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**NEW SPECIES OF AFRICAN STAPHYLINIDAE
(COLEOPTERA),**

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Medon (s. str.) monachus sp. nov.

Greasy lustrous, black, the posterior margin and postero-external angle of the elytra narrowly and very obscurely yellowish. Antennae blackish the last three segments reddish. Legs reddish-yellow. Legth 6 mm.

In build and lustre much like *obsoletus* NORDM. but much larger. Head as long as broad, slightly narrower than the thorax, the eyes rather small, the post-ocular region very slightly dilated, the posterior angles rounded, moderately finely, closely superficially punctured, coriaceous. Antennae with the 3rd. joint distinctly longer than the 2nd, 4th. to 6th. a little longer than broad, 7th. to 10th. about as long as broad. Thorax as long as broad, the sides almost straight, retracted behind, the angles rounded; along the middle with fine raised shining line, the sculpture as on the head. Elytra broader and very slightly longer than the thorax, as long as broad, closely covered with small granules. Abdomen very finely and densely punctured and pubescent, sericeous.

♂: unknown.

Nizi: Blukwa, 19-I-1929 (A. COLLART).

Philonthus reticollis sp. n.

Entirely deep black, shining, the abdomen slightly iridescent. Antennae and legs black. Thorax with dorsal row of five punctures. Length 8.5-9 mm.

In build much like *cupreonitens* EPP. but smaller, deep black in colour. Antennae longer, the elytra shorter but very similarly punctured. Head transverse, subquadrate, a little narrower than the thorax, the eyes large, about twice as long as the temples, the median pair of inter-ocular punctures widely separated from each other, behind the eyes with a few moderate punctures. Antennae reaching the base of the elytra, the 3rd. segment a little longer than the 2nd., 4th. to 10th. all longer than broad, gradually decreasing in length, the penultimate only slightly longer than broad. Thorax scarcely longer than broad, the sides straight and practically parallel and with dorsal row of five moderate punctures and three others externally. Scutellum closely punctured. Elytra a little longer (6:5) and broader than the thorax, transverse, moderately finely and moderately closely punctured, finely pubescent and with a few longer black setae at the sides: ground sculpture absent. Abdomen rather finely and rather closely punctured and pubescent throughout and without ground sculpture. The head and thorax with very fine transverse ground sculpture. First segment of the posterior tarsi as long as the last.

♂: anterior tarsi dilated. 6th sternite broadly and feebly arcuately emarginate, the adjacent area crescentically impressed and glabrous.

Nizi: Blukwa, 30-XII-1928 (A. COLLART).

Philonthus (Gabrius) infantilis sp. n.

Shining; head and thorax black, elytra pitchy brown, abdomen pitchy black. Thorax with dorsal row of five punctures. Antennae blackish, the first two segments brownish yellow. Legs reddish yellow. Length 3 mm.

Narrower than *thermarum* AUBÉ and of darker colour, the head ovate, longer than broad (3.5:3) distinctly narrowed towards the front, the eyes smaller, the first two segments of the antennae darker, the elytra uniformly darker, scarcely longer than the thorax, more finely and scarcely as closely punctured, the abdomen obviously more sparingly punctured.

Nizi: Blukwa, 28-XII-1928 (A. COLLART).

Philonthus (Gabrius) thermicola sp. n.

Very near *nigritulus* GR. similar in colour except that the first two segments of the antennae are dark, the head similar in shape and the structure of the antennae scarcely differing, the thorax is however a little shorter and broader, the sides less parallel, slightly retracted towards the front, the elytra much more coarsely and a little less closely punctured, the abdomen not quite so finely and distinctly less closely punctured. The head as long as broad, larger in the ♂, in both sexes only slightly narrower than the thorax which is a little longer than broad (3: 2.5) with dorsal row of six punctures; elytra as long as the thorax. Length 4.5-5 mm.

Nizi: Blukwa, 12-XII-28 (A. COLLART).

Falagria (Anaulacaspis) africana sp. n.

Shining black, the base of the elytra obscurely, the 1st. tergite distinctly yellow. Antennae black. the 1st, 2nd., 9th., 10th., and 11th. segments reddish yellow. Femora black, tibiae and tarsi yellow, the middle and posterior tibiae more or less infusate. Length 3.5 mm.

A slender species. Head round, as broad as the thorax, finely, moderately closely, obsolete punctured. Antennae long, the 3rd. segment a little longer than the 2nd., 4th. to 7th. all longer than broad, decreasing in length, 8th. to 10th. as long as broad, 11th. as long as the 9th and 10th. together. Thorax longer than broad (2: 1.6), widest before the middle and with rounded sides, in front and behind straightly retracted, sulcate along the middle, the sculpture fine, close and asperate on the disc, finer, more sparing and simple elsewhere. Scutellum granular. Elytra measured from the base as long as but broader than the thorax, broader than long (2.3: 2), finely moderately closely asperately punctured at the base, much less closely, more finely and simply elsewhere, finely pubescent. Abdomen narrowed at the base, finely and rather closely punctured, finely pubescent. The whole insect without ground sculpture.

Nizi: Blukwa, 30-XII-28 (A. COLLART).

Bledius (Hesperophilus) ealanus sp. n.

Rather shining, black, the elytra pale yellow with the base narrowly infuscate. Antennae and legs reddish yellow. Length 2 mm.

Build of *Husseini* FAUV. but smaller and narrower, the eyes smaller, the ground sculpture of the head and thorax much weaker, the puncturation of the latter finer and more superficial. Head as broad as the thorax, coriaceous with a few small superficial punctures, between the antennal tubercles with a fine transverse line; clypeus near the anterior border with a pair of small tubercles as in *Husseini*, the mandibles narrow and elongate as in that species. Antennae shorter and stouter than in *Husseini* the penultimate segments more transverse. Thorax transverse (3: 2.5), the sides straight and parallel for the anterior two thirds then straightly and obliquely retracted to the base, along the middle with a fine impressed line, the punctures small, rather close and superficial. Elytra longer (4: 2.5) and broader than the thorax, as long as broad, more closely, less finely and less superficially punctured. Abdomen finely coriaceous, very finely and very sparingly punctured.

Eala, V-1935 (J. GHESQUIÈRE).