

*Middle legs*: femur subequal in length to tibia and tarsus together, armed with a series of small teeth, as is the tibia; tibia about three-fourths of the femur in length; tarsus (Pl. I. fig. 5, *m.t.*) about three-fourths of the tibia in length, second joint rather longer than one-fourth of the first, cleft near apex.

*Hind legs*: femur and tibia armed like the middle legs, the femur about one-third longer than the tibia and tarsus taken together; tarsus about one-third the length of the tibia, cleft beyond the middle.

*Abdomen* (which appears to be a little distorted—in drying—in the specimen described) with the sixth ventral segment a little longer than the fifth.

*Genital segments*: first below subequal in length to all the abdominal ventral segments, hind margin very slightly concave, sides oblique. Second segment with horns reaching nearly to the apex of third below: exterior to the base of each horn is a spine-like tubercle. Third segment (Pl. I. fig. 5, *g.*) above with the lateral angles much produced outwardly.

♀. Oval, broadest about the middle. Darker in colour than the male; middle acetabula below, from the suture inwardly, rather broadly ochreous, shading into brown. Abdomen above with the hind margins of the uncovered segments, especially the fourth and fifth, rusty brown (possibly, however, this is the membrane between the segments, more visible than usual); ventral segments (2nd to 6th) dull brown, with the hind margins broadly ochreous. Genital segments: first fuscous brown; second below brown; third below black.

*Head* more convex than in male, the hind margin not elevated. *Antennæ* with the fourth joint quite as long as half the first, and about one-fourth longer than the second.

*Abdomen*: hind margins of ventral segments rather elevated and thickened.

It is not improbable that fresher examples of this species may be greyer in general colour.

## 6. *Halobates sericeus*, Esch. (Pl. I. fig. 7).

*Halobates sericeus*, Esch., Entomographien, i. p. 108, No. 79, Taf. ii. fig. 4, 1822.

Burmeister, Handb. d. Entomol., ii. p. 209, No. 2, 1835.

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Herrich-Schäffer, Die wanzenartigen Insecten, vol. viii. p. 110, Tab. cclxxxvi. fig. 880 ♀, 881 ♂, 1848.

Ovate, widest a little before (♂) or about (♀) the middle. Ashy grey. Head with the usual ill-defined reddish marks at the hind margin. *Antennæ*, legs, rostrum at base, and genital segments, fuscous black, clothed more or less with grey pubescence. Hind margins of the ventral abdominal segments sometimes obscurely luteous. *Antennæ*: third joint