

the junctions of the segments, with long brown hairs in the male, simple in the female. Abdomen pale semi-translucent, orange or yellow; posterior portions of the segments with rather long concolorous hairs directed backward. Legs pale yellow. Wings yellowish, hyaline. Length, 1 to 1.25 mm.

*Habitat*.—Bronx Park, New York City; Fort Lee, New Jersey.

The larvæ of this species live in numbers between the unexpanded young leaves of the common white or Nettle-leaved Vervain (*Verbena urticifolia*), causing them to become deformed and twisted. Collected July 8th to 10th. The flies emerged from July 15th to 25th. The larvæ transform in the ground.

#### DISASTROUS FIRE AT NEWARK, N. J.

The headquarters of the Newark Entomological Society, on the fourth floor of the Newark Turn Hall, were completely destroyed by fire in the early morning of June 3rd, 1907. The conflagration demolished not only the entire building, but also resulted in the loss of three lives.

The property of the Society consisted of a forty-drawer cabinet, containing 1,000 specimens of Lepidoptera and 2,500 specimens of Coleoptera, mostly representing local forms, besides a small collection in other orders; also a book-case with 110 bound volumes and 365 unbound volumes and pamphlets. All of this property was consumed by the flames, except a few books that were in the hands of members. This collection of publications and insects was the accumulation of over 20 years of the Society's existence, and as the loss was only partially covered by insurance it will be a long time before it can be replaced. Some of the books, perhaps, can never be obtained again.

The Society will be exceedingly grateful for any help in the way of restoring the library that may be given it. Entomologists are earnestly invited to send separates of their papers or other publications that they may have in duplicate, for which the cost of transmission will be gladly refunded. Until the Society is again established in permanent quarters, parcels should be addressed to the secretary at New Brunswick, New Jersey.

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