

to *Prenolepis* and *Paratrechina*, as redefined by Emery, but is peculiar in the very small size of the eyes, the short palpi, the unmodified base of the gaster, the shape of the petiole, the extremely long appendages and the absence of spurs on the middle and hind tibiæ. The pale color, small eyes, very long appendages and long pilosity of this ant indicate that it must be hypogaeic in habit. This might explain why it has not been taken heretofore and why the *Ænicti*, which forage more or less subterraneously, were able to reveal its existence.

The following is another undescribed genus belonging to the same tribe. (Lasiini) of the subfamily Formicinae.

Aphantolepis gen. nov. = *Technomyrmex*

Worker: Resembling *Prenolepis* in the structure of the head, thorax and gaster, but with somewhat harder integument. Eyes of moderate size; ocelli absent. Mandibles small, triangular, decussating, with finely dentate apical borders. Clypeus short, not extending back between the frontal carinæ, which are distinct, subparallel and as far apart as their distance from the lateral borders of the head. Frontal area and groove obsolete. Antennæ rather stout, 12-jointed, the funiculi but slightly enlarged towards their tips. Antennal and clypeal foveæ confluent. Palpi long, maxillary pair 6-jointed, with thickened basal and elongate terminal joint; labial pair 4-jointed. Thorax with deep mesoëpinal constriction, dorsally approximated and protruding spiracles and prominent, highly placed epinotal spiracles. Petiole flattened above, without a node. Gaster rather large, its first segment truncated anteriorly and in life evidently overlying the petiole. Middle and hind tibiæ with well-developed spurs; tarsal claws simple.

Genotype: *Aphantolepis quadricolor* sp. nov.

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Worker—Length 2.7 mm.

Head slightly longer than broad, distinctly narrowed anteriorly, with broadly rounded posterior corners and en-