

scutellum simple; the wings sub-hyaline, the anterior margin of the superior pair dark fuscous; the anterior tibiæ, tarsi and apex of the femora pale yellow, nearly white, the tibiæ and tarsi with a ferruginous stain outside; the intermediate legs are similarly coloured, but have also the tips of the joints of the tarsi dark-coloured; the posterior tibiæ are yellow at their base, the tarsi white, with the tips of the joints black. Abdomen: the first segment orange, with the extreme base black; the second segment with a broad orange fascia on its apical margin, slightly emarginate in the middle; the third segment with a narrower yellow fascia; the tip of the abdomen ferruginous.

Length  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lines.

Hab. Australia (Adelaide?).

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*Paragia deceptor.*

*P. nigra, aurantiaca multipicta; abdominis segmentis tribus flavofasciatis.*

*Female.*—Black, variegated with orange-red. The head closely punctured; the anterior margin of the clypeus slightly rounded, with a large semi-circular orange spot at its base; a transverse subquadrate spot between the antennæ, and a minute line behind the eyes, orange. Thorax somewhat square in front, the anterior margin slightly curved; the prothorax orange in front, slightly interrupted in the middle; a spot beneath the wings, a short, narrow line over the tegulæ, an oblong spot in the middle of the mesothorax, extending to the base of the scutellum, and the latter, orange-red; the metathorax truncate, the truncation finely rugose, with the lateral margins narrowly orange; the tibiæ and tarsi orange-red, the tarsi palest. Abdomen silky, particularly so beneath; the first segment with a minute spot on each side, the second with a broad band at its base, the third with a similar band at its apical margin, the fourth with a narrow band also at its apical margin, orange-red; the band on the second segment is emarginate in the middle, and also on each side of its basal border; the apical margin of the fifth segment and the sixth entirely rufo-piceous. The wings sub-hyaline, with the anterior border of the superior pair dark fuscous.

Length 6 lines.

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This species closely resembles the *P. Australis* of Saussure, but I think the differences warrant their separation: an extensive series might prove it to be an extreme variety.