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Some New Ants from New Guinea.

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THE ants described in this paper form a small part of a large collection of over 2000 specimens sent to me by the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, to identify, and describe when necessary. They were all taken by Mr. Edward S. Ross (Associate Curator of Insects, in Charge), he having spent two months at Finschhafen, N.E. New Guinea, and nine months at Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea. They are chiefly from Maffin Bay, 125 miles west of Hollandis.

Subfamily *PONERINÆ*.

Tribe *RENEINI*, nov.

♂. Claws simple; mandibles articulated to the anterior angles of the head; no scape for the scape; no ocelli in ♀; petiole articulated to the postpetiole for its whole breadth; only one spur to two posterior tibiae; pygidium not furnished on each side with a row of spines.

RENEA, gen. nov.

♀. *Head* oblong oval, quadrangular; *mandibles* long, triangular, masticatory border toothed; *antennæ* 12-jointed; *maxillary palpi* 2-jointed; *labial palpi* 2-jointed; *eyes* small, indistinct; *sutures* of thorax well marked; *epinotum* unarmed. *Suture* between post petiole and rest of gaster well marked; *petiole* articulated to post-petiole for its whole breadth. One *spur* present on two posterior pairs of *tibiae*.

♂. *Head* somewhat globular, including eyes as broad as long; *antennæ* 13-jointed; *maxillary palpi* 2-jointed; *labial palpi* 2-jointed; *mandibles* narrow, pointed. *Mayrian furrows* present. *Petiole* articulated to post-petiole for its whole breadth. One *spur* present on two posterior pairs of *tibiae*, as in ♀.

Genotype *Renea testacea*, sp. n.

Renea testacea, sp. n. (Fig. 1.)

♀. Pale yellow to reddish testaceous, shining; pubescence very fine, whitish yellow, silky; petiole, post-petiole and gaster with fine, short, outstanding hairs;