

one to three bristles on the mesopleura. Abdomen wholly sparsely whitish pilose, pile a little longer basally, sub-appressed except on the anterior angles of the second, third and fourth segments. Femora black, their tips luteous; front coxae obscurely luteous, as well as a spot on the thorax above them extending to the partly obscurely luteous humeri. Anterior four tibiae luteous or yellowish with broad, ill-defined median blackish bands, hind tibiae paler at ends only; tarsi obscurely luteous, the apical joints darker; hind tarsi more brownish.

Wings almost hyaline, stigma pallidly yellowish; veins brown, yellow at base of wing; first posterior cell acute, last section of fourth vein a little bent at its basal fifth. There are five minute bristles on  $R_{4+5}$  before the furcation. Squamae white, with whitish fringe; halteres yellow.

*Holotype*, ♀, Macdiarmid, Ont., June 7, 1921, (N. K. Bigelow), in the Ontario Museum, Toronto.

*Paratypes*, ♀, same data, in the Ontario Museum; ♀, same data, in the writer's collection.

This species is distinct from any so far described from North America in having the eyes bare and the facial slopes pilose. It belongs to a distinct group, although its general structure places it close to the *tristis* group.

#### AN APPEAL FOR AID.

The following letter which has been received by the Secretary of the Entomological Society of Ontario speaks for itself.

DEAR SIRS:—The "Mikrographische Gesellschaft" has been in existence in Vienna for ten years and has at present about 50 members.

Its object is to popularize microscopy or rather those branches of the natural sciences which rely upon the study of the universe in the smallest space. At the same time it extends and affords opportunities to non-members to whom the use of our laboratory, consisting of five rooms, is offered gratuitously.

Through the extreme decline in the value of Austrian currency its finances have come into a most critical state. Before the war the society was able to cover its expenses and the upkeep of the laboratory out of its modest income. But our means are now exhausted and we are unable to procure even the most urgent expedients, such as instruments, reagents, colours, glass articles, photographic supplies, etc., the prices of which have arisen enormously, not to mention the increased cost for gas and electric current.

Without prompt assistance the society will soon be obliged to dissolve and to deprive the intellectual people of our unhappy city of a place of scientific study and research.

The unfortunate, poorly nourished intellectual classes of Vienna are facing a winter of hardship and privation which acts as a spur to seek education and enlightenment with a view of paving the way for a better future for themselves, and, let us hope, for the benefit of all mankind. We therefore beg leave to appeal to you, Gentlemen, who are pursuing similar noble objects, to make it possible for us, through an accommodation in your own sound money, that our society may be saved and continue with its work.

Please accept our heartiest thanks in advance.

We are, Gentlemen, gratefully and sincerely yours,

MIKROGRAPHISCHE GESELLSCHAFT WIEN,

Treasurer; Paul Frenzel, Vienna vi, Theobaldgasse ii.

Mailed May 26th, 1922