



Fig. 1. Recent and fossil *Paraponera* ant workers. *P. clavata*, the living species, anatomical features of a worker from Isla Paloma, Orinoco Delta, Venezuela: A, left side of petiole; B, claw of fore tarsus; C, left side of terminal segment of gaster, showing sting and comb of spinules fringing the hypopygidial border. *Paraponera* sp. from the Dominican amber: D, claw of fore tarsus; E, left side of terminal segment of gaster.

greater Antilles (Wilson, 1985c), suggests that moister tropical forests may have covered part of the island during the Tertiary Period.

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