

2?-nodosa, abdomine fuscanti. Caput parvum; oculis nigris; antennis extrorsum increscentibus. Mandibulæ sublatae intus 4-dentatae. Labrum superius membranaceum, ciliatum. Thorax subquadratus, elevatus, postice spina brevi acutâ utrinque armatus. Abdomen antice latum, postice acutissimum, piceum.

♂ magnitudine præcedenti æqualis at pallidior et alata. Caput parvum, tribus stemmatis ornatum. Thorax niger et inflatus. Squama petiolaris brevissima. Abdomen parvum. Alæ corpore longiores.

Long. corp. $\frac{1}{10}$ unc.

Habitat in India Orientali circa Poona.

Mus. Dom. Sykes.

Neuter: Wingless, ferruginous. *Abdomen* of a darker colour, approaching to mahogany. *Head* half the size of the abdomen. *Eyes* two, large, black, consisting of a multitude of lenses: no false eyes. *Mouth* armed with two strong jaws, somewhat broad, nearly square at their ends, and each furnished with four minute teeth. No *palpi* discoverable with the highest power of a double French microscope. *Upper lip* membranaceous, fringed with a few hairs. *Antennæ* forming an elbow; lower joint the longest; upper joints setaceous, but obscurely club-shaped. *Thorax* of two segments, somewhat square, armed with a short, sharp-pointed brown spine on each side posteriorly. The insect when irritated carries the abdomen turned up and overshadowing the thorax, and the petiole lies as in a groove between these spines. *Petiole* of two joints or nodes. *Abdomen* broad at the petiole, terminating in a very sharp point, armed with a minute sting.

Length of insect $\frac{1}{10}$ ths of an inch.

Male, size of neuter: winged. *Head* small; jaws smaller than in neuter; *thorax* larger, and inflated. No lateral spines. *Petiole* very short. *Abdomen* smaller than in neuter. *Wings* a little longer than the whole insect. *Antennæ* setaceous; lower joint shorter than the remainder. *Head* with three stemmata or false eyes. Insect of lighter colour than the neuter.

Queen: wingless, about half an inch long, of the size of a crow-quill, white, the swollen abdomen having the appearance of five or six ligatures like the queen of the white ants. *Head* small. *Legs* little more than rudiments. The whole insect has the appearance of a diminutive queen of white ants.

Eggs very minute, white, oblong, nearly transparent, having a longitudinal brown streak, which corresponds to the thorax of the future insect. The *larvæ* as they increase in bulk would