

*Thyropoeus mirandus*, sp. n. (Pl. V. figs. 2-2 b.)

*Colour.* Carapace olive-brown; legs blacker; anterior coxæ and anterior part of sternum deep brown, posterior part of sternum and posterior coxæ much paler; abdomen brownish grey.

*Measurements in millimetres.*—Total length of trunk 43, of carapace 18; width of carapace 16·5; distance of fovea from anterior border 11; width of ocular area 8·5; length of clypeus 3; length of palp 20, of first leg 30, of second 28, of third 28, of fourth 35.

A single female specimen from South Central Madagascar (*J. Last Coll.*).

This is, perhaps, one of the best-marked genera of trap-door spiders that has been described for some years. Unfortunately nothing is known for certain of its habits; but, from its structural features, there can be little doubt that it resembles *Moggridgea*, *Myrtale*, and *Paramigas* in building its home on the trunks of trees. But, although approaching the genera just mentioned in many particulars, it yet presents many points of likeness, although perhaps not in every case of affinity, with many other genera of Ctenizidæ. For instance, its small scattered eyes remind us of *Eriodon*, its maxillary apophyses recall those of *Stasimopus*, and its long clypeus suggests the same area in *Bothriocyrtum*.

