

Aphænogaster and *Novomessor* clearly belong. One astounding error is the appearance of *Lobognathus* as a sub-genus in the key on page 152. This appeared to be miscopy of a large label earlier placed by Dr. Creighton on an unidentified specimen of *Veromessor*: Creighton's label in the Wheeler Collection reads "*lobognathus* new subspecies." The name must be considered a *lapsus* and a synonym of *Veromessor*.⁶

Two of the species described in this paper are minor workers, probably from incipient nests, of two well-known North American ants, which are listed below.

Novomessor albisetosus (Mayr)

Mayr, 1886, Verh. Zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, **36**: 443-446,
(*Aphænogaster*).

N. cockerelli var. *minor* J. Enzmann, 1947, pp. 147-148,
Pl. 8, top.

Aphænogaster fulva Roger

Roger, 1863, Berl. Ent. Zeitschrift, **7**: 190.

Aphænogaster fulva var. *rubida* J. Enzmann, 1947, pp.
147-148, Pl. 8, bottom.

I have not considered other Enzmannian forms because of my unfamiliarity with the groups concerned and because of my lack of time and taste for the task. The publications considered above should certainly suggest to all who examine them the need for some means of formal nullification of the published extremes of such irresponsible taxonomy.

⁶ *Veromessor* Forel, 1917, Bull. Soc. Vaud. Sc. Nat., **51**: 235 (described as subgenus of *Novomessor*).