

NOTE XIII.

A NEW AFRICAN SPECIES OF THE COLEOPTEROUS
FAMILY ELATERIDÆ.

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Dr. E. CANDEZE.*Pantolamprus auratus*, n. sp.

Cupreus, aureo-micans, nitidissimus, pilositate subtili, flavida vix visibiliter vestitus; antennis nigris; prothorace latitudine longiore, aequaliter convexo, crebre fortiterque cum fronte convexa punctato, postice partius et nitidiore, sulcato, angulis posticis nigris, carinatis; elytris parallelis, seriatim punctatis; pedibus laete rufis. — Long. 18 mm., lat. 4 mm.

Hab. Liberia: Cape Mount (Büttikofer and Sala). — A single specimen.

The species of the genus *Pantolamprus* are exceedingly variable as to size and colour, and they have not the definite value which they may have in other genera. One hardly finds two specimens which are quite similar. From the large *P. nitens* of the Gaboon to *P. perpulcher*, the smallest of all, of the Senegal, all intermediate stages are represented.

The one here described, which might perhaps be considered as a small red-legged, golden variety of *P. Dohrni*, nevertheless appears to me to deserve a distinct specific name.

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