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Rev. Mr. Kirby, on Cremastocheilus and Priocera.

Rostratus. Dor. brunneus, palpis, antennarum articulis ultimis, thorace, tarsi, corpore pedibusque subitus rusis; capite mandibulisque nigris.

Tab. XIX. f. 4. sternum productum. 5 a.


Long. corp. 1 1/2; lat. 3/4.

Habitat in Maderaspatana; in Siam secundum clarissimum Fabricium.


It is always a satisfactory confirmation of a genus, of which only a single species has hitherto been known, to discover a new one. As therefore I possess several insects of this description, I may render some service to science, if by means of the Zoological Journal, I make Entomologists acquainted with them. On the present occasion I have selected two, one belonging to a most remarkable genus related to Trichius F, distinguished by the very singular form of its Labium, and called by Knoch, who first laid down its characters, Cremastocheilus, and the other to a genus I have described in the Linnean Transactions, under the name of Priocera.

Cremastocheilus Knoch, Latreille.*

Variolosus. C. niger, obscurus, elytris variolosis: prothorace toto punctato.

* Neu Beytrag. Insect. 115. t. 3.
Cremastocheilus variolosus and Castaneæ.


Dr. Thaddeus Harris having obligingly sent me another insect as the Cremastocheilus Castaneæ of Knoch, which differs from M. Latreille’s * short definition of that species in not being hairy, except somewhat underneath; it may be useful to give a more detailed description of it.

Castaneæ. C. niger, nitidus, punctatus: prothorace anticè lævi, utrinque trifoveato: elytris confluenter punctatis.


Regio. America Septentrionalis.


Whether this specimen is rubbed I cannot say, but the two little bunches of hair in the thorax correspond in size and situa-

tion with each other. Having no opportunity of consulting Knoch, I know not whether he has given a detailed description of his species, or whether it is really synonymous with this.

**Priocera.** Kirby.*

**Pusilla.** *P. subvillosa rufa; elytris punctato-striatis apice lævis; utroque fasciā nigrantn punctisque duobus flavis.*

**Long. Corp. Lin. 2⅓.**

**Regio.** America Septentrionalis? **Ex Mus. D. Francillon.**

**Descri.** Structura et Habitus *P. variegati,* sed multoties minor, et tota rufa, capite prothoraceque rubescentibus. **Elytra punctato-striata apice lævia.** Fascia irregularis nigro-picea, et puncta duo flava in medio obliquè ordinata elytrum utrumque signant. **Tarsorum pulvilli subinvoluti.**

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**Art. LX.** *Additions and Corrections to Mr. Vigors's Sketches in Zoology.*

**Vol. I. p. 313.**—*"Stirpes."* This term, which I at first used as designating the immediately subordinate subdivisions of a family, had been previously employed by Mr. MacLeay, as representing a group of higher value than that of a family. I have consequently altered the term, in my subsequent sketches, into that of Subfamily. The Stirpes therefore of the Falconidae should be considered the subfamilies of that group.

**Vol. I. p. 327.**—*"Genus Harpagus."*—The general want of communication between the naturalists of this country and those of the continent, has given rise to the multiplication of synonyms, not merely in the case of species, but in that of groups. Employed at the same time upon the same subjects, it is almost impossible that we can steer clear of each other's researches in this respect: and unfortunately it is not always in our power to determine the priority of the names thus respectively con-

* Linn. Trans. xii. 369, 392. Plate xxi. fig. 7.