

## 118. TETRAMORIUM (TRIGLYPHOTHRIX) STRIATIDENS Emery.

West Point. A large number of workers of this imported Indian ant were collected from the brick wall of a store in the business section of West Point, by Mr. E. E. Byrd. Mr. Byrd stated that he believed the ants to be nesting in the wall as he saw numerous workers enter and leave small holes in the wall. The ants are slow moving in gait and given to sulking when touched by an object.

This is the second time that the species has ever been recorded from the United States. It was first taken in 1913 at New Orleans by Mr. E. R. Barber (Wheeler, Jour. Ec. Ent. Vol. 9, pp. 566-569, 1916). This ant, as Wheeler aptly remarks, is tending to become world-wide in its distribution. Whether it will prove a pest in the state remains to be seen.

## 119. MYRMICA SCHENCKI var. SPATULATA M. R. Smith.

Starkville. This, the only species of *Myrmica* that has yet been taken in Mississippi, is apparently a new one. As its name indicates, both workers and females can be distinguished from allied forms of *Myrmica* by the exceedingly large spoon or spatulate-shaped lobes at the base of the antennae. Viewed from above the margins of the lobes are very thin and somewhat reflexed. Viewed laterally the lobes form slightly more than a right angle with the base of the scapes of the antennae.

This species was found nesting in the soil in a low, heavily wooded area 5 miles west of Starkville. The area is frequently subject to overflow.

A description of the worker and female of this species appeared in Vol. 23, No. 3, of the Annals Ent. Soc. Amer. 1930.

## 120. PHEIDOLE LAMIA Wheeler.

Fayette. Two soldiers and a number of workers of this extremely interesting ant were collected by Mr. G. W. Haug from the soil at the base of a maple tree in the old Argentine ant area at Fayette. The soldier of this ant can be easily recognized at a glance because of its peculiarly shaped head, which is long and subcylindrical with truncated anterior portion. The soldiers are supposed to use their heads in plugging the galleries to the nest. According to Wheeler the ants are decidedly