

with the extreme central part largely smooth and shining. Head with fine, dense, longitudinal rugulae which tend to converge on each posterior corner of the head, the interspaces finely alveolate; posterior part of head with coarse, prominent, hair-bearing punctures. Pronotum mostly smooth and shining, remainder of thorax finely rugulose-alveolate. Dorsal surface of postpetiole and gaster very finely alveolate.

Body subopaque in some lights, more shining in others, this being especially true of the head. Body covered with numerous well-scattered, suberect to erect, yellowish hairs. Dark reddish brown, approaching black; the funiculi and tarsi light.

*Worker*.—Length 3 mm.

Head approximately as broad as long, with feebly convex sides and a straight or very feebly emarginate posterior border. Frontal area not strongly delimited as with the soldier. Clypeus convex, with angularly projecting anterior border and rounded posterior border. Eye prominent, with 11 or 12 ommatidia in its greatest diameter, placed less than twice its greatest diameter from base of mandible. Antennal scape long, slender, extending almost one-third its length beyond the posterior border of the head, slightly enlarged apically. Mandible large, subtriangular, with 15 or 16 small but distinct teeth. Thorax, in profile, highest in the region of the promesonotal suture; mesonotum forming an almost even slope from this point to the well-defined mesoepinotal constriction. Epinotal spines unusually long, longer than the base of the epinotum, their tips acute. Petiolar node, from behind, with straight, transverse, superior border. Postpetiole of approximately equal length and breadth, with the sides convergent in the anterior and posterior halves and forming a distinct angle on each side. Legs rather long and slender. Gaster, from above, subelliptical.

Mandible distinctly rugulose, also punctate, especially near the masticatory border. Longitudinal rugulae extending on the head beyond the posterior border of each eye, the interspaces finely alveolate. Posterior part of head mostly smooth except for the scattered, hair-bearing punctures. Sides of thorax, especially the meso- and metapleura, alveolate; dorsal surface either smooth or with extremely fine alveoli. Sculpture of petiole and postpetiole similar to that of thorax. Gaster smooth and shining.

Hair long, grayish or light yellowish, suberect to erect, moderately abundant and well scattered over body. Brown; gaster darker, funiculi and tarsi lighter.

Described from a soldier and worker collected at Nogales, Ariz., by Robert G. Wesson in rolling hills and grass at an altitude of 3,880 feet.

Since Nogales is the type locality of *rhea*, I have chosen to describe specimens from this region. Examination of numerous individuals from many localities shows that *rhea* is a polymorphic species and that the soldier described above does not represent the largest of its caste. An unusually large soldier from Escuinapa, Mexico, measures 8 mm. in length. In a