

Smooth and shining, without sculpture, except the ocellar triangle, which is reticulate.

Hairs white, delicate, short and pointed, of uneven length, rather numerous on the body, reduced to appressed pubescence on the legs. Wings rather densely pubescent, the hind pair with rather long fringing hairs on their posterior borders.

Sordid whitish; legs and antennæ white; ocellar triangle brown; remainder of head and the thorax also somewhat more infuscated than the pedicel and gaster. Wing opaque whitish, with very pale brownish veins.

This very singular little ant seems to have been taken only once previously, at Poona, in Western India, by Wroughton. The discovery of the male is of considerable interest because its taxonomic position among the other genera of Myrmicinae has been very problematic. Forel believed it to be related to *Pheidole*, but Emery, who in his letters to me repeatedly referred to his difficulty in settling its relationships, finally placed it provisionally in his 'Genera Insectorum' just after *Lophomyrmex* and just before *Pheidologeton* in his tribe Pheidologetini. The male *Trigonogaster*, which is not larger than the worker, indicates that the female may not be very much larger, whereas both sexual phases of the Pheidologetini are of unusual size compared with their conspecific workers. The males, moreover, are very different from that of *Trigonogaster*. It will be necessary, therefore, to remove this genus from the tribe to which Emery assigned it. While its male resembles the male *Pheidole* in several characters, it is still more like the male of *Monomorium*. In fact, it agrees so closely with the males of this genus that I propose to include it in the tribe Monomorii as defined by Emery and immediately after the type genus, of which Emery justly remarks in his 'Genera Insectorum': "This proteiform genus comprises numerous species with exceedingly indeterminate characters. It is *par excellence* a stirp genus, from which have been derived a number of other genera that keep repeating the stirp characters with variations. It is also a very ancient genus since species of *Monomorium* (6 species) make up nearly a third of the ant fauna of New Zealand."

Pheidologeton diversus Jerdon.—Numerous soldiers, intermediates and workers from Amoy (Light).

***Dilobocondyla fouqueti* Santschi var. *lighti*, new variety**

WORKER.—Length: 4.5 mm.

Differing from the typical form in its smaller size (the true *fouqueti* from Hanoi, Tonkin measures 5.8 mm.), and the color of the legs. The trochanters and four terminal tarsal joints on all the legs are red, the coxæ, femora, tibiæ and basitarsi deep red, almost black. The antennal scapes and first funicular joint are ivory yellow, with a short brown streak on the middle of the former. In the typical form, according