

A NEW GENUS OF CHALCIDOID HYMENOPTERA OF THE
FAMILY MYMARIDÆ FROM TASMANIA.

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The following genus was found in a collection of parasitic Hymenoptera loaned to me for study by the South Australian Museum. It is the third genus of the family which is peculiar to Australia, so far as is yet known.

Tribe ANAPHINI.

POLYNEMOIDEA, n. gen.

♀. With the general habitus of *Polynema*; venation and wings of *Cosmocomoidea* but the marginal fringes are long; antennæ of *Polynema* but the club is indistinctly 3-jointed; tarsi 4-jointed, the proximal joint long; abdomen subsessile, no distinct petiole, no phragma, the ovipositor very long and slender, inserted at base and much exerted beyond tip, curved upward; the exerted portion equals more than the length of the abdomen, which is ovate. Parapsidal furrows complete; scutellum rectangular, wider than long, followed by a still larger, hemispherical mesopostscutellum; propodium still longer, large. Ocelli in a triangle, the lateral ones rather distant from the eyes. Antennæ 11-jointed, the club 3-jointed, as in *Stethynium*. Marginal cilia of forewing about two-thirds that wing's greatest width. Forewings fumated, the discal ciliation moderate; antennæ varicoloured. Forelegs with strigils. Scape serrated along its vertical margin.

♂. Not known.

Type.—The following species.

POLYNEMOIDEA VARICORNIS, n. sp.

♀. Length, 1.50 mm. Rather large for the family. Black, the legs yellowish-brown, the first four funicle joints of the antennæ white, the antennæ otherwise black; both wings clouded somewhat throughout, but in the forewing this fumation is a stain along the anterior margin, around the apex and broadly across the wing from the marginal and stigmal veins. Forewings with about twenty lines of discal cilia; posterior wings with a paired row along each margin and a short mid-longitudinal line from apex, but sometimes cut off distad.

First funicle-joint much smaller than the pedicel, the second and third joints of the funicle very long, the second somewhat the longer, the following three funicle joints cylindrical ovate, the last joint not much more than half the length of joint 4, which is about three-fourths the length of 3; the large, ovate club about equal in length to joint 2 of the funicle. Sculpture of body fine, impunctate. (From four specimens, $\frac{2}{3}$ -in. objective, 1-in. optic, Bausch and Lomb.)

♂. Not known.

Described from four females mounted on a card in the South Australian Museum bearing the label "Bred from wood."

Hab.—Tasmania: Hobart (A. M. Lea).

Types.—I. 1228, South Australian Museum. Two females on a card. *Cotypes* to be deposited in the collections of the United States National Museum, Washington.