

surface. Ventrally the petiolar segment depends as a translucent lamina which is deepest anteriorly. The specimens vary from brownish yellow to ferruginous, with somewhat darker head and conspicuously pale or even whitish mesonotum. Length, 2.5–2.75 mm.

According to Mann, the female measures 3 mm. and possesses large, flat, anteriorly situated eyes and small ocelli. The wings, which are as long as the body, are strongly infuscated.

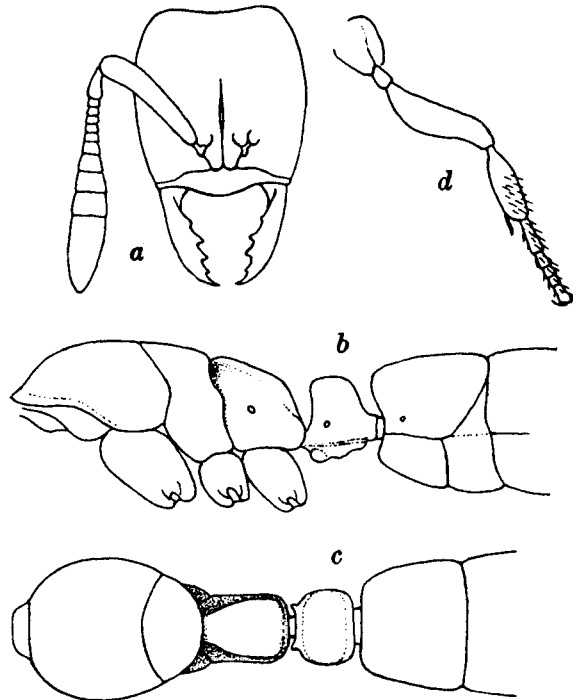


Fig. 1. *Cryptopone mayri* Mann.

a, head of worker, dorsal view; b, thorax and pedicel, lateral view; c, same, dorsal view; d, middle leg.

### *Cryptopone fuscior* Mann

Figure 2, a and b

*Cryptopone mayri* var. *fuscior* MANN, 1919, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zoöl., LXIII, p. 294, ♀.

This form was described by Dr. Mann from two workers from Ysabel Island, Solomons. It is also mentioned, apparently by an oversight, as "var. *minor*" in his table on the same page. The cotype which he gave me has unfortunately lost its head, but the small size, nearly black coloration of the body, the shape of the epinotum and petiole show that it represents a distinct species. The base of the epinotum, as shown