

with the ants. Myrmecophiles, and their habits, offer a wide field to the entomologist.

The study of ants is most interesting, and entails very little exertion. It should appeal to those whose health does not allow of vigorous work in the bush. It keeps the observer in the open, with his mind fully occupied, so that life's worries are soon forgotten, while a store of valuable information is gained. Ants are numerous everywhere. They are easily kept in artificial nests, and make interesting pets. The food required by them is always at hand, and the nests are readily made; so that no one should experience much difficulty in keeping ants for observation at home.

At present a bare list of the ants found in Victoria would not be very useful, so I propose to give a detailed list of the various forms, with references to the literature, and notes where possible. The literature is very scattered; besides, much of it is now unobtainable and deals only with the descriptions of the species. Inclusion of references to the literature is the more necessary from the fact that Froggatt's catalogue gives only some 30 species as found in Victoria, whereas, thanks to my many entomological friends, I have been able to see several times that number from this State. Of course, it must be borne in mind, that a number of the early workers considered "Australia" as sufficient indication of locality, so that many in Froggatt's list should be treated as Victorian species.

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#### Family FORMICIDÆ.

##### Sub-family DORYLINÆ, Leach.

This sub-family is not at present represented in the fauna of Victoria. Only three species are recorded for the whole of