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SOME NEW NEOTROPICAL ANTS

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Descriptions of the new species given in the following paper are presented at this time so their names may be used in connection with new species of myrmecophilous beetles. One interesting new form, which has been collected from the stomach of a toad by members of the Bureau of Biological Survey, is also included.

Eciton gracellæ, new species.

Worker.—Length 2.75-4 mm.

Head a little longer than broad, broadest in front of middle. sides moderately convex, posterior corners narrowly rounded. border shallowly concave. Eyes very distinct, situated a little behind the middle of front of sides. Mandibular blades finely and bluntly denticulate. Antennal scapes extending a little beyond the eyes, all funicular joints longer than broad. Thorax rather slender, in profile evenly convex. Epinotum on a lower plane than the promesonotum, its surface shallowly impressed at basal half, very feebly convex behind, twice as long as broad and one and one half times as long as the declivity, into which it very broadly rounds. Petiole in profile a little longer than high. convex above, with the antero-ventral spine strong, elongate, curved and acute at apex, extending backward; from above longer than broad, with feebly convex sides, postpetiole in profile as long as high and convex above; from above a little longer than broad, with nearly straight sides. Legs long, rather slender, claws simple.