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## NOTES ON A THREAD-LEGGED BUG.

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In about twenty years collecting at Iowa City, I had never met with a fully grown specimen of the wonderfully emaciated insect that goes by the name of *Emesa longipes*, De Geer. Therefore was much rejoicing when my wife picked up one from a somewhat dusty corner of the bedroom floor, at a time when the house was undergoing repairs and subject to the passage of many feet. For twelve months this remained a solitary treasure, but in November of 1907 another was taken on a window, and during the winter a third specimen was found dead on a fly screen at the opposite end of the cellar. Suspicion became strong that we were entertaining a colony unawares, and future developments have fully justified this impression.

Last September, on the second day of the month, a neighbor living next door came to see me, bearing one of these curious beasts, which he had found crawling on his clothes. While we were seated on my porch discussing previous finds, I holding this latest acquisition in my hand, he called my attention to another crawling along my arm. "I wonder if they fly," he said, but I replied that it seemed unlikely since the insect was so ungainly and the wings so very small in proportion, the thoracic segments showing none of the structure common to many small-winged insects of good flight. Scarcely had I made out my case, when another of the bugs came along, in full flight, only two or three feet in front of our faces and alighted on one of the pillars where it was easily caught. This gave me plenty of specimens for cabinet purposes and for class demonstration, so when still another female came to hand I put her in a box where she would have plenty of room to run, if she so desired, and waited to see what would happen. Running, however, was not her forte, she preferred to stand, rocking up and down on her long threadlike middle and hind legs, holding the shorter raptorial front pair, with the tibiae folded back, out in front of her, and any urging only forced her into a slow walk. She ate