

SCARABÆUS GOLIATUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ clavatæ capitulo fissili.

Tibiæ anticæ sæpius dentatæ.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 541.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

SCARABÆUS scutellatus, thorace inermi, clypeo bifurco.

Fabr. Spec. Ins. tom. 1. p. 14.

Drur. Ins. 1. tab. 31. & 3. tab. 40.

Voet. Scar. tab. 22. fig. 51.

Scarabæus Goliatus, fui generis fere rarissimus, Africam incolit, præcipue Guineam. Coloribus variat; thorace interdum roseo nigris lineis variato, elytrisque purpureo-ferrugineis; interdum tum thorace tum elytris albido-flavescentibus, nigro interstinctis. In elegantissimo opere Domini Drury primo depicta est hæc scarabæi species.



THE
FORK-HEADED BEETLE.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ divided at the tip, or head, into several lamellæ.

Tibiæ, or second joints of the fore-legs, generally toothed.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

BEETLE with plain thorax striped with black, and forked head.

The *Scarabæus Goliatus*, one of the rarest of its genus, is a native of Africa, and is principally found in Guinea. It is a species which varies much in colour; some specimens having the thorax rose colour, striped with black, and deep-ferruginous or purple-brown elytra, or wing-cases, while in other specimens both thorax and elytra are of a dull yellowish white, or cream-colour, striped and varied with black. This curious insect was first figured in the elegant work of Mr. Drury.



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