A.

A packet containing specimens of *Cænis*, and endorsed "Edible midges, which the natives of Nyassa make into cakes," was forwarded to me by Mr. H. B. Cotterill last December. They were caught by him on board a boat, about the middle of the lake, between Livingstonia and Makanjeras, while passing through a cloud of them, on the 25th of January, 1877. The gloominess of the suburban atmosphere in winter has caused their determination to be delayed. They represent the following two species, of which the second appears to be the most plentiful.

CÆNIS KUNGU, *sp. n.*

Imago sicca.—*Corpus isabelinum* v. *furfurosum*, *subtus pallide ochraceum*, *femoribus lutescentibus*, *tibiis tarsisque albidis*, nisi *tibiâ anticâ maris forsan pallide nigricanti exceptâ*. *Alæ vitrinæ*, *pallidissime costas versus plus aut minus infuscatae*, *costâ cum nervis paucis proxime sequentibus nervulisque transversalibus interjacentibus atro-piceis*.

Long. corp. ♂ *circiter* 3·5, ♀ 4·5—5·0; *al.* ♂ 3·0, ♀ 3·5—3·75; *set.* ♂ *subim.* 1·75 mm.

CÆNIS CIBARIA, *sp. n.*

Imago sicca.—*Caput supra nigricans*, *antennis albis*. *Thorax pallide fuscescens*, *suturis apiceque mesothoracis nigris*. *Pedes albidæ*, *femoribus supra maculâ unâ trigonali præapicali nigrâ magnâ*, *coxisque extra nigris*. *Alæ vitrinæ crassioribus nervorum cum nervulis transversalibus interjacentibus plus aut minus opace nigricantibus*. *Abdomen supra nigricans*, *ad juncturas late lateraque versus albidum*, *atque segmentis 2—6 vel (♀) minus opacis*, *vel (♂) albidis: subtus ubique pallidum*.

Long. corp. ♂ 2·5—2·75, ♀ 4·0; *al.* ♂ 2—2·25, ♀ 3·0 mm.

I may add, that some outlines of part of the external anatomy of these species will be found in the Appendix to the Journals of the late Captain Elton, recently published by J. Murray.

Bromley, Kent: 19th March, 1879.