blunt or obliquely truncate in profile (Fig. 17), and/or propodeal spines are about ½ as long as the distance between their bases
16(15). Dorsum of head entirely smooth and polished (Fig. 25), striae
or rugae present on sides of head (Fig. 25); southern Texas, México
and Guatemala
area adjacent to broad, central, shining strip with sculpture, often
very fine; widely distributed in USA and México
17(16). Propodeal spines well developed (Fig. 23), nearly half as long as
distance between bases; semicircular striae posterior to insertions
of antennae present (Fig. 22 right) or absent (Fig 25, left) 18
-Propodeal armature consisting of only small angles or tiny spines
(Fig. 24); semicircular striae present posterior to insertions of
antennae (Fig. 25, right)
18(17). Semicircular striae absent posterior to insertion of antennae (Fig. 25, left) stollii Forel
— Semicircular striae present posterior to insertion of antennae (Fig.
25, right)
19(17). Hairs on scape decumbent (Fig. 26, left, middle); hairs on
dorsum of head very fine and dispersed; widely distributed in Texas
and México 20
—Hairs on scape suberect to nearly erect (Fig. 26 right); hairs on
dorsum of head coarse and abundant; Michoacán
brevispinosus new species
20(19). Mesopleuron and sides of propodeum with rugae (Fig. 27); side of pronotum predominantly smooth and glossy; Hidalgo, Morelos
and Nuevo León manni Wheeler
—Mesopleuron and sides of propodeum punctate (Fig. 28); side of
pronotum with fine striae; western Texas and Coahuila
bristoli new species
21(16). Petiolar node blunt in profile (Fig. 27); nearly entire head
smooth and shining (Fig. 25, left), area adjacent to polished central
strip with very fine sculpture
— Petiolar node in profile with angulate apex (Fig. 29); entire dorsum
of head often smooth and shining, at least posterior half of head in part smooth and shining, with broad, central strip which is free of
sculpture (Fig. 25, right), extending posteriorly to vertex 24
22(21). Entire dorsum of head with fine striae (Fig. 30, left); dorsal
surface of postpetiole smooth and shining; nests under stones
mexicanus new species
—Central region of dorsum of head mostly free of sculpture (Fig. 30,