

EUTHRIPS AND HEDYCHRIDIUM IN NEW MEXICO.

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THRIPIDÆ.

Euthrips tritici (Fitch).—At Las Vegas, Hot Springs, N. M., on May 17, 1903, I found *Ribes cereum*, Dougl., presenting numerous flower-galls of rather pumpkin-like form and greenish-white colour, about 9 mm. long and 8 broad. These consisted of the swollen and deformed flowers, the walls of the calyx being thickened and greatly inflated. I rather expected to find in them dipterous larvæ, but they contained nothing but thrips, which, I am sure, is responsible for the damage. After careful comparison with the published accounts, and especially that of Mr. W. E. Hinds, I am quite unable to separate the thrips from the well-known *Euthrips tritici*.

CHRYSIDIDÆ.

Hedychridium amabile, sp. n.—Length about 3 millim., shining green and crimson. Head yellowish-green, the vertex crimson, shading into yellow; antennæ black; thorax green, the pro- and mesothorax mostly crimson dorsally, the crimson shading into golden at the sides; scutellum suffused with the same colours; sides of post-scutellum, and hind corners and narrow hind border of prothorax, more or less brilliant blue; abdomen yellowish-green shot with crimson. Ocelli in a not far from equilateral triangle; prothorax and mesothorax, seen from above, about equal in length; prothorax with large, close subconfluent punctures; mesothorax with well-separated punctures of various sizes; triangular area at base of metathorax with no median ridge, the area is minutely transversely ridged, except at the lateral corners, where the ridges run obliquely; sides of metathorax irregularly cancellate; abdomen very closely punctured, third segment without any fovea or peculiarity of sculpture; legs dark, basal half of tarsi light reddish. When the abdomen is viewed laterally, the apex of the second segment is level with the base of the third.

Hab.—Mesilla Park, N. M., on campus of Agricultural College, May 8, 1900. (*Cockerell*). A lovely little species, known from others by its metathoracic sculpture.

I will take this opportunity to record *Chrysis inflata*, Aaron (det. du Buysson), from the Wiegand Ranch, near Las Vegas, N. M., March 1. With this the recorded New Mexico Chrysididæ now number 19 species.