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S. lineata, and *S. leiocerca* shortly, and of *S. pulchella*, *S. punctulata*, and *S. sabulosa* scarcely fringed.

MEROLES, Gray. Nostrils horizontal, marginal, between two scales; the lower one placed over the first and second labial shield, and with a small triangular scale at its hinder edge; præanal shields numerous; central ones in a longitudinal series; abdominal shields rhombic; toes fringed on the outer side; dorsal scales small, rhombic, keeled; abdominal plates 12 or 14-rowed.

* *Interparietal plate large.*

Meroles Knoxii. Lacerta Knoxii. *Edw. Ann. Sci. Nat.* t. 6. f. 8.
Inhab. S. Africa, Cape of Good Hope.

** "*Interparietal plate rudimentary.*"

Meroles Dumerilii. Lacerta Dumerilii. *Edw. Ann. Sci. Nat.*
Inhab. Senegal.

C. Collar none, with a small axillary plait on each side, sometimes obsolete. Dorsal scales lanceolate, keeled. Nostrils superior subapical.

MESALINA, Gray. Nostrils marginal, convex, in the centre of three small unequal nasal scales, placed over the first labial plate; loreal shields 2, first linear, hinder triangular; scales of back small, convex; ventral shields subrhombic, 2 central series narrower; præanal shield single, surrounded by a series of 4 or 6 small ones, and then some smaller scales; toes slender, nearly simple; claws long.

Mesalina Lichtensteinii. Olive, beneath whitish; abdominal shields 8-rowed; scales of the back ovate, rhombic, convex, smooth; of the tail rhombic, elongate, slightly keeled.

Inhab. N. Africa?

D. Collar indistinct, united to the chest in the middle, with a distinct plait before each shoulder; dorsal scales rhombic, keeled.

CABRITA. Nostrils in a horizontal suture, between two small nasal shields, having a smaller one behind them. Collar adnate in the middle, free on the sides; præanal shield single, surrounded by five small shields in front; scales of the back rhombic, keeled.

Cabrita brunnea. Ventral shields 6-rowed, central ones narrowed on each side; middle of the back bay; sides dark brown, with two rather wider white streaks on each side; tail and limbs pale brown, beneath silvery.

Inhab. —. Collection of Thomas Bell. Esq.

ALGIRA, Cuv. *Psammuris*, Wagler. Nostrils small in the horizontal suture, between two nasal scales, which have two others at their hinder side, so that it appears nearly in the centre of four small shields; ventral shields six-sided; scales of the back broad, rhombic,