

directed our attention to an ant "milking one of the cows." Colonel Bingham identifies this species as *Technomyrmex albipes* Smith, var. *brunneipes*, Forel.

***Strumigenys incisa*, Forel.**—On June 10, 1904, I detected a propagating-frame a minute yellowish-red ant, furnished with a formidable mouth-apparatus. I sent it off at once to South Kensington, and, inferring from the nature of the reply received that special interest attached to the find, I instituted a careful search for additional specimens, which were also in their turn dispatched to South Kensington. The species was determined to be *Strumigenys incisa*, Forel., from the West Indies, and, up to that time had been represented in the National Collection by a single female only, the type specimen. This species was again found in the summer of 1905 by Mr. Stewart.

***Ponera punctatissima*, Roger.**—Mr. Stewart, on June 10, 1904, found a colony of a fourth species in a propagating-frame where the heat was about 85° Fahr. This proved to be *Ponera punctatissima*, Roger, a South European species. It was not turned up elsewhere in the hothouses.

***Tapinoma melanocephalum*, Fabr.**—The fifth species of ants was met with in the first instance under circumstances which graphically indicated the means of importation. On the morning of June 14, 1904, Mr. Stewart was re-potting an orchid that had newly arrived from Hamburg; in addition to the plant there was in the pot a nest of ants, *Tapinoma melanocephalum*, Fabr., belonging to a species which, as Colonel Bingham, who identified it, informs us, has spread pretty nearly over both hemispheres. That this ant is firmly established in the hothouses was proved by the finding of colonies later on. Mr. Stewart handed over further supplies of this species on August 3, 1904, and on February 28, 1905.

***Plagiolepis exigua*, Forel.**—The sixth species is so abundant in parts of the hothouses that, but for its exceedingly minute size, it could not have remained so long undetected. I first noticed it on August 3, 1904, on the woodwork of the hothouse portion of the Palm-house, where it ran so rapidly as almost