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A NEW CAMPONOTUS FROM CALIFORNIA.

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Camponotus anthrax, new species.

Worker Major.—Length 7–9 mm.

Belonging to the *fallax* group. Head large, as broad as long, broader behind than in front, with broadly and feebly excised posterior border, rounded posterior corners and convex sides; in profile very convex above, flattened below. Eyes rather large, broadly elliptical, flat. Mandibles convex, 6-toothed. Clypeus feebly convex, ecarinate, its anterior border impressed in the middle, with a small but distinct notch. Antennal scapes not reaching the posterior corners of the head, slender and not flattened at the base, distinctly incrassated towards their tips. Thorax not longer than the head including the mandibles, and in front half as broad as the head; in profile feebly and rather evenly arcuate above, laterally compressed in the meso- and metapleural regions. Promesonotal suture very distinct; metanotum clearly outlined. Epinotum in profile with subequal base and declivity, forming together an obtuse angle, the former nearly horizontal, the latter slightly concave. Petiole nearly as broad and high as the epinotum, compressed anteroposteriorly, with blunt, rounded and entire border; its anterior and posterior surfaces both flat and the anteroposterior diameter the same above as below. Gaster elliptical, its dorsal surface distinctly flattened. Legs as usual, the fore femora slightly incrassated, the hind tibiae broadly elliptical in cross-section, their surfaces neither flattened nor sulcate.

Head and mandibles shining, especially the cheeks, gula, posterior corners, vertex and occiput; clypeus and front more opaque through being