

petiole and postpetiole golden brown, with a narrow margining of darker brown ventrally on the alitrunk; gaster brown-black, the sheen of the rest of the body being reduced noticeably by a fine shagreening over all the gaster.

Malpighian tubules 5 (one worker dissected), the tips of the tubules being attached to the rectum (cryptonephric).

Larvae: Three larvae were reared from worker-laid eggs and were presumably genetically male. A profile drawing of the larva is shown in fig. 4, and is essentially similar to that of *M. symmetochus* shown by G. C. and J. Wheeler (3). The head and prothoracic dorsum bear simple, slightly curved setae of the type shown in fig. 5b. The remaining body segments dorsally and laterally bear deeply cleft setae of the type seen in fig. 5a, while ventrally on each abdominal segment are paired clusters of setae of mixed types: short simple; long simple; and long deeply bifid, as shown in fig. 5c. In their characterization of *Megalomyrmex* larvae, the Wheelers (loc. cit.) state that only simple setae are present — short ones on the head, long ones on the body — and that the ventral and lateral surfaces of the abdomen are nearly naked. This diagnosis is based on *M. symmetochus*, a member of the *modestus* species group. Further comparative study is required, but perhaps this setal character represents another fundamental difference between the two species groups.

Disposition of Types: Holotype worker, three paratype workers (one dissected) and three larvae have all been deposited in the collection of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Mass., under type number 31139.

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