

elevated anterior pronotal border. Pleuræ compressed; dorsum flattened and without mesoëpinotal constrictions. Epinotal spines small, conical, distinctly longer and further apart than broad at their bases. Petiole short, hardly $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as long as broad, sides of node convex when seen from above and much broader than the peduncle; in profile the node is high and very thick with an evenly rounded summit, very steep and concave anterior, and very abrupt posterior declivity; ventral tooth rather large, blunt. Postpetiole twice as broad as the petiole, distinctly broader than long, transversely elliptical from above, with rounded anterior angles. Gaster of the usual shape.

Mandibles and clypeus subopaque, the former longitudinally striated and with a few coarse punctures, the latter longitudinally rugose. Head opaque throughout, evenly and densely punctate except along the sides of the frontal region, where there are a few delicate longitudinal rugæ. Thorax, petiole and postpetiole opaque, densely punctate. Gaster smooth and shining.

Hairs white, moderately numerous, clavate on crown of head, thorax and abdomen; erect on head and thorax, more reclinate on the pedicel and gaster; minute, inconspicuous and appressed on the antennæ and legs.

Whole body, even the anterior portion of the gaster, golden-yellow, except the antennal club which is blackened.

Female (deälated).—Length 2.5 mm.

Head opaque, densely punctate; cheeks and whole preocellar region irregularly longitudinally rugulose, the postocellar region and posterior angles more reticulate. Thorax opaque, densely punctate; mesonotum and scutellum with very faint, parallel, longitudinal rugæ. Epinotal spines very short and stout, regularly conical, not as far apart as they are broad at the base. Petiole and postpetiole like those of the worker, but the latter segment fully twice as broad as long. Both segments of the pedicel densely punctate, opaque, except the dorsal surfaces of the nodes which are somewhat smooth and shining. Body brownish-yellow, legs pale-yellow. Antennal club, wing-insertions, sides and posterior border of first gastric segment, a broad transverse band on the second gastric segment and the tip of the gaster, dark-brown. Pilosity like that of the worker.

Type locality: Austin and McNeil (Travis county), Tex.

This small species lives in and on the ground. At Austin I have occasionally seen a few workers running about on the dry gravelly hill-slopes exposed to the sun. At McNeil I took a few dozen workers and a deälated queen, which were inhabiting a small spherical chamber