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result appears to be that it is exceedingly desirable to interest travellers sent by the Academy, as well as other educated persons in foreign countries, in procuring the material which is so remarkably scarce in collections. It would scarcely be profitable to visit other European cities, Hamburg perhaps excepted, for the purpose of examining preserved material.

IX.—*Description of a new Species of Anthrenus from India (Coleoptera, Dermestidæ)*. By CHARLES O. WATERHOUSE.

FOR many years there have been in the British Museum numerous specimens of a species of *Anthrenus* from the Himalayas. Recently specimens of the same species were sent from the Madras Presidency for determination. I have, however, failed to identify the species with any one described; I therefore venture to characterize it as new.

Anthrenus vorax.

Subrotundatus, piceus; supra squamulis ochraceis dense tectus, maculis albis notatus; subtus dense albo squamosus; pedibus piceis, femoribus ochraceis, abdominis segmentis 2^o–5^m singulis ad latera gutta ochracea ornatis.
Long. 3¼ millim., lat. 2½ millim.

This is a very broad species, moderately convex; closely covered above with sandy ochreous, short, ovate scales. There are some whitish scales on the forehead. The scales on the sides of the thorax (except at the anterior and posterior angles) are white; but there is a yellow spot in the middle of the white patch; there are a few white scales at the middle of the base. The elytra have the following white marks:—an elongate spot on the suture at the base; a round spot at the extreme base, a little nearer the suture than the shoulder; a somewhat large triangular patch below the shoulder, generally more or less connected with the sutural mark by some white scales; a small spot close to the suture, another, larger, round spot (a little more removed from the suture) near the apex; at the side there are two small spots—one a little behind the middle, the other not far from the apex. The apical segment of the abdomen is dusky in the middle. The antennæ are pitchy red, eleven-jointed, the three apical joints forming a somewhat large, short-ovate club; the ninth joint is much smaller than the tenth, and the eleventh is distinctly larger than the ninth and tenth together.