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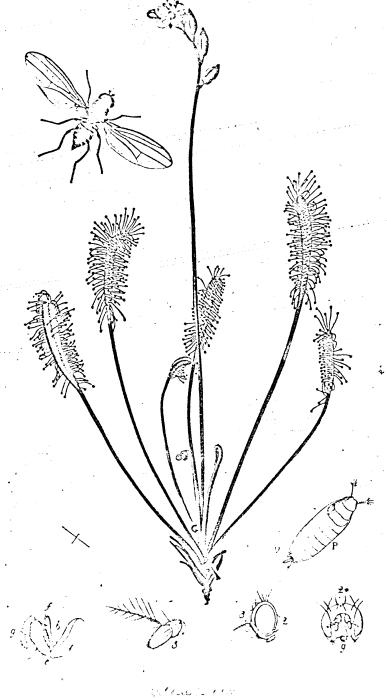
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DROSOPHILA CAMERARIA.

ORDER Diptera. FAM. Muscidæ. Type of the Genus, Musca cellaris Linn.

DROSOPHILA Fall., Meig., Curt.—Mosillus Lat., Sam.—Musca Linn.

Antennæ attached to small scapes, inserted in two cavities near
the centre of the face, nutant, plumose and 4-jointed, basal
joint somewhat cup-shaped, bristly, 2nd large subovate and pubescent, 3rd small oblong, inserted on the upper side of the
2nd towards the base, 4th a stoutish seta with two rows of long,
and one of short bristles (3).

Trophi received into a cavity at the bottom of the face.

Labium short, hollow subclongate-trigonate (1 b).

Maxillæ short and slender (e). Palpi as long as the lip, robust, clavate pubescent and bristly (f). Lip short and stout, terminated by 2 somewhat fleshy and pilose lobes (1 g and 2 * g).

Head hemispherical; face keeled down the middle at the lower part, and whiskered on each side: eyes large ovate: ocelli 3 on the crown of the head (2 and 2*). Thorax globose: scutcllum trigonate-ovate with a bristle on each side and 2 at the apex. Abdomen short depressed 6-jointed and ovate, pointed at the apex in the females. Wings incumbent, long and ample, iridescent, with a very short marginal cell, and 4 longitudinal nervures, the 2nd and 3rd united towards the base, and the 3rd and 4th towards the margin. Legs nearly of equal length and size, clothed with short hairs. Tibiæ, intermediate with 2 or 3 short bristles at the apex, the posterior a little curved. Tarsi as long as the tibiæ, 5-jointed and serrated with short bristles beneath, especially the basal joint, which is the longest, 4th and 5th small. Claws small also.

CAMERARIA Hal. MSS.—Curt. Guide, Gen. 1334. 2b.

Ochreous and pubescent, with a few long black bristles, 2nd joint of antennæ fuscous, seta black, head and thorax dark ochre, with a fuscous stripe down the back, terminating in a spot at the scutellum, and an obscure ferruginous stripe on each side: abdomen brown, the segments edged with ochre, broadest on the sides, with an obscure pale line down the back: wings stained pale fuscous, the nervures piccous: tips of tarsi fuscous.

' In the Cabinets of Mr. Haliday and the Author.

As the type of Latreille's genus Mosillus seems to be differ-

ent to our group, I have retained Fallen's name.

For several of my species I am indebted to Mr. Haliday and Mr. Walker, who have detected 10 unrecorded as natives since the Guide was published; those taken at Clifden, near Belfast, are from the former gentleman, as well as the observations on some of them, and those from Southgate are from Mr. Walker.

14. D. nigrita *Hal*. The size of *D. cellaris*, shining ochreous fuscous; head, thorax and scutellum piceous; eyes castaneous: segments of abdomen with the margins

whitish: halteres whitish-ochre: tarsi tipped with black, anterior with the 2 basal joints in the first pair a little dilated, with a black spot on the back of each.

On Larches, e. Sept. & Oct., sometimes in windows, Clifden.

2. cellaris Linn.? Taken with the former one at Clifden. Mr. Walker has frequently observed it struggling in ale, but not drowned; and Mr.R. Brown showed me vast quantities of the pupe in the tubs of vinegar that contained the buds and flowers of the Rafflesia Arnoldi. It is found all the year round in cellars and on windows.

22. funebris Fab.—erythrophthalma Panz. 17.24. Mr. Haliday bred the fly from Boleti, the middle of October; and one of the pupæ is figured in the plate (vide fig. P, the

upper extremity being the head).

2b. crameraria Hal.—Curt. Brit. Ent. pl. 473. Clifden. Mr. Haliday says this differs from D. fenestrarum in having longer antennæ: the thorax is opake and unusually hairy: it is also larger: the dusky blotch of the thorax is constant in this. I found great numbers in windows early in October, probably out of the same Boleti from which D. funebris came.

3. phalerata Meig. tab. 59. f. 3. In Boleti, Clifden.

4. fenestrarum Fall.—Meig. v. 6. p. 83. 4.

5. transversa? Fall.—Meig. 84. 5. Clifden and Southgate.
Mr. Haliday says, "It agrees with the characters except in size, being smaller than D. phalerata."

6. virginea Meig. 84.6. Southgate and Clifden.

9. melanogaster Meig. 85. 9. "Belly pale with an interrupted black band down the middle." Clifden and Southgate.

12. triblis Fall.—Meig. 86. 12. Southgate.

13. grandium Fall.—Meig. 86. 13. Clifden, in meadows throughout the summer, and Southgate; Isle of Wight, beginning of October, J. C.

16. littoralis? Meig. 87. 16. Southgate.

20. flava Fall.—Meig. 88. 20. Rare, near Belfast, in meadows, in the summer; the thorax has faint ferruginous lines placed as in D. graminum. These two are rather dissimilar from the rest.

The Plant is Drosera anglica (Great Sundew or English Fly-trap). Insects settling upon the inside of the leaves are caught and retained as shown on the leaf under the insect represented flying. I have always imagined that the glands at the apex of the hairs emitted a glutinous secretion which first held the insect, and as it struggled, more hairs were attached, until the end of the leaf was bent down. Withering gives a long account of this peculiar power in the Drosera, and there are many observations upon it in Loudon's Magazine of Nat. Hist. Those who wish to see the flower expanded should and have a great leaf of the permise to open the following

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