

teeth. In small examples, the molar edge of the mandible may be almost smooth; here, the eyes are relatively large i.e., almost one-third of the length of the head, but the relative proportions of the head itself do not vary much. In specimens from Réunion, the penultimate segment of the maxillary palpus may be much reduced, so as to suggest a trimerous condition.

Diagnostic remarks. — The female is recognizable by its short ninth urotergite that, even in the relatively long-tailed Réunion specimens, is shorter than in most other species. It compares only with that of *S. arnottianus* which, however, has ten dorsal spines on the hind tibia versus five or six in *S. gibbus*; in *S. stabilis*, which also has a relatively short tail (four times the apparent gaster), the number of these spines is eight; in *S. punctatus* the maxillary palpi have only three segments. As mentioned above, the male thorax resembles that of *S. reticulatus*, but there the eyes are smaller relative to the length of the head, the thorax bears wing-remnants, and the tarsi are much more elongate.

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TALRIJKE LIEVEHEERSBEESTJES. Tijdens een wandeling op 1.III.1978 op de zuidpunt van het natuurreservaat „de Lemelerberg“ (Overijssels Landschap) onder Lemele vonden wij duizenden exemplaren van de soort *Coccinella septempunctata* (Linnaeus). De pas ontwaakte kevers koesterden zich in de zon. Het was die dag $\pm 16^{\circ}\text{C}$ warm. Ze bevonden zich geconcentreerd in groepjes van 10—25 onder langs de randen van heidepollen en pollen puntgras en pijpestro in