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CLASSIFICATION OF THE FORAGING AND DRIVER ANTS, OR FAMILY DORYLIDÆ, WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE GENUS CTENOPYGA ASHM.

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In the Canadian Entomologist for November, 1905, pages 381 to 384, I gave a skeleton of a new arrangement of the families, subfamilies, tribes, and genera of the Ants, or the superfamily Formicoidea in which several new genera were indicated. Among these was the genus Ctenopyga, from Mexico, which I now describe and figure, after giving analytical tables for recognizing the three subfamilies, the tribes, and the genera falling in each, according to the three sexes, worker, female, and male, when known, taken from my forthcoming classification of the Ants, or the superfamily Formicoidea.

Family XLIII. DORYLIDÆ.

The ants belonging to this family are held together and easily separated from those of other families by habits and by peculiarities of structure, the females being nearly always wingless, the workers having the antennæ inserted much farther forward on the head, close to the anterior margin, and by the genitalia of the males which differ widely from those of other ants, the terminal ventral plate, or the hypopygium, being broad and deeply semicircularly emarginated, forked or bispined.

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It is this character which induces me to place the Acanthostichinæ in this family rather than in the family Poneridæ, although otherwise, especially in the workers, they are apparently just as closely allied to that family, where Forel and Emery now place them.

The first species discovered, however, was a worker and that was originally placed by Frederick Smith, of the British Museum, in the Dorylid genus Typhlopone Westwood. Dr. Gustav Mayr made *Typhlopone serratula* Smith the type of his genus *Acanthostichus*, which is now known in all three sexes, the female having been described and figured recently by Professor Emery, who also at one time classified the genus with the subfamily Dorylinæ.

The three subfamilies may be recognized from the structural characters made use of in the following table:

TABLE OF SUBFAMILIES.

I. Workers2
Females5
Males12
2. Abdominal petiole composed of only one joint4
Abdominal petiole composed of two joints
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3. Antennæ 9 to 10-jointedSubfamily I. Ecitoninæ
4. Antennæ 9 to 12-jointed.
Pygidium normal, the apical margin not armed with a row of
fine teethSubfamily II. Dorylinæ
Pygidium abnormal, the apical margin armed with a row of fine
teethSubfamily III. Acanthostichinæ
5. Wingless forms6
Winged formsII
6. Head without either eyes or ocelli
Head with the eyes present, represented by a single ocellus, at or
near the lateral middle8
7. Head <i>not</i> distinctly bilobed; thorax with only the pronotal suture
present, the mesonotal suture absent Subfamily I. Ecitonin E
Head distinctly bilobed; thorax with the pro- and meso-notal sutures
distinctSubfamily II. Dorylinæ
8. Pygidium normal, unarmed9
Pygidium abnormal, the apical margin armed with a row of minute
teeth
9. Meso-metanotal suture absent, the meso- and meta-notum closely
united, the pronotal suture indistinct Subfamily I. ECITONINE
Meso-metanotal suture distinct, the meso- and meta-notum sepa-
rated, the pronotal suture distinctSubfamily II. Dorylinæ
rated, the pronotal suture distinctSubtaining II. DORYLINA

10. Thorax with only the meta-notal suture present, indicated by a transverse row of punctures; head not bilobed,
Subfamily III. Acanthostichina
II. Pygidium armed with a row of fine teeth along the apical margin front wings with <i>three</i> cubital cells,
Subfamily III. Acanthostichina
12. Submedian cell in front wings shorter than the median cell, the
transverse median nervure uniting with the median vein before
the basal nervure
Submedian cell in front wings distinctly longer than the median
cell, the transverse median nervure uniting with the median
vein beyond the basal nervure
Femora neither flat nor compressedSubfamily I. Ecitonina
Femora abnormally flat or compressed. Subfamily II. Dorylin A
13. Femora abnormally flat or compressed; mandibles more or less
sickle-shaped or conical, without teeth or a masticatory edge,
Subfamily II. Dorylin A
Femora normal, neither flat nor compressed; mandibles more or
less triangular, and with a broad masticatory edge,
Subfamily III. Acanthostichina
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Subfamily I. Ecitoninæ.
1893. 2me Tribu: Ecitonii Forel, Ann. Soc. ent. Belgique, xxx, p. 163
1895. 2 Tribus: Ecitonii Emery, Zool. Jahrb. Syst., viii, p. 765.
This subfamily I have divided into two minor groups or
tribes, as follows:
TABLE OF TRIBES.
I. Workers
Females
Males
2. Mesonotal suture wanting or never distinctly defined.
Antennæ 12-jointed; inner tibial spur pectinate. Tribe I. Ecitonin
Antennæ 10 or 11-jointed; inner tibial spur apparently simple,
Tribe II. Ænictin
3. Wingless; head not distinctly bilobed.
Eyes represented by a single occllus a little behind the lateral mid
dle of the head; node of petiole transverse, concave medially and
posteriorly, the upper hind angles prominent; antennæ 12-jointed
Tribe I. Ecitonin
Eyes absent or represented by a single ocellus before the latera
middle of the head; node of petiole a little longer than wide
antennæ 10-jointed, or rarely 11-jointedTribe II. Ænictin
4. Front wings with three cubital cellsTribe I. Ecitonin
Front wings with two cubital cellsTribe II. Ænictin

Tribe I. ECITONINI.

This tribe seems to be confined to the New World—North, Central, and South America, and the West Indies.

	TABLE OF GENERA.
I.	Workers
	Females3
	Males4
2.	Antennæ 12-jointed; workers more or less dimorphic, the soldiers
	with long, hook-like mandibles, the workers with triangular
	mandibles; metathorax bicarinate; maxillary palpi 2-jointed,
	labial palpi 3-jointed.
	Claws with a tooth beneath
	(Type, Formica hamata Latreille)
	Claws without a tooth beneath, simpleAcamatus Emery
	(Type, Eciton schmitti Emery)
3.	Wingless; meso- and meta-notum divided, together scarcely longer
	than wide; abdominal petiole transverse, above triangularly con-
	cavely emarginate posteriorly.
	Claws with a tooth beneath
	Claws without a tooth beneath, simpleAcamatus Emery
4.	Front wings with three cubital cells.
	Abdominal petiole above subconvex or at least never deeply con-
	cave; mandibles narrow, falciform, acute at apex5
	Abdominal petiole above deeply concave; mandibles broadened,
	not falciform
5.	Subdiscoidal cell <i>not</i> interstitial with the apex of the submedian vein.
	Claws with a tooth beneath
_	Claws without a tooth beneath, simpleAcamatus Emery
О.	Subdiscoidal nervure interstitial with the apex of the submedian
	vein; claws with a small tooth beneath. Mayromyrmex Ashmead
	(Type, Labidus fargeaui Shuckard)
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	Tribe II. ÆNICTINI.
_	This tribe is apparently confined principally to the Asiatic
fa	una, a few only occurring in Africa.
	TABLE OF GENERA.
I.	Workers2
	Females5
	Males6
2.	Antennæ 10-jointed.
	Eyes wanting
	Eyes present4

- 4. Eyes prominent, placed at the lateral middle of the head, the ocelli represented by a single ocellus anteriorly.......Oöceræa Roger

(Type, O. fragosa Roger)

5. Wingless; head oblong-quadrangular, much wider than the thorax; thorax more than thrice longer than wide, without sutures; abdominal petiole quadrangular, longer than wide; antennæ 10-jointed.

Ænictus Shuckard

Subfamily II. Dorylinæ.

This subfamily reaches its greatest development in Africa where the genera and species are numerous, although a few extend into Asia.

It may not occur in America, as the two American genera placed here, namely *Typhlopone* Westwood and *Cheliomyrmex* Mayr are unknown to me in nature and are placed here from the description alone. I suspect that both may belong to the Ecitoninæ. Sphinctomyrmex Mayr is also another doubtful Doryline which I have not been able to see.

Two distinct tribes have been recognized from the males.

TABLE OF TRIBES.

Tribe I. ÆNICTOGITONINI.

This tribe is based upon the genus Ænictogiton Emery, known only in the male sex, the type being A. fossicans Emery. The worker and female will probably resemble some of those in the tribe Dorylini.

Tribe II. Dorylini.

Africa is evidently the original home of this tribe, where the genera and species are abundantly represented. Prof. C. Emery, the eminent Italian myrmecologist, in his paper "Die Gattung Dorylus Fabr., und systematische Eintheilung der Formiciden," a has done a great work in unraveling the confusion that existed in regard to the genera and species, and has formed the basis of this table:

TABLE OF GENERA.

- W. d
I. Workers
Females14
Males
2. Pro-mesonotal suture always more or less distinct; mesonotal su-
ture dorsally wanting or obsolete; pygidium usually tridentate;
metathoracic spiracles alone disfinct3
Pro-mesonotal suture obsolete; if the mesonotal suture is distinct
it is due to remarkable polymorphism
3. Head in large individuals longer than wide
Head, in large individuals, wider than long; mandibles long sickle-
shaped, with a large tooth within at the middle; in small indi-
viduals with a prominent clypeus; antennæ 11-jointed,
Anomma Shuckard
(Type, A. burmeisteri Shuckard)
4. Antennæ 9-jointed5
Antennæ 10–12-jointed
5. Head in large individuals with the margins parallel or wider be-
fore than behind; clypeus in small specimens not prominent6
Head narrowed anteriorly; clypeus prominentAlaopone Emery
(Type, Typhlopone carteri Shuckard)
6. Head a little longer than wide; abdominal petiole in large and
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medium sized individuals with a thorn beneath towards apex;
pygidium tridentate
Head in large individuals much longer than wide; abdominal peti-
ole with only a prominent angle beneath; pygidium simple,
Rhogmus Shuckard
(Type, R. fimbriatus Shuckard)
7. Mandibles at apex with a short, bidentate cutting margin; antennæ
II-jointed8
Mandibles in large individuals without a cutting margin, sabre-
shaped; in smaller forms with a tooth at the apical third; an-
tennæ in large and medium sized forms 12-jointed, in small and
the smallest forms 10 or 11-jointedDichthadia Gerstäcker
(Type, D. furcata Gerstäcker)
8. Abdominal petiole always distinctly longer than wide,
Typhlopone Westwood
(Type, T. fulva Westwood)
^a Zool. Jahrb. Syst., vIII, 1895.

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	Abdominal petiole wider than long, or at the most not longe than wide
	(Type, Vespa helvolus Linné)
9.	Mesonotal suture obsolete or very indistinct
	Mesonotal suture very distinct or indicated by a constriction
10.	Abdomen normal, not constricted between each segment
	Abdomen abnormal, constricted between each segment; pygidium impressed or forked; antennæ 11-jointed (rarely 12-jointed),
	Sphinctomyrmex May
т т	(Type, Typhlopone stolli Mayr) Antennæ 11 or 12-jointed
11.	Antennæ 10-jointed.
	Head very large, the clypeus prominentShuckardia Emery (Type, Alaopone abeillei André)
12.	Antennæ 12-jointed, gradually thickened towards apex; head not
	much longer than wide; maxillary palpi 2-, labial palpi 3-jointed;
	mandibles curved, with a strong triangular tooth near base
	within
	(Type, C. Nortoni Mayr)
	Antennæ 12-jointed; head about twice as long as wide,
	Probolomyrmex Mayr
	(Type, P. filiformis Mayr)
13.	Antennæ 12-jointed, gradually thickened towards apex; clypeus very
	narrow, transverse; maxillary palpi 2-, labial palpi 3-jointed,
	Cheliomyrmex Mayr
	(Type, C. nortoni Mayr)
14.	Head bilobed; petiole transverse, obtuse above and produced into acute angles behind.
	Thorax trilobed15
	Thorax not trilobed
15.	Thorax trilobed with a distinct constriction between the lobes, the
	metathoracic lobe the narrowest; mandibles long acute; abdomen
	terminating in a peculiar plate which has a deep, narrow, median
	emargination at apical half
	Thorax trilobed but without a distinct constriction between the
	lobes, although the lobes are distinctly separated or indicated by faint sutures above; hypopygium not narrow, broadly emarginate
т6	at apex
10.	with a slight lateral constriction at the middle, the lobes closely
	united, not indicated by sutures above; hypopygium narrow, the
	sides parallel, deeply forked at apexDichthadia Gerstäcker
17.	Front wings with two cubital cells, the stigma narrow, lanceolate.
-/.	Abdominal petioles wider than long, convex anteriorly, but trun-
	cate or emarginate posteriorly; first two joints of flagellum
	nearly equal18
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Abdominal petiole quadrate or rounded; first two joints of flage lum unequal
Submedian cell shorter than the medianDorylus Fabricia Submedian cell longer than the medianRhogmus Shuckar 19. Mandibles broad, at the most not twice as long as wide at the bas
Mandibles narrow, about three times as long as wide at base. Thorax with appressed pubescence aboveTyphlopone Emery 20. Thorax dorsally with an oblique, erect pubescence. Mandibles much narrowed towards apex and produced into long pointDichthadia Gerstäck Mandibles not especially narrowed towards apex.Alaopone Eme Thorax dorsally without an erect pubescence, but with only a fuguite appressed pubescenceShuckardia Eme
Subfamily III. ACANTHOSTICHINÆ. 1893. 2me Tribu: Cerapachysii Forel (partim), Ann. Soc. en Belgique, xxxvII, p. 162. 1895. 3 Tribus: Cerapachyi Emery (partim), Zool. Jahrb. Sys VIII, p. 765. 1901. I Tribu: Acanthostichii Emery, Bull. Soc. ent. Belgique xLV, p. 34 (Poneridæ).
This subfamily is undoubtedly closely allied to the next family, or the Poneridæ; but on account of the male genital being similar to the dorylid type I prefer to retain it in the group. Representatives are known in North America, i. e. Texa Mexico, and Central America and in South America. The first specimen I had seen of this curious group, Acanthostichic kirbyi Emery, was kindly given to me by my friend, the ement French hymenopterologist, Mr. Ernest André, of Grant France. This has aided me very materially in working of the new genus characterized below:
TABLE OF GENERA.
I. Workers Females Males

2. Mesonotal suture obsolete or very indistinct; head oblong, smooth, the sides nearly parallel; frontal carinæ with lobes that cover the

articulation of the antennæ, the latter 12-jointed; thorax flattened above, with some elongate punctures; abdominal petiole quadrate, with a number of irregular depressions above,

	Acanthostichus Mayr
	(Type, Typhlopone serratula Smith)
	Unknown (see and d)
3.	Wingless4
	Winged5
4.	Head oblong, not bilobed, without ocelli, the eyes minute; thorax
	with the meso- and meta-notum not divided by a distinct suture,
	together a little wider than long; abdominal petiole wider than
	long, trapezoidal, subconvex above
5.	Front wings with three cubital cells, a distinct stigma, and with the
	marginal cell more or less open at apex; submedian cell shorter
	than the median; pygidium with the apical margin armed with a
	row of spines; head oblong, the eyes and ocelli present; claws
	simple
	(Type, C. townsendi Ashmead)
6.	Marginal cell open at apex: flagellum rather stout, subclavate, the

 Marginal cell open at apex; flagellum rather stout, subclavate, the joints after the first a little wider than long; disk of mesonotum posteriorly flattened, the parapsidal furrows not distinct,

Acanthostichus Mayr

Marginal cell usually closed at apex; flagellum subfiliform, the joints a little longer than wide; disk of mesonotum subconvex, the parapsidal furrows and the humeral furrows present,

Ctenopyga Ashmead

Ctenopyga townsendi n. sp. (fig. 4).

Q.-Length 5 mm. Castaneous, the head piceous-black, smooth and shining, the eyes well developed, oval, facetted, placed slightly beyond the lateral middle, the scape of the antennæ and the legs rufo-testaceous, the flagellum clavate, brownish, becoming yellowish at apex, the club distinctly yellowish. The oblong head is slightly wider than the thorax and about twice as long as wide, the hind margin only slightly and broadly emarginate, ocelli small, arranged in a triangle; the face has a median grooved line anteriorly between the antennæ; the antennal scape is depressed, somewhat broadened, and reaches to the base of the eyes, while the flagellum is clavate, thickened towards apex, the funicle joints being wider than long; the mandibles are large, triangular, with a broad, sharp, but edentate masticatory edge, the edge bordered with a few punctures; the thorax is a little more than four times as long as wide, slightly narrowed posteriorly, the anterior margin rounded, the posterior margin sharply but slightly obliquely truncate, the pro-, meso-, and meta-notal sutures distinct, the mesonotum a little longer than the pronotum, the scutellum well differentiated, with a crenate furrow across the base, the metanotum obtrapezoidal; the mesosternal suture is distinct. Wings clear hyaline, the stigma brown, the veins pale, the cells as in figure 4. The abdomen is longer than the head and thorax united, cylindrical and very similar to the worker in Acanthostichus Mayr, the petiole being longer than thick, with a tubercle beneath at base, the pygidium at apex hairy and armed with a row of comb-like teeth.

d.—Length about 4 mm. Highly polished black; the mandibles, the scape and pedicel of the antennæ, and the legs, except knees, tips of front tibiæ and all tarsi which are more or less yellowish, rufous or

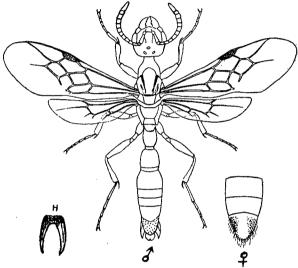


Fig. 4.—Ctenopyga townsendi: Male in center, tip of female abdomen at right, male hypopygium (H) at left.

rufo-piceous, the coxæ and femora dark; the flagellum is brownish yellow, subclavate, the last joint conical, a little longer than the two preceding joints united, the joints I to 6 longer than thick; wings much as in female. The parapsidal furrows are complete and the lateral lobes have the humeral furrow well developed; the hypopygium (fig. 5), which is strongly forked, and the genitalia are testaceous.

Type.—No. 7818, U. S. National Museum.

La Puerta, Mexico. One female and two male specimens taken May 6, 1895, by Professor C. H. Tyler Townsend.

New Generic Names.

Prof. T. D. A. Cockerell has kindly called my attention to the fact that three genera recently established by me are preoccupied in other departments of zoölogy and must be changed. I suggest the following new names:

Eiseniella n. n.

Eisenia Ashmead (not Malm, 1877), Mem. Carnegie Museum, I, No. 4, p. 232, 1904.

Elasmognathias n. n.

Elasmognathus Ashmead (not Gray, 1867), Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XXIX, No. 1424, p. 405, 1905.

Orthonotomyrmex n. n.

Orthonotus Ashmead (not Westwood, 1829), Can. Ent. xxxvii, No. 11, p. 384, November, 1905.