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The Ants of Christmas Island. By HORACE DONISTHORPE,
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THIS short paper principally deals with the ants taken by Dr. F. Harms on Christmas Island in January to April 1934, when he secured some 19 species. Most of these are, as might be expected, cosmopolitan species introduced by commerce from one place to another, and found in most of the Islands of the South Seas. There are, however, two new species, which are described below.

So far as I am aware, only two previous records of ants have been published from this island.

In 1888 the late W. Kirby described a new species of *Camponotus* under the name of *C. melichloros* from a large series including ♂♂, ♀♀, ʌ ʌ, and ♀♀, taken by Mr. C. W. Andrews (types and cotypes in B.M. Coll.) [Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond. p. 551 (1888): "A Monograph of Christmas Island," London, pp. 81, 83-4 (1900)].

He also records *Lobopelta diminuta* Smith, some nine workers and one female in 1898. It had previously been taken in 1887 by Mr. Lister. The specimens are in the Brit. Mus. Coll.

In 1915 W. C. Crawley records four species of ants from Christmas Island [Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. (8) xv. p. 239 (1919)]:—

Odontomachus hæmatoda L. var. *breviceps*, nov.

Triglyphothrix striatidens Em.

Solenopsis geminata F. var. *rufa* Jerd.

Prenolepis vividula Nyl.