

very slightly curved inwards, very shining between the spines, but distinctly though finely transversely striate. *First node of pedicle* rugosely punctured above, longitudinally striate at sides, with a distinct tooth or spine projecting forward at its base beneath; *second node* rugosely longitudinally striate, broader but shorter than first node, rounded at sides, with a very blunt projection at its base beneath. *Gaster* oval, very shining; *sting* strong.

Long. 4.5–5 mm.

This species comes near to *M. smythiesi*, Forel, but is darker and slightly more robust; the antennæ are shorter and stouter, the spines shorter and more curved. The spines are about the same length as those of *M. tibetana*, Mayr, but are broader at the base and more curved. The whole of the insect is much more rugose than *tibetana*, the space between the spines being smooth in the latter.

Described from five ♂♂ taken by Major R. W. G. Hingston at Jelap La (Tibetan side), at a height of 12,000 ft., on April 1st, 1924 (Everest Expedition).

Type and paratypes in the British Museum Collection.

12. *Myrmica specularis*, sp. n.

♂. Red-brown, head and gaster black, apices of mandibles, articulations of legs and antennæ, base of thorax including the epinotal spines and the space between, the nodes anteriorly and posteriorly reddish; covered with stiff scattered white bristles.

Head somewhat square, rounded behind, *front* longitudinally striate with a few cross-striæ, *temples*, *cheeks*, and *occiput* rather strongly reticulate; *mandibles* longitudinally striate, with several transverse striæ towards the apex; *clypeus* convex, rounded in front, both longitudinally and transversely striate; *frontal area* smooth and shining; *scape of antennæ* evenly curved at base, *funiculus* with 4-jointed club.

Thorax strongly reticulate, longitudinally striate at sides; *spines* long, strong, and sharply pointed, pointing backwards, but slightly curved downwards, space between smooth and shining. *First node of pedicel* high, with a strong tooth beneath pointing forwards, punctured and somewhat reticulate above; *second node* shorter and in profile not so high as first node, slightly less punctured, with somewhat deep longitudinal pits. *Gaster* smooth and very shining.

Long. 6–6.5 mm.

The spines are more divergent than in *M. rugosa*, Mayr,