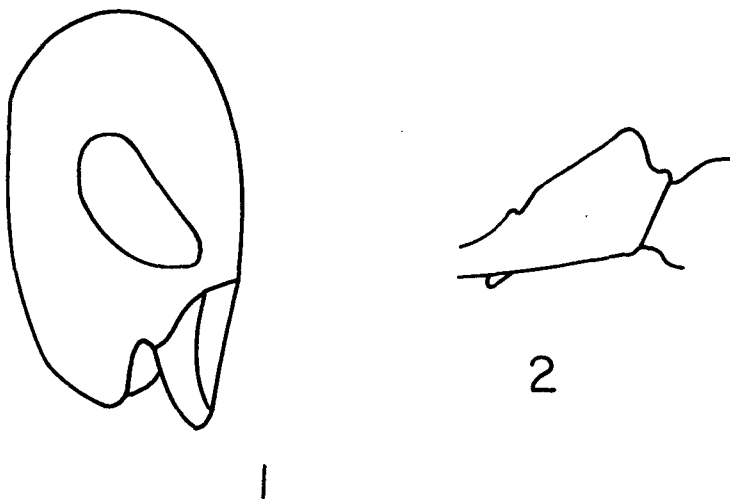


Hairs silvery; short, rather numerous, blunt, subclavate, and erect, as well as some which are short, slender, pointed, appressed and subappressed, on head; longer, slender, and sharper on clypeal border, gula, and mandibles; longer and more clavate on dorsum of thorax, petiole, and postpetiole; erect on thoracic dorsum, reclinate on petiole, postpetiole, and gaster.

Color of body black, appearing as very dark brown under high magnification; leg articulations and apical half of mandibles brown.



*Leptothorax* (*Myrafant*) *obliquicanthus* worker. Fig. 1, head, showing compound eye; fig. 2, petiole in profile.

*Type locality*.—The holotype and a series of 61 paratype workers were collected by the writer on August 10, 1951, at a point 12 miles south of Santa Fe, New Mexico, along U. S. highway 85. The ants were ambling about on the soil of a dry, grassy area and were apparently foraging. The nest was not found.

*Disposition of type material*.—The holotype and a series of paratypes are in the collection of the writer. Paratypes have been deposited in the U. S. National Museum, the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard, and the American Museum of Natural History.

*Variation*.—Body length of the paratypes varies from 2.2 to 3.0 mm. A few of the specimens have the postpetiole somewhat less opaque than do others. The eyes of some of the paratypes are more subreniform than those of others.