

and *metanotum* are fine but distinct, *suture* between *metanotum* and *epinotum* stronger; the *scutellum* is not very clearly defined.

Long. 7 mm.

Type and ♀ type in B.M.

Described from a worker and a dealated female taken by Dr. Thwaites in Ceylon. Registered number 67. 25. This insect comes near to a little group of small species of *Platythyrea*—*sagei* Forel (India), *pusilla* Emery (Amboina), *subtilis* Emery (Borneo), *wroughtoni* Forel (India), etc.

It is larger, however, than any of them, and differs in structure, etc.

The only other species of this genus known to occur in Ceylon is *P. thwaitesi* Donisthorpe [Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. (s. 10) viii. p. 496 (1931)]; also taken by Dr. Thwaites.

### Subfamily MYRMICINÆ.

#### Tribe CREMATOGASTERINI.

##### *Crematogaster* (*Rhachiocrema*) *aculeata*, sp. n.

♀. Head, thorax and antennæ slightly reddish yellow, legs, petiole and post-petiole pale yellow, gaster jet black, with a slight violet reflexion, teeth of mandibles red, eyes black, smooth and shining, clothed with a few scattered outstanding yellow hairs.

*Head* subquadrate, posterior angles rounded, posterior border sinuate; *mandibles* slightly longitudinally striate, triangular, masticatory border armed with four moderately sharp teeth; *clypeus* convex, anterior border straight, posterior border rounded, with a rather distinct longitudinal carina on each side and a few faint lines in centre; *eyes* round, convex, not very large, with rather coarse facettes; *antennæ* 11-jointed, with a distinct two-jointed club; first joint of *funiculus* about as long as (and somewhat wider than) the next two taken together, last joint of club about twice as long as the one preceding it. *Thorax* considerably contracted in middle; *pro-mesonotum* rather flattened, with no suture between; *mesonotum* with a distinct longitudinal ridge on each side at base; *suture* between mesonotum and epinotum deep; *epinotum* with dorsal surface slightly concave and wide, armed with two