

cover; Macqueripe Bay, August 5, 1935, from soil cover under cacao.

This species, originally described from Cuba, appears to be one of the commonest ants of Trinidad and comparatively versatile for Dacetini. It may be beneficial to some extent in cacao plantations in preying on immature harmful insects of small to minute size, or coccids capable of transmitting virus or other diseases to cacao. Though found deep within a cave, the ants showed no particular adaptation to cave life since their pigmentation and eyes were normal. They had, however, to traverse a devious route to get here but, once established, there was an inexhaustible and continuing source of food from material brought in by oil birds and bats, together with the fauna associated with these animals. Small flies appeared to be attracted to young birds and there were moths and beetles, among other animals.

#### ***Strumigenys (Pyramica) eggersi* Emery**

Dominica, British West Indies: Botanical Gardens, Roseau, October 7, 1935, under cacao in compost heap. Trinidad, British West Indies: Trinity Hills Forest Reserve, latitude  $10^{\circ} 08' N.$ , longitude  $61^{\circ} 09' W.$ , December 25, 1934, from rotted twigs and humus about low epiphytes in second-growth forest (lastro); Pitch Lake, June 22, 1935, from island of vegetation growing on the lake of asphalt (see *S. perparva*).

#### ETHIOPIAN REGION

##### ***Smithistruma cavinasis* Brown**

Belgian Congo: 15 miles north of Beni, February 25, 1948, from ground cover under second-growth forest (holotype, in the American Museum of Natural History).

##### ***Serrastruma serrula* (Santschi)**

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan: Kagelu, Equatoria, August 12, 1939, nesting in a decayed fruit about 6 cm. in diameter on the gallery forest floor. Uganda: Fort Portal, February 21, 1948, under dense spiny bushes; 7 miles east of Fort Portal, February 19, 1948, elevation 5000 feet, on the gallery forest floor. Belgian Congo: 15 and 17 miles north of Beni, February 25 and 24, 1948, under second-growth and under rain-forest cover, re-