IV.

Description
of a new Genus of Nitidulidae

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Niliodes (Nilio; εἶδος aspectus.)

Corporis forma inter Cassida et Nilio. Subrotundatus, subdepressus, opaco-subsericeus, subpapillosus, disco parum elevatus, crinibus longis erectis obtectus, elytris singulis ut in Amphicrossus fasciculo crinium medio instructis. Epistoma parum projiciens. Labrum transversum, subquadratum. Mandibulae breves, simplices, subtus excavatae; palpi breves, subcylindrici. Antennae articulo primo magno, 2—8 tenuibus, 2 6 longitudine fere aequalibus, 7—8 minoribus, clava compressa obovata, articulo 9—11 composita. Oculi sat magni. Thorax angulis omnibus late rotundatis, apice fortiter emarginatus, angulis anticis valde prominulis, lateribus late deplanatis, translucentibus. Scutellum minutum. Elytra rotundata, angulis anticis rectis. Pedes sat tenues, tarsi articulo ultimo elongato.

Niliodes bipenicillatus: Like a minute *Mesomphalia*, an appearance a good deal owing to the sides of the thorax being broadly explanate and to a tuft of black hairs standing up near the suture about the middle of the elytra, as in *Amphicrossus*, which give the elytra the appearance of having a raised boss in the middle. In other respects it looks like *Nilio*. It is dark reddish brown, with a sericeous surface bearing a number of faint papillae or tuffs as in some species of *Nilio* and thinly clothed with black erect hairs. The elytra are here and there irregularly impressed, particularly behind the minute scutellum; there are three or four undistinct indications of striae. The under side and legs are a little paler and more reddish in colour. — Long. $1\frac{1}{4}'''$, lat. $1\frac{1}{8}'''$.

Amazon. A single specimen captured by Mr. Bates, now in the British Museum.

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