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A NOTE ON THE ANT *GNAMPTOGENYS HARTMANI* WHEELER. — Workers and winged females of this ant were received recently from Dr. M. R. Smith of the U. S. National Museum and were determined by direct comparison with the type in the Museum of Comparative Zoology. The sample represents a nest taken in the soil of a banana plantation on Zapote Farm, La Lima, Honduras, May 18, 1961 (E. Mólendez leg.). This is the first record of the species to come to light since the original description, published in 1915, based on a single worker specimen from Huntsville, Texas (C. G. Hartman leg.). The type locality in northeastern Texas has always seemed anomalous for a genus otherwise confined to a more strictly tropical climate and not known from any other samples occurring natively within the continental United States, but until the present find, the good possibility remained that *G. hartmani* was an extralimital relict. It now seems more likely that the Texas record represents either a locality error or an adventive specimen taken from bananas. No ecological data accompanied the original find. At least, the occurrence of this (or other) species of *Gnamptogenys* in Texas remains to be convincingly demonstrated.— W. L. BROWN, JR., DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.