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THE SPIDERS OF THE ROCHPORT CAVE, MO.

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On December 30th, 1904, I examined for spiders a small cave on the north bank of the Missouri River, three miles below Rochport, Mo. This cave is occupied by a small stream, which enters it by an opening some distance from the river, and leaves it in a narrow gorge cut back in the bluffs.

At the mouth of the cave *Mela menardi*, Latr., was abundant in webs on the rocks, and one empty egg-sac was found, accompanied by a number of young, which an adult female seemed to be guarding.

On the piles of bat excrement were numerous pocket-like webs of *Teginaria brevis*, Em. When disturbed they sought shelter under the stones at the edge of which the webs were placed. Several females and two males were taken. On some driftwood brought in by the stream two specimens of *Erigone (Tmeticus) tridentata*, Em., one male and one female, were taken.

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