

large and triangular, armed with seven teeth. Thorax two and one quarter times longer than broad. Pronotum almost twice as broad as long, strongly convex. Mesonotum circular, convex above. Metanotum as a distinct raised segment, narrow, twice as broad as long. Epinotum almost twice as long as broad; in profile the dorsum feebly depressed in the middle, the declivity short, at an obtuse angle, the boundary between the two faces hardly apparent. The whole thorax evenly convex. Node one and three quarter times longer than broad, parallel, the anterior border convex; in profile higher than long, the anterior face straight and vertical for half its length, then abruptly inclined backward, the posterior face feebly convex, meeting the anterior face above, forming a sharp, pointed edge. The top is convex laterally, in *subnitidus* it is concave. Gaster longer than broad. Legs long and robust.

*Worker minor*.—Length, 13-15 mm.

Colour, sculpture and pilosity as in the major.

Head elongate, one-third longer than broad, three times broader in front than behind, the sides feebly convex. Frontal carinae and clypeus as in the major. Eyes large and convex, placed at the posterior third of the sides. Scapes extending beyond the occiput by two thirds of their length. Thorax similar but much more slender. Node two and three quarter times longer than broad, the anterior border convex, the sides parallel; in profile slightly longer than high, the anterior face very short, vertical, the dorsum straight, inclined upward and backward, forming a sharp edge at the junction with the posterior face, the latter feebly convex. Gaster much longer than broad. Legs long and slender.

*Female*.—Length, 20 mm.

Colour, sculpture and pilosity as in the worker major.

Head very slightly longer than broad, the occipital border and sides straight, or very feebly convex, almost parallel, the occipital angles bluntly rounded. Frontal carinae and clypeus as in the major. Eyes large, rather flat. Ocelli prominent. Scapes extending beyond the occipital border by one fourth of their length. Mesonotum large, flattened on top, parapsidal furrows feebly impressed. Scutellum large, much broader in front than behind, Epinotum short, rounded into the declivity. Node and gaster similar to the major. Legs longer and more slender.

Habitat.—North Queensland: Cape York (W. B. Barnard).

The worker minor corresponds well with the short description given by Forel. The differences in the major and media workers are too great, in my opinion, to regard this as a variety of *subnitidus*. All grades, from the largest to the smallest workers, are found. These represent at least five intermediates, but they differ only in the size of the head. Forel described only the worker minor.