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NEW SPECIES OF STAPHYLINIDAE
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STENINAE.

Stenus (*Hypostenus*) *ghesquierei* sp. nov.

Shining, black. Antennae and legs yellow. Length 5.5 mm.

Very near *burgeoni* BERNH. of similar build and colour, except that the 1st joint of the antennae is yellow like the following, but the head is more coarsely punctured, the thorax a little broader, both it and the elytra more coarsely punctured, the abdomen a little less finely and a little more closely punctured. Head narrower than the base of the elytra, feebly but broadly bi-impressed, in the middle with a small, slightly elevated, flat impunctate area, elsewhere moderately coarsely and closely punctured, finely coriaceous. Antennae as in *burgeoni*, all the joints longer than broad but shorter than in *continentalis*. Thorax cylindrical longer (3: 2.3) than broad, as closely but more coarsely punctured than the head, very finely coriaceous. Elytra distinctly broader and a third longer than the thorax, as closely but rather more coarsely punctured, very finely coriaceous. Abdomen slender, pointed, the anterior segments strongly constricted at their bases, rather finely, moderately closely and uni-

formly punctured, very finely coriaceous. Pubescence throughout very scanty. From *continentalis* BERNH. it differs in the shorter antennae and coarser puncturation of the fore-parts.

♂ : Unknown.

Sake : V. 1937.

ALEOCHARINAE.

Gyrophæna (*Phanerota*) *ghesquièrei* sp. nov.

Shining; head and elytra black the latter more or less rufescent at base; thorax dark reddish brown with lighter margins: abdomen red, scarcely infusate before the apex. Antennae and legs reddish-yellow. Length 2.3 mm.

Head strongly transverse, nearly as broad as the thorax, the eyes very large and prominent occupying the whole side, near them with four or five very small punctures; ground sculpture absent. Antennae with the 3rd joint a little shorter than the 2nd, 4th fully as long as broad, 5th to 10th as long as broad differing but little amongst themselves, the 11th scarcely as long as the 9th and 10th together. Thorax strongly transverse (4.3 : 3), the sides rounded in front, a little straighter behind and rounded with the base, on each side of the middle with a row of 3 or 4 very small punctures of which the basal pair is the largest, externally with 2 or 3 minute ones; ground sculpture absent. Elytra distinctly broader and about a third longer than the thorax with a very few, very fine punctures, externally practically impunctate; ground sculpture absent. Abdomen nearly impunctate, coriaceous.

♂ : 8th dorsal segment with a straight spine on each side, in the middle with a shorter, triangular tooth, the border between arcuately emarginate.

Eala : I. 1935. In edible fungus.

Mimacrotona *africana* sp. nov.

Moderately shining; head black, thorax and abdomen reddish brown, the latter with the posterior margins of the segments lighter, before the apex more or less infusate; elytra pitchy black or pitchy-brown. Antennae reddish, the first three or four joints and legs reddish-yellow. Length 1.5 - 1.75 mm.

Build of *cingulata* CAM. but less brightly coloured, the sculpture of the thorax and elytra not so fine. Head transversely sub-orbicular, narrower than the thorax, the eyes rather large but not prominent, extremely finely, moderately closely punctured, very finely coriaceous. Antennae short, thickened towards the apex, the 3rd joint shorter than the 2nd, 4th to 10th transverse, increasing in width, the penultimate about three times as broad as long, the 11th stout, pointed. Thorax transverse (3.3: 2), convex, the sides rounded, more retracted in front, the posterior angles briefly rounded, the base feebly bisinuate, moderately closely, finely but roughly punctured, finely coriaceous. Elytra as long as but scarcely broader than the thorax, about as closely, roughly and a little less finely punctured. Abdomen gradually narrowed from base to apex, very finely, rather sparingly punctured and with the usual squamo-reticulate ground sculpture of the genus.

Eala : III. 1935. In fruit of *Anopyxis*.

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