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(2) The basal part of the receptaculum does not bear an apical appendix as in the other species of the genus known to me.

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THE ANT APHAENOGASTER GATESI TRANS-FERRED TO PHEIDOLE.—Pheidole gatesi is the necessary NEW COMBINATION for Aphaenogaster (Attomyrma) gatesi Wheeler, 1927, Psyche, 34: 44, worker (minor); type locality Rangoon, Burma. The types of A. gatesi are really minors of some species of the Pheidole smythiesi group (=subgenus Ceratopheidole). When compared directly with types of P. smythiesi, the gatesi cotypes showed differences in head shape and in details of the mesonotum and postpetiole that are strong enough to indicate distinctness at the species level, at least until we have further knowledge of intraspecific variation in this group. The type comparison was incidental to work done in European museums during 1963 under National Science Foundation Grant G-23680. —W. L. Brown, Jr., Department of Entomology, Cornell University.

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