

*Crematogaster (Acrocœlia) painei*, sp. n.

♀. Smooth and shining, yellowish brown, club of antennæ dirty yellow; clothed with fine short decumbent yellow hairs.

*Head* subquadrate, about as long as broad, slightly narrowed anteriorly, rounded from eyes to posterior angles, which are round, posterior border slightly excised in middle; *mandibles* narrow, shining, armed with teeth, the apical one being the longest and sharpest; *clypeus* round and convex on disc, anterior border truncate, very slightly sinuate at sides; *frontal area* distinctly defined; *frontal furrow* extending to centre of head, enclosed in a shallow pit on disc; *cheeks* finely longitudinally striate; *frontal carinæ* narrow, rather wide apart, slightly divergent posteriorly; *antennæ* 11-jointed, with a 3-jointed club, *scapæ* narrow, reaching posterior border of head, *funiculus* with first joint longer and broader than the six following joints, the second, sixth and seventh joints are longer than broad, the three joints of the club increase in length and breadth, the last joint not longer than the two preceding ones taken together; *eyes* fairly large, oval, somewhat prominent, situated about the centre of sides of head. *Thorax* longer than broad, contracted before epinotum; *neck* concave; *pronotum* smooth and shining, convex, margined in front and at sides, anterior angles and sides rounded; *pro-mesonotal suture* very faintly indicated; *meso-epinotal suture* deep and well marked; *mesonotum* somewhat longitudinally striate on dorsal surface; *episternite of mesothorax* closely but finely punctured; *epinotum* armed with two short sharp spines, projecting outwards, and slightly downwards at apex, space between spines flat, smooth and shining, no marked angle between dorsal surface and declivity. *Petiole* narrowed in front and behind, broadest about middle, flat, smooth, with a narrow transverse furrow before apex; *post-petiole* convex, rounded, about as broad as petiole in middle, with a longitudinal suture dividing dorsal surface into two spheres; *gaster* short, heart-shaped, pointed at apex.

*Long.* 2.8 mm.

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Described from three specimens (No. H.1431) taken by Mr. J. Paine on *Ceiba pentandra* (*Bombacaceæ*). Young tree, Gold Coast, Koransang, Jan. 6, 1945.