

long thin sharp divergent spines, which are almost straight. *Petiole* narrowed in front, broadest just before base, *node* with posterior corners slightly raised; *post-petiole* a little shorter than petiole, narrowed anteriorly and rounded posteriorly; *gaster* short oval, with apex considerably curved upwards.

Long. 2.7 mm.

Type in B.M.

Described from a single worker taken by Miss L. E. Cheesman in Dutch New Guinea, Cyclops Mountains, Sabron, 2000 ft., July, 1936.

This distinct species differs from *paradoxa* Emery, and *wheeleri* Mann, in colour, the shape and structure of the spines, etc. It is decidedly smaller than the former, and slightly larger than the latter. *C. (R.) paradoxa* has a black head, and *C. (R.) wheeleri* is all black except the mandibles, funiculi, and tarsi, which are yellow. The petiole in *paradoxa* is considerably longer than in either *wheeleri* or *aculeata*.

I am not very happy about the subgenus *Rhachiocrema*. Mann [Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool. lxiii. p. 318 (1919)] created it for the reception of *Crematogaster (Orthocrema) paradoxa* Emery from New Guinea, and his new species *C. (R.) wheeleri* from the Solomons, which he made the type. His diagnosis consists of—"the enormous development of the epinotal spines and the elongate pedunculate structure of the petiole and the elongate 12-jointed antennæ with the 2-jointed funicular club." *C. paradoxa* has an 11-jointed antenna, and although Mann describes and figures *wheeleri* with a 12-jointed antenna, I am not aware of any other species of *Crematogaster* in the world with this number. The length of the antennæ and the petiole are longer in *paradoxa* than in the other two species, and it would seem that the only reliable character is the long epinotal spines.

Tribe SOLENOPSIDINI.

Liomyrmex froggatti Donis., subsp. *major*, subsp. nov.

♀. This insect is closely allied to the typical form from New Guinea, and is probably a local race of the same. It is larger (10.7 mm. as against 9.2 mm.), the petiole is distinctly less transverse and the pubescence and out-