

*Ips confluentus* Say. The necessity of using care in passing by supposedly familiar insects was well illustrated when I recently examined a bottle of alcoholic specimens taken at South Paris, July 10, 1914, and found my first specimen of this species. I had carelessly scraped it out of the pitch on the end of a log in the mill yard for *I. sanguinolentus*, but with a vague feeling that there was something unfamiliar about it. I wonder how many rarities I have discarded!

*Georyssus pusillus* Lec. Three specimens were taken on a sand bar in the Little Androscoggin River at South Paris, June 17, 1912.

*Limnichus punctatus* Lec. On June 15, 1907, while I was sitting by a spring in Wales trying to reduce my temperature and satisfy my thirst by keeping at the saturation point, I noticed many of these small insects very slowly moving about on the sandy mud along the tiny stream that ran from the spring. I captured all in sight and started out more by throwing water on the bare places.

*Tharops ruficornis* Say. On June 23, 1910, two were taken by beating at Monmouth, and on the 25th I found a few more resting on the ends of beech sticks in piles of cordwood in a forest clearing at Wales.

*Alaus myops* Fab. This species has been taken a number of times on logs at Paris and Monmouth, while at the latter place it was once found feeding on the sap that oozed from a red oak stump. Several years ago I took a couple of *Alaus* larvæ under the bark of a white pine stump at Monmouth about June 25. The larger one was two and one-half inches long and apparently full grown. They were put into a box with twenty or thirty large ant larvæ and half a dozen *Elater* larvæ, and at the end of three days only the large larva remained. A second lot of larvæ disappeared in the next two days, and the surviving *Alaus* was brought to Framingham, Mass. At odd times during the fall more larvæ were put in the box which was a tin one about ten inches high and four by eight inches in the other dimensions; it was more than half full of dirt, rotten wood, and mould. On October 7th the larva was