

nogaster or certain worker forms of Pheidole, but there are several structural characters, like the median tooth of the clypeus, the peculiar, laterally directed tooth on the mesosterna, and the large size of the coxae and first gastric segment, which suggest that we are dealing with a representative of some aberrant and archaic group, another of the living fossils which are continually turning up in the Papuan and Australian Regions. Provisionally, at least, Ancyridris may be placed in Emery's tribe Pheidolini. There is, of course, a possibility, as in the case of Mayr's genus *Ischnomyrmex*, that the specimens on which I have based the genus, are minor workers, and that there exists a large soldier form, still to be discovered. It will be recalled that *Ischnomyrmex longicollis*, though described from workers by Frederick Smith as long ago as 1857, was not known to have a huge-headed soldier caste till 1913, when it was described by Forel for the var. *conicollis* Emery. The long hairs on the pronotum of *Ancyridris* are very peculiar. Perhaps other unusual portions of the pilosity have been removed by the action of the gastric juices of the bird in which the specimens were found.

#### ROMBLONELLA gen. nov.

*Worker*: Monomorphic, stout and thickset; integument hard, thick, very coarsely sculptured. Head subrectangular, with moderately large, convex eyes at the middle of the sides. Ocelli absent. Mandibles short, subtriangular, with strong, subequal teeth. Clypeus short and depressed on the sides, with broad, antero-posteriorly convex median portion, extending back between the frontal carinae, the anterior border without teeth. Frontal carinae widely separated, somewhat lobular and horizontal anteriorly, continued back to within a short distance of the posterior corners of the head as a pair of sharp, diverging ridges which form the mesial borders of distinct but shallow scrobes. Frontal area distinct but shallow; frontal groove absent. Antennae short, 12-jointed; funiculi enlarged toward the tip, forming a very distinct 3-jointed club which is as long