Subfamily Formicinae

Species examined:

Acropyga sp. (Plate 90)

Camponotus noveboracensis
(Plate 91)

Formica exsectoides

Gigantiops destructor (Plate 92)

Myrmelachista paderewskii

Prenolepis imparis (Plate 93)

Prolasius nitidissimus

Labrum. The labrum is cleft or emarginate medially, or both. It is most deeply emarginate and cleft in C. noveboracensis (fig. 361) and most weakly emarginate in Acropyga sp. (fig. 357). Generally the labrum is rectangular or subquadrate with distinct distal and lateral margins. The lateral margins are often slightly emarginate as in C. noveboracensis (fig. 361) and G. destructor (fig. 369). In Acropyga sp. (fig. 357) and P. imparis (fig. 372), the proximal lateral angles of the labrum are highly modified. The hemocoel consists of 2 arms, one in each lobe, which may almost fill the entire labrum as in G. destructor (fig. 369). The distribution of setae departs most radically from the general pattern for the group in Acropyga sp. (fig. 357), with the largest concentration of heavy setae along the distal lateral angles. Labral tubercles are absent in the formicines.

Mandible. The mandibles are usually broad and triangular. The mandible is most narrowly developed in Acropyga sp. (fig. 360) and most broadly developed in C. noveboracensis (fig. 363). The masticatory and basal margins are clearly defined, and the masticatory margin is provided with prominent teeth. The number of subapical teeth is usually 4 or more, although there are only 2 in Acropyga sp. (fig. 360). The trulleum and mandalus are distinct in all the species except Acropyga sp.

Maxilla. The maxillary palpus is 6-segmented in all species examined except Acropyga sp. (fig. 359) in which it is 1-segmented. The shape of the stipites is not uniform and 4 "types" were delineated. The shape of the stipes of Acropyga sp. (fig. 359), although similar to that of P. imparis, is provided with numerous long setae and a single-segmented palpus. The stipites of Prenolepis (fig. 371) and Prolasius are of the same shape, each having a distinct but rounded lateral shoulder with several short setae. Camponotus (fig. 365), Gigantiops (fig. 366), and Formica all share a similarly shaped stipes, which is narrowed distally and almost pointed at the insertion of the palpus. In these species the lateral shoulder has short