

low, transverse, hexagonal, rather thick, straight on anterior border, convex and finely transversely striate on anterior surface, somewhat flat and finely transversely striate on posterior surface, with two hair-bearing punctures at the corners of the two short antero-lateral sides, and a small tooth at the base of the postero-lateral sides, three or four long hairs and some shorter ones project from the sides. *Gaster* slender, shining, very finely coriaceously punctured and with small scattered piligerous punctures. Wings dusky, with pale brown veins and darker *pterostigma*. *Legs* long, *femora* somewhat flat, curved, broadest about middle, finely transversely striate, *tibiae* flat, finely punctured and pubescent, with some little golden adpressed hairs. *Long.* 7.6 mm.

Type and allotype in Coll. Brit. Mus.

Described from three ♂♂ and a number of ♀♀ taken by W. A. Lamborn in Nyassaland, Maiwale near Fort Johnston, on December 2nd, 1931.

Camponotus (Tanæmyrmex) similis, sp. n. = *Camponotus badius* Bingham (1903), nec Smith (1857).

The *Camponotus badius* described by Bingham in the 'Fauna of British India, Hymenoptera,' vol. ii., "Ants and Cuckoo-Wasps," p. 358 (1903), and said to be Smith's species, is a *Tanæmyrmex*, whereas the latter is a *Colobopsis*.

Type in Coll. Brit. Mus.

XXIII.—*Tarsonemus approximatus Banks var. narcissi*
Ewing a Variety of Tarsonemid new to the British
List. By A. M. MASSEE (Research Station, East
Malling, Kent).

ON January 28th, 1932, the writer received specimens of a *Tarsonemid* mite which were found in a stock of bulbs a few days previously by Mr. W. E. H. Hodson, Entomologist, Reading University, with a request for the determination of the species.

Some time later a large quantity of bulbs infested by a species of *Tarsonemid* mite were received from Mr. Hodson, and a further supply was sent to East Malling by Mr. A. S. Buckhurst of the Plant Pathological Laboratory, Harpenden, Herts.