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Anochetus evansi, sp. nov. ♀ L., 5.2mm. (with mandibles.) Entirely castaneous. Pilosity as in *ghiliani*, Spin., from which it differs in its small size, shorter body, and in having the posterior part of the corselet smooth and shining.

All joints of funiculus except the three apical ones, considerably shorter than in *ghiliani*, the second in particular being hardly longer than broad. Thorax rather shorter proportionately than in *ghiliani*, and the incision between the mesonotum and epinotum is hardly marked. The scale is lower and thicker, especially at the top, where it is more rounded.

Head similarly sculptured to that of *ghiliani*, but the scattered punctures on the back half are much more numerous and distinct, and larger. Thorax and epinotum almost entirely smooth and shining, with only a few small points on the base of the epinotum, and a few fine transverse striæ on the declivity. Otherwise like *ghiliani*.

1 ♀, Sar-i-Pal, Persia, 1919. (Evans, no. 46.) Recorded in *Ent. Rec.*, **32**, 163 (1920), as *A. ghiliani*, Spin., though at the time I considered it a variety. Emery, however, is of opinion that it is a distinct species.

Type presented by Mr. Evans to the British Museum.

Crematogaster auberti, Em., var. *sorokini*, Ruzsky., ♀ N.E. Baghdad, 1918 (Evans). Recorded in *Ent. Rec.*, l.c., as *C. scutellaris*? var. Emery has now identified it with Ruzsky's variety, which I have not seen.

Leptothorax sculptiventris, Mayr., var. **distincta**, var. nov. ♀ L., a little over 5.0mm. (type 4.0mm.). Differs only in the colours, which are more sharply defined. Thorax and petiole pale yellow; head, mandibles and basal third of gaster slightly deeper in colour. Funiculus and apical third of scape dark chocolate-brown; tip of apical segment of funiculus and remainder of scape yellow-brown. Apical joints of tarsus, the basal fifth of femur, the apex of coxa, and apical half of tibia pale yellow; the remainder and apical two-thirds of gaster dark chocolate-brown.

The femora are very swollen. In addition to the lateral teeth of the petiole, this segment bears a small sharp tooth beneath. The postpetiole bears on each side behind a small tubercle carrying a short stiff hair.

1 ♂, South America (Dr. Swale).

Type W.C.C. coll.
