

men black, second and most of the third segment reddish yellow, or in one paratype the second and third segments red, the apex of each black in the middle.

Habitat—Washington; Moscow, Idaho (Prof. J. M. Aldrich). Type and one paratype in the collection of the American Entomological Society and one paratype in the collection of Cornell University.

I dedicate this species by permission to Rev. Fr. W. Konow, whose work on the Phytophagous Hymenoptera stands alone.

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### A REMARKABLE FLIGHT OF *CORISA*, "WATER BOATMEN."

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Between 2 and 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Oct. 11, 1904, I observed a remarkable flight of "Water Boatmen" at St. Paul, Minn. Thousands of them were flying hither and thither over several asphalt-paved streets, which had just been watered, and on which the sun was shining; the temperature was about 60° F. in the shade, the sky was clear, and there was no wind. The insects evidently mistook the wet asphalt for water. Thousands of them alighted, and were held fast by the film of mud until they died. About 5 o'clock I noticed on one street a struggling "Boatman" to every square inch of surface.

Have these insects regular autumn swarming days like ants, or do they migrate from one body of water to another in search of favourable winter quarters? The lakes and ponds about the city were full of water, and therefore this general flight was not caused by any scarcity of the element. Prof. F. L. Washburn, who identified the insects for me, found that there were ten to twenty males to one female, and I did not see any of them mating. These insects are frequently attracted to the electric lamps at night, but I never before found them flying in the daytime.

A few individuals of *Corisa* and a number of "Whirligig beetles" were flying here during the afternoon of Oct. 28, the weather being fine and the temperature about 55°.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Entomological Society of Ontario will be held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 18 and 19.