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#### A NEW SPECIES OF THE BRACONID GENUS PHANEROTOMA WESMAEL.

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##### ***Phanerotoma recurvariæ* n. sp.**

*Female:* Length 3 mm. Flavour, somewhat paler medially on first and second tergites, wings hyaline. Face, vertex and posterior orbits finely shagreened, clypeus smooth, somewhat paler than face, outline laterally and apically with brown, the suture straight, mandibles pale outlines and tipped with brown; occiput behind ocelli finely, transversely striate; eyes large, the malar space hardly one-fourth as long as the greatest diameter

of the eyes, ocelli situated in a blackish spot; antennæ flavous with dark tips, scape large, as long as pedicel and first flagellar joint together, last four joints of flagellum bead-like; thorax finely shagreened and clothed with short, fine, silvery pubescence; propodeum with an irregular transverse carina and an indistinct triangular areola, the posterior face irregularly, longitudinally striate; wings hyaline, veins brown except in middle of wing, where they are pale, stigma and parastigma pale more or less infuscated behind; coxæ, trochanters, tibiæ basally, and anterior femora whitish, apical tarsal joints blackish, apex of posterior tibiæ somewhat infuscated, legs otherwise concolorous with the body; carapace except apically on the third tergite distinctly, coarsely, longitudinally striate, apically and between the striæ shagreened, deeply, roundly emarginate at apex, venter whitish.

*Male:* Differs from the female principally in having the scape relatively shorter, the flagellar joints beyond the middle longer, and the emargination of the carapace less pronounced.

*Type:* Cat. U. S. Nat. Mus. No. 18417.

*Type-locality:* Benton Harbor, Michigan.

*Host:* *Recurvaria nanella* Hübn.

Described from four females and four males reared June 24, 1913 by J. H. Paine of the Bureau of Entomology, under Quaintance No. 10602.

Dr. J. M. Aldrich addressed the Society informally on the use by Indians of the west of larvæ of a species of the genus *Coloradia* as food, and exhibited specimens.

#### CONCERNING SOME APHELININÆ.<sup>1</sup>

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##### GENUS MESIDIA Foerster.

*Mesidia* Foerster. Hymenopterologische Studien, Heft. 2, 1856, p. 30.

The genus *Mesidia* was founded by Foerster on page 30 of his Hymenopterological Studies, second part (1856) but he mentioned no species. Kirchner, in his Catalogue of the Hymenoptera of Europe (1867) lists, on page 143, *Mesidia pallida* Kirch., and in a footnote states that as Foerster founded the genus and kept his species in manuscript which was never published he takes the liberty of giving a specific name to help establish the genus. In this condition the genus rested until 1904, when Gustav Mayr

<sup>1</sup> Presented at the meeting of April 2, 1914.