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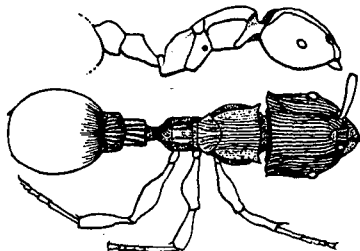
The Genus *Terataner* Emery (Formicidae)

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(cf. *Tricomyrmex*
Stitz, 1911.)

This genus was erected by Emery (1912) to include seven species, of which six had been originally described as belonging to the genus *Atopomyrmex* E. Andre. In the same paper he erected another genus, *Atopula* (p. 104) to include three species, the genotype *A. nodifera* Em. originally placed in *Atopomyrmex*, and *A. belti* Forel and *A. ceylonica* Emery. Forel (1917) erected a new genus *Brunella* for *belti*, and placed *A. ceylonica* in the genus *Leptothorax*.

Recently I received two specimens of an ant from Dr. J. C. Faure, collected at Marieps, E. Transvaal, which appeared to have some of the characters of both *Terataner* and *Atopula*, and therefore led me to examine more closely the characters of those genera as set forth by Emery in the *Genera Insectorum* (1922). The conclusion arrived at is that *Terataner bottegoi* Em. and the new species *transvaalensis* described below should be placed in a new subgenus *Tranetera*, retaining in *Terataner* s.str. only the following species, *foreli* Em., *alluaudi* Em., *luteus* Em., *steinheili* Forel, *scotti* Forel and *rufipes* Em. Furthermore, *Atopula*, with genotype *nodifera* Em. should be reduced to a subgenus of *Terataner*. The artificial nature of that genus was recognized by Emery, since in his diagnosis (1922) he says "Le genre *Atopula* est un groupe dont les caractères sont en grande partie négatifs, c'est-à-dire indifférents. . . . Peut-être *Atopula* est-il un groupe hétérogène, un résidu de classification." The characters of the genus and of the subgenera may be distinguished as follows:—



♀ *Terataner (Tranetera) transvaalensis* x 10