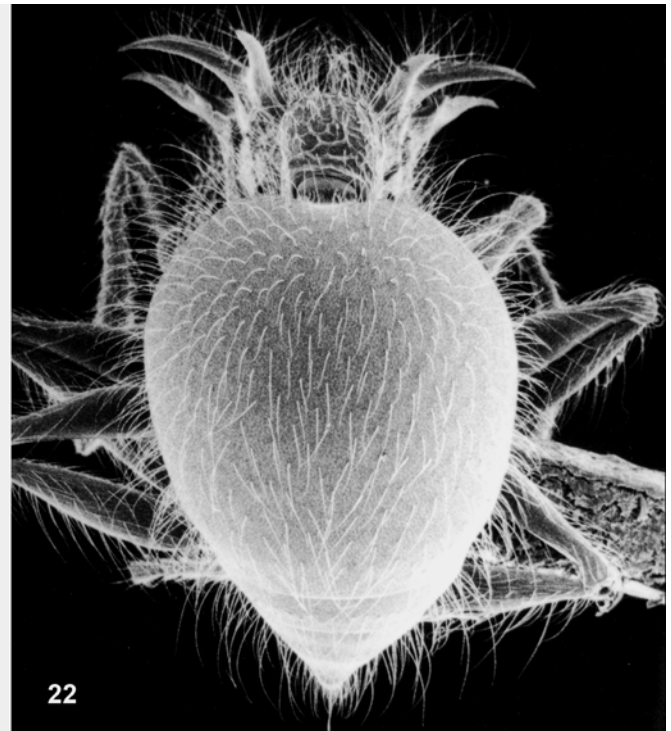




Figs. 19 - 20: *Meranoplus dimidiatus*, worker, see text for details.



Figs. 21 - 22: *Meranoplus armatus*, worker, see text for details.

***Meranoplus armatus* F. SMITH, 1862 (Figs. 21 - 24)**

Meranoplus armatus F. SMITH, 1862: 527, plate XII, fig. 7: worker. Type locality: either Sumatra or Celebes (= Sulawesi), Indonesia.

Meranoplus rugifrons EMERY, 1897: 569, plate 1, figs. 13-15: Worker; Type locality: New Guinea. Synonymy by TAYLOR (1990: 35).

Distribution: Widespread in Western Melanesia and the Moluccas. Probably indigenous to northern Australia. Reported from Saibai Island (09 / 142), Torres Strait and Iron Range (12 / 143), N. Queensland (TAYLOR 1990). Additional New Guinea records are from grid cells 06 / 143, 06 / 146, 07 / 146, 08 / 147, 08 / 148, 09 / 147, 09 / 148, 09 / 149 (loc.cit.). Sulawesi seems the more likely of the alternative original localities.