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Quekettia georgius (Peckham & Peckham, 1892)

LEPTORCHESTES GEORGIUS N. SP.

Pl. IV., Fig. 6, epigynum.

♀. Total length, 6.5 mm.

Cephalothorax: Length, 2.5 mm.; width, 1.7 mm.

Legs, 4123; first and second pairs plainly stoutest.

4th leg longer than third by tarsus and metatarsus.

Cephalothorax low and flat, very narrow in front, rounding out behind the dorsal eyes. Cephalic and thoracic parts on the same plane, not separated by a depression; thoracic part not falling until near posterior margin. Quadrangle of eyes very slightly wider than long, wider behind than in front, occupying nearly one-half cephalothorax. Anterior eyes in a straight row, subtouching; middle twice as large as lateral. Clypeus one-fourth as high as middle eyes. Second row much nearer first than third row. Third row not quite so wide as cephalothorax at that place. Falces short, vertical, parallel and weak. Lip as wide as long. Coxæ 1 separated by a little more than the width of the lip. Sternum oval, truncated in front. Pedicle not visible from above.

Color. Cephalothorax black, with some dark hairs around the anterior eyes. Abdomen blackish, showing, in our somewhat damaged specimen, a spot of white hairs on each side of the dorsum, behind the middle, and traces of white hairs on other parts. Legs, palpi, falces and entire under surface, dark brown.

L. georgius is less ant-like, both in form and in color, than *chrysopogon*, *mutilloides* and *berolinensis*. The cephalothorax is much wider behind the dorsal eyes than at the anterior row, and the abdomen has neither the constriction that is found in *chrysopogon* and *mutilloides*, nor the pure white, transverse band which, in all three of the other species, marks off the abdomen into two parts. Moreover, the under surfaces of *chrysopogon*, *mutilloides* and *berolinensis* are strikingly alike, having the sternum and the coxæ of the third pair of legs black, and the coxæ of the first, second and fourth pairs pale; while in this species the sternum and all the coxæ are uniform brown.

Habitat. Madagascar.



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