

not sloping cephalad as in *C. nigerrimus* Arn., the lateral margins parallel-sided, two-sevenths wider behind than long, the sides concave. Postnotum one-third as long as the metanotum, striolate. Dorsum of the epinotum horizontal, barely narrowed caudad, about one-third wider at the base than long, the posterior corners rounded. Abdomen two and two-thirds longer than wide in the middle, lanceolate, the first tergite as long as wide behind. Anterior femora swollen as in *C. nigerrimus*, the legs as in that species. Venation like that of that species, but the first recurrent vein meets the second cubital cell before the middle.

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Related to *C. nigerrimus* Arn. from which it can be distinguished by the colour of the legs, the parallel-sided and wider pronotal dorsum, and the sculpture of the head and thorax. *C. bequaerti* Arn. also has the pronotal dorsum parallel-sided, but that species has the legs of a different colour, paler wings and a shorter epinotum, of which the declivity is punctured and not rugose as in this species.

#### POSTSCRIPT

*Anoplius morosus* Smith, 1855, *Cat. Hymen. B.M.* p. 140.

Arnold, 1937, *Ann. Transv. Mus.* xix, 64.

Haupt (*loc. cit. supra*, pp. 43-46) has not only transferred the ♂ of this species to a new genus *Africanoplius*, but also, owing to a gross misconception, made it the type of a new species, *A. aciculatus* Haupt. This is based on an entirely erroneous interpretation of my description of that sex. He says: 'Dass nun Arnold ein ♂, dessen Propodeum quer nadelrissig skulptiert ("transversely aciculate") ist dem ♀ von *morosus* zugestellt, dessen Propodeum ("postnotum" nach seiner Schreibweise) skulpturlos ist, gereicht seiner Diagnose nicht gerade zum Vorteil.' Nowhere in my numerous descriptions of the Pompilidae has the term 'postnotum' ever been applied to the last segment of the thorax. It has been employed, exactly as in Haupt's writings, to indicate that narrow dorsal portion of the thorax which lies between the metanotum and the anterior margin of the epinotum (epinotum = 'propodeum' Haupt, 'Mittel-segment' Kohl *et al.*). Haupt's statement cannot be excused as a mistranslation of the English text. It is evidence of superficial attention or carelessness, for if his assertion were correct, he or any other reader must ask 'what part of the thorax is this "epinotum" mentioned or described in Arnold's descriptions'?

It follows, therefore, that *A. aciculatus* Haupt must be sunk as a synonym of *A. morosus* Smith ♂. Furthermore, I am unable to recognize the validity of his new genus *Africanoplius* which is diagnosed only in his key to the genera of the subtribe *Anopliina* (p. 40), and which according to that key appears to differ from *Anoplius* Dufour mainly in having the wings yellow with an apical infuscation, and the claws in the ♂ not fully bifid. In the opinion of the writer these are not generic, but specific characters, and it is on such characters that a number of Haupt's recent new genera have been based.