

head crested, the feathers inclining backward and forming a thick tuft on the occiput; *orbits* plumed; *wings* somewhat lengthened in form; tertiaries pendent, overhanging and exceeding the primaries in length; *tail* short, blended with the upper tail-coverts, and composed of soft yielding feathers; *tarsi* spurless, reticulated, moderately long and robust; toes short; the inner of the anterior ones very short; hind-toe feeble, and situated high upon the tarsus; *nails* very large, much lengthened, curved, and thick at the point.

Of this form only two species are at present known, both of which are natives of Mexico; they are rather small in size, being but a little larger than the European Quail, and are particularly distinguished by the singularity of the facial markings, by the shortness of the toes and the great development of the nails. The sexes also appear to differ very much in their colouring.

The species are—

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| 7. Cyrtonyx Massena | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | Pl. VII. |
| 8. ——— ocellatus | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | Pl. VIII. |

The contour of these birds is rendered remarkably round by the shortness of their tails and the fullness of their plumage.

For the third section I propose the name of

EUPSYCHORTYX,

WITH THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS:—

Rostrum breve, et gracilius quàm in *Ortyge*; culmine gradatim a basi descendente, tomis mandibulæ inferioris denticulis duobus parvulis, apicem versus instructis; *naribus* modicè magnis et operculo obtectis; *orbitis* plumis indutis; *caput* cristâ gracili elongatâ, decoratum; *alæ* concavæ, et rotundatæ, remige primariâ quartâ cæteris longiore; *cauda* brevis, et e plumis duodecim flexilibus confecta; *tarsi* cum digitis et unguibus modicè longi; digitis anticis membranâ basali conjunctis.

Bill short and more slender than in *Ortyx*; culmen gradually descending from the base; tomia of the under mandible with two very slight dentations near the tip; *nostrils* basal, moderately large and covered with an operculum; *orbits* plumed; *head* decorated with a thin elongated crest; *wings* concave and rounded; the fourth primary the longest; *tail* short, and composed of twelve flexible feathers; *tarsi* spurless, and with the toes and nails moderately long; anterior toes united at the base by a membrane.