

and nearly straight, marginate posterior border. Eyes rather small and flat, in front of the middle of the head and distinctly farther than their length from its anterior corners. Clypeus strongly carinate, the median lobe triangular, with a rather blunt point, the carina straight in profile, the lateral borders very feebly bisinuate. Mandibles more than half as long as the head, rather convex and narrow, deflected at their tips, the blades gradually enlarging towards the apex and edentate, except for the small, acute terminal tooth, the external borders faintly sinuate in the middle. Antennæ rather stout, scapes slightly enlarged towards their tips, which do not extend more than a fourth of their length beyond the posterior corners of the head. First and second funicular joints about twice as long as broad, the second but slightly longer than the first, the third and fourth joints subequal, a little shorter than the second, the four penultimate joints as broad as long. Thorax rather long, broadest through the pronotum, which is as long as broad, rounded on the sides and slightly depressed above; promeso- and meso-epinotal sutures very distinct, the mesonotum small, fully twice as broad as long,

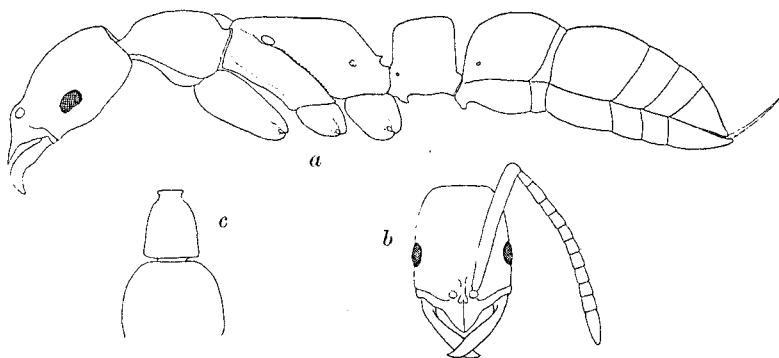


Fig. 4. *Leptogenys (Lobopelta) quiriguana*, new species.  
a, worker in profile; b, head; c, petiole, seen from above.

convex and sloping to a short but distinct impression at the mesoëpinotal suture. Epinotum long, laterally compressed, the base very feebly convex in profile, nearly twice as long as the very sloping declivity, which is flat, submarginate on the sides and with a pair of small, acute, roughened tubercles below. Petiole laterally compressed and narrowed in front, in profile distinctly higher than long, sharply truncated anteriorly and posteriorly and nearly straight above, only slightly higher behind than in front, its ventral border with a strong tooth near its anterior end; seen from above the node is nearly half again as long as broad, evenly narrowed anteriorly, with rather straight sides. Gaster small, constriction between the first and second segments pronounced. Legs rather short.

Very smooth and shining; mandibles sparsely punctate; head, thorax and abdomen with very sparse, minute and indistinct piligerous punctures; antennal scapes and tibiae densely punctulate but shining; neck and declivity of epinotum transversely rugose.