Mr. Gray on the Slender-tongued Saurians.

*S. lineata*, and *S. leiocerca* shortly, and of *S. pulchella*, *S. punctulata*, and *S. subulosa* 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; praeanal 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.


**"Interparietal plate rudimentary."


**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; praeanal 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.

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**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; praeanal 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.

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**Algira, Cuv. Psammurus, 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,