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A NEW MYRMELEONTID, *BANYUTUS BALLI*,
FROM BELGIAN CONGO,

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Amongst a lot of Neuroptera Planipennia, belonging to the Musée royal d'Histoire naturelle, Bruxelles, I found the above named new species, of which I give a description below.

Banyutus Balli n. sp.

Face and palpi yellowish; a broad black cross band between the eyes and enclosing the insertions of the antennae. Vertex blackish with irregularly placed paler spots. Antennae long and slender, brownish yellow; a little darker towards apex, and with a rather long club, which is faintly annulated brownish. Prothorax as broad as long, pale grey, and with indistinct longitudinal darker streaks. Meso- and metathorax grey, indistinctly marked. Legs rather short, yellowish, and with black and white bristles. Tarsi rather short; first tarsal joint as long as second and third united; second, third and fourth very short; fifth joint as long as first to fourth united. Spurs a little curved, as long as first to fourth united. Abdomen slender; first, second and the front part of third abdominal segment pale brown. In the male sex the second segment has a blackish spot at its apex dorsally. Anal appendages of the male rather conspicuous. Membrane of wings hyaline. Forewings broader and shorter than hindwings, which are somewhat falcate at apex.

Venation brown. The cross veins in the forewings and in the apical part of the hindwings shaded brownish. In the forewings three conspicuous brownish markings are present, viz. a brown

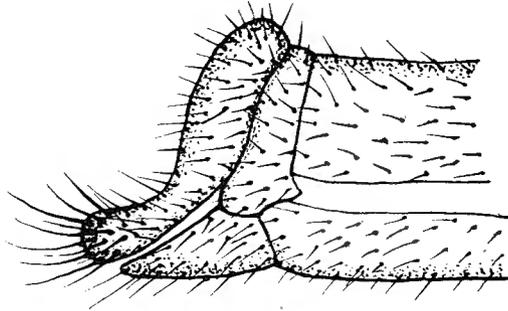


Fig. 1. — *Banyutus Balli*.
Anal appendages of the male.

obliquely placed streak near posterior margin one third from base of the wings, a large brown spot at the rhexma, and a third brown spot at the inner end of the pterostigma. In the forewing **Rs** arises opposite to the fork of **Cu**, **2 A** and **3 A** coalesce for a longer distance. Anterior Banksian line in the forewings hardly indicated.

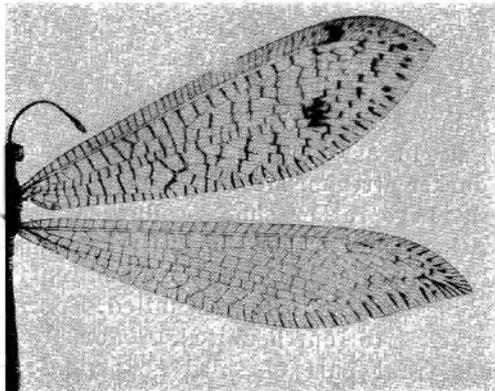


Fig. 2. — *Banyutus Balli*.
Right fore- and hindwing of the type-specimen.

Length of forewing 24-25 mm; that of hindwing 26-27 mm; abdomen ♂ 20-21 mm, ♀ 17 mm.

3 ♂ 2 ♀ present, and they are collected at Kinchassa, Congo Belge, 5-29. V. 1899 (WÆLBROECK leg.).

I take the liberty to name the species in honour of Mr. Antoine BALL of the Brussels Museum.

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