

Length, 4.3 mm. One example, San Jose del Cabo. Type in collection of California Academy.

Resembles *corticola* and *impressifrons* most closely, but may be distinguished from all our described species by the very finely punctate and sulcate beak. The elytral striæ, except the sutural, are scarcely at all impressed. The basal joint of the antennal club is usually very sparsely hairy and shining, but is here about as densely clothed as the remainder.

PROFESSOR M. V. SLINGERLAND.

Economic Entomologists throughout North America have experienced a grievous shock owing to the unexpected death of Mark Vernon Slingerland, Assistant Professor of Economic Entomology in Cornell University, which took place at Ithaca, N. Y., on the 10th of March. Carried off in the prime of life by an attack of Bright's disease, his loss is deeply deplored by his associates and students at the University and a wide circle of friends.

From a sympathetic notice by Prof. Comstock in the *Journal of Economic Entomology*, we learn that Mr. Slingerland was born at Otto, N. Y., on October 3, 1864. At the age of 23 he entered Cornell University, and in 1892 received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; he was specially commended for proficiency in Entomology during the last two years of his course; in 1899 he was appointed Assistant Professor. He soon became widely known from his contributions to periodical literature (many of his articles appeared in this magazine) and the many Bulletins which he wrote; the publication of his last work, "Insects Injurious to Fruit," has just been announced by MacMillans in their Rural Science Series.

To quote Prof. Comstock: "He was recognized as being one of the foremost workers in economic entomology, and had attained an international reputation. . . . This position was reached by untiring industry and a devotion to truth. His work was characterized by painstaking thoroughness and an absence of anything sensational. His constant aim was to determine the exact and complete truth, and to present what he discovered in a clear manner. In this he was very successful, both in the class-room and as a writer. . . . As a teacher he was clear, direct and painstaking, and he had the keenest interest in the needs of each individual student."

His wife and one daughter survive him; to them we desire to extend our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. C. J. S. B.