

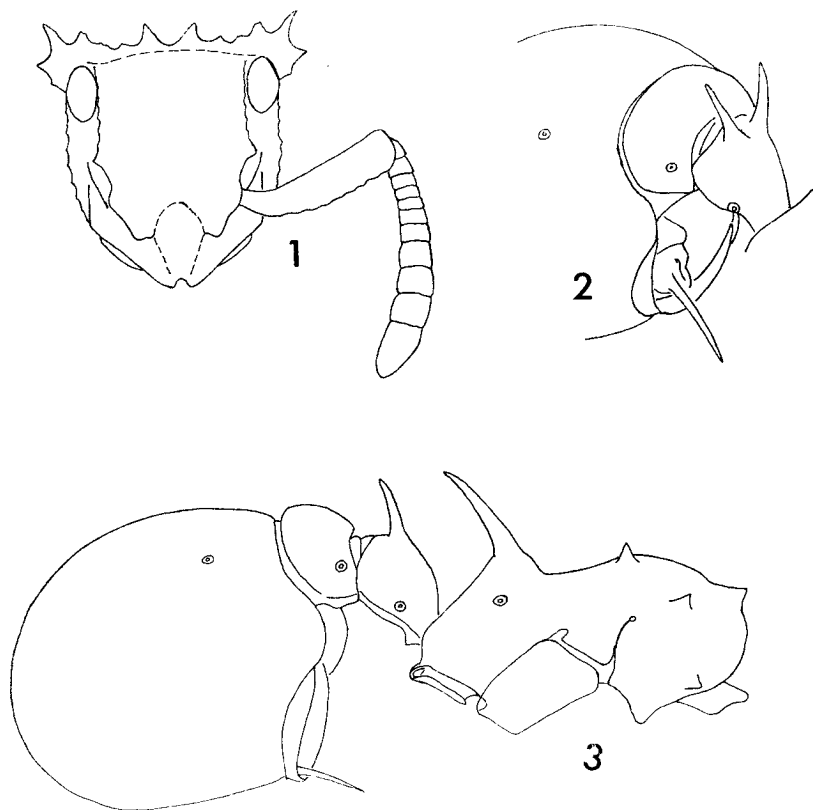
A REMARKABLE NEW ARBOREAL ANT GENUS (HYM.,
FORMICIDAE) FROM WEST AFRICA

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Amongst a number of ants presented to the author by Mr. D. Leston, of the Zoology Department, University of Ghana, Legon, was a single specimen which has proved to be totally unlike any previously described myrmicine ant.

A detailed assessment of the specimen has resulted in its being placed tentatively in the tribe Meranoplini, on the strength of the clypeal structure and the relatively short dorsal length of the propodeum. A description of the new form and a discussion of its more outstanding morphological adaptations are presented below.

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Figs. 1-3.—*Ankylomyrma coronacantha* gen. et sp. n., holotype worker: 1, head in full-face view, right antenna and pilosity omitted; 2, dorsolateral view of pedicel and anterior portion of gaster; 3, alitrunk, pedicel and gaster in lateral view, the legs omitted.