

punctured; clothed with sparse yellow outstanding hairs.

*Head* slightly longer than broad, broadest a little before centre, sides rounded, narrowed in front and behind, posterior angles bluntly rounded, posterior border truncate; *mandibles* narrow, curved, when shut enclosing a considerable space between inner border and clypeus, very feebly longitudinally striate, masticatory border armed with two blunt teeth at apex (including the apical tooth) and a longer, more pointed tooth towards base; *clypeus* very narrow, anterior border margined and armed in centre with two small, short, sharp teeth; *frontal carinæ* narrow, curved round antennal foveæ, and fused together at base; *antennal foveæ* large, round, deep; *eyes* wanting; *antennæ* 10-jointed; *scape* only reaching slightly beyond centre of head, thickened to apex; *funiculus* with joints 4-8 transverse, last joint pointed, longer than the two preceding taken together. *Thorax* longer than broad, narrowed at *meso-epinotal* suture, which is distinctly impressed; *pro-mesonotal* suture wanting; *epinotum* with dorsal surface considerably longer than the declivity, epinotal angle very distinct, margined; *declivity* short, abrupt; *petiole* and *post-petiole* with nodes rounded above, of about equal breadth, the former longer than the latter, longer than broad, armed beneath with a blunt tooth or projection, pointing forwards, the latter about as broad as long, armed beneath anteriorly with a shorter, more pointed tooth; *gaster* oval, rather short; *sting* very narrow.

*Long.* 3 mm.

Described from seven workers. Gold Coast, E. P. Tafo, ix. 1940; ex cocoa. No. 1352. G. S. Cotterell.

Type in B.M. (N.H.).

Santschi has described three species of *Ænictus* based on male specimens:—*Æ. asperivalvus*, ♂, Rev. Zool. Afric. vii. p. 233 (1919); *Æ. foreli*, ♂ (*l. c.* p. 234), and *Æ. mutatus* Sants., subsp. *pubicus*, ♂ (*l. c.*), from the Ivory Coast. The above-described species may, of course, eventually prove to be the worker of one of these.

It is unfortunate that Shuckard based his genus *Ænictus* on a male ant (*Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist.* v. p. 266 (1840)).

The first worker of this genus to be described was *læviceps*