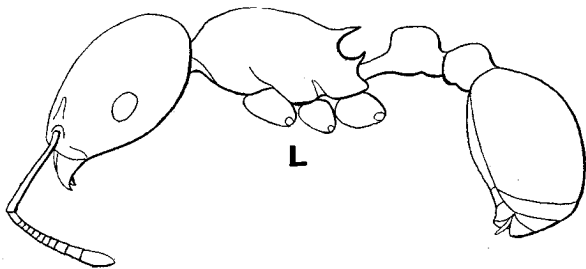


bases. Episterna produced into prominent spines, fully half as long as those on the epinotum, pointed and curved upward at the tips. Petiole distinctly pedunculate, the node in profile quadrangular, rising abruptly in front, with a horizontal dorsal surface and steep posterior declivity; seen from above it is oval, somewhat narrower in front than behind, and about $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as long as broad. Postpetiole subglobular, about as long as broad, distinctly broader than the petiole. Gaster rather small. Legs robust, with thickened, fusiform femora.

Body shining throughout. Mandibles rather delicately striato-punctate. Clypeus with several longitudinal rugæ. Head and thorax traversed by sharp longitudinal rugæ which are not very close together and have a tendency to become reticulate, especially on the thorax; interrugal spaces with shallow punctures which are much finer and denser on the antennal scrobes. Node of petiole with very coarse reticulate



Tetramorium lucayanum sp. nov. Worker.

rugæ, several of which are conspicuously transverse. Postpetiole smooth except for a few longitudinal wrinkles on the sides. Gaster glabrous.

Hairs pale yellowish, sparse, long, and erect on the body, much shorter, more numerous, and appressed on the antennæ and legs.

Black; mandibles, antennæ, legs, and tip of gaster reddish yellow; neck, peduncle of petiole, scapes, and femora dark brown.

Described from two workers found running on the ground in the Queen's Staircase at Nassau, N. P.

This species seems to be sufficiently distinct from other American species of *Tetramorium*, like *T. balzani* Emery from Paraguay, and *T. reitteri* Mayr of Brazil. In sculpture it resembles the former species, to judge from Emery's description.

36. ***Tetramorium simillimum* Nylander.** — This tropicopolitan species is common in certain localities near settlements both on Andros and New Providence. At Nicholl's Town, on the eastern coast of the former island, I found it in and under rotting cocoanut boles that had been prostrated some years ago by a hurricane. These nests contained many males and winged females (May 14). On New Providence the species was common under stones in the Queen's Staircase in Nassau, in the Menendez Sisal Plantation near Stanley, and in the dwindling 'pine yards' near the Blue Hills.