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A NEW ANT OF THE GENUS DOLICHODERUS
FROM JAPAN

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Ants of the genus *Dolichoderus*, so far, have not been recorded nor described from Japan except Formosa. In the summer of 1930 I collected ants of this genus twice in the mountains of Gumma-ken, at Uenohara and at Nebasawa near Oze-pass. Both specimens have closely resemblance, the former being somewhat smaller than the latter. I sent them to the late Professor WHEELER and he informed me that both are the same and are a new variety of the common European *quadripunctatus*, and that although they resemble subsp. *sibirica* EMERY in colour but that form has the posterior border of the epinotal projection concave and his specimens from Turkistan are smaller than the Japanese, and further that his *D. sinensis* also has a concave border to the epinotal ridge and is different in colour, while my specimens have the posterior border of epinotal elevation straight. A description of this new form from specimens taken at Nebasawa is given below:—

***Dolichoderus quadripunctatus* subsp. japonicus** subsp. nov.

Worker. Length 4—4.5 mm.

Head oval, with straight posterior border, and in profile, excluding mandibles, elliptical. Eyes large and rather convex, situated near the middle of the sides of the head. Ocelli absent. Frontal groove rather prominent. Frontal area depressed, small and triangular. Frontal carinae sharp but low. Clypeus convex, and anterior border nearly straight. Mandibles broad, triangular and terminal border 9-10-toothed, anterior edge of it sharply pointed and almost at right angles to the terminal border. Antennal scapes