Genus Sarcopsylla, Westwood.

1836-40. Westwood, Trans. Ent. Soc., London, 11., p. 199.

Table of Species.

Hind angles of metathoracic scales rounded; eyes and antennæ in anterior half of head, which is acutely angled in front above; first four tarsal joints in foreleg longer than broad; length (free female, and male), 1 mm.; parasitic on mammals......penetrans. Hind angles of metathoracic scales angulated; eyes and antennæ in posterior half of head, which is obtusely angled in front above; first four tarsal joints in forelegs nearly as broad as long; length, 1-1.5 mm.;

parasitic on gallinaceous birds......gallinacea.

Sarcopsylla penetrans, L.

1767. Linne, Syst. Nat. Ed., XII., p. 1021. (Pulex penetrans.)

This flea is undoubtedly found throughout the tropical and subtropical regions of both hemispheres. It has been found on a great variety of mammalian animals, including man. It is commonly known in this country and South America as "jigger flea," "chigoe," or "chique."

Sarcopsylla gallinacea, Westwood.

1874-5. Westwood, Ent. Mo. Mag., XI., p. 246.

This species will probably eventually be found to occur throughout the range of S. penetrans. I have received specimens taken on chickens (through Mr. L. O. Howard) from the Department collection, as follows:—From Florida, Apr. 27, No. 6220, A. S. Packard; from Floresville, Texas, No. 3648; from Hockley, Texas, Jan. 30, 1894, No. 3648; from Meridian, Miss., No. 4053.

The genital organs in the male of this species differ quite widely from those of the male of S. penetrans.

Sarcopsylla grossiventris, Weyenberg.

1879 Weyenberg, Boletin de la Acad. Nat de Ciencias d. 1.

Repub. Argent., III., p. 188. (Pulex grossiventris.)

This is a Sarcopsylla and a good species, but was insufficiently described. The very large size (length of male, 2.5-3.25 mm.; of pregnant