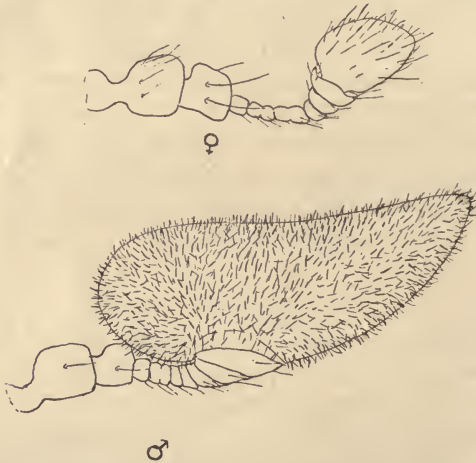


NOTE ON THAUMATOGLOSSA (AXINOCERUS) AMERICANA
JAYNE.

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[Author's Abstract.]

On April 24, 1904, I found on the bark of a hackberry tree, at Victoria, Texas, a mass of Mantid eggs about which were numerous specimens of a Chalcid (*Podagrion mantis* Ashm.), and thinking that I might breed other parasites, I took a chip of the bark with the mass on it and put it in a tin box. On looking at it a few days later I noticed several Dermestid larvæ which interested me, but as there was much else in the strange country around Brownsville to interest me I did not pay much attention to them. On June 10th the adults were alive, and on the 20th they were dead. Mr. Schwarz identified the species as *ThaumatoGLOSSA (Axinocerus) americana* Jayne, of which he had previously taken two specimeus in Lavaca Co., Texas, on the flow-

FIG. 1.—*ThaumatoGLOSSA (Axinocerus) americana* Jayne:

♂ and ♀ antennæ.

ers of *Bumelia lanuginosa* (one, the type, is now in the LeConte collection). A third specimen, which he took in the gall of a Coccid (*Olliffiella cristicola* Ckll.) on oak (*Quercus oblongifolia*) in the Santa Rita mountains, southern Arizona, is much larger and may represent another species of the genus. I bred sixteen specimens in all, four of which are males. The accompanying figure (fig. 1) illustrates the antennæ of both sexes.