

For some reason, either the scarcity of females, the coolness of the evening, or the lateness of the hour, these matings were infrequent, and during the hour I remained I saw less than a dozen pairs leave the throng. Several times I captured the pair as it was flying away, and except in one case, when the net engaged an extra male, evidently a straggler from the swarm, I took only a male and female. It might be remarked in passing that in this particular species at least the sexes are easily distinguished.

The exact manner in which mating was accomplished could not be ascertained with any definiteness, the interval between pairing and disappearance being so extremely brief that extended observations were impossible. The claws of the species are simple, and if the same rule holds that Mr. Knab finds obtains among the Culicidæ, the act of mating is a simple embrace, without the swinging apart that has been observed among the tooth-clawed mosquitoes.

As is probably the case with most, if not all, weak-winged flies when maintaining their equilibrium in a definite spot in mid-air, these Tipulidæ were observed always to face toward the light air-currents that from time to time came through their ranks and blew them gently about.

An hour of close watching failed to discover any variations in the simple movements of their performance. The gathering darkness, while putting an end to observation, seemed to be no check to their gaiety, for their numbers were not diminishing when I left the scene. Possibly, after the manner often noticed among so-called sentient beings, the amusement may have lasted far into the night.

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ERRATA.—Vol. XXXVIII., p. 400, line 12 from bottom, for "sickly" read "silky."

Page 425, line 7 from bottom, for "*Xanthorrhoe fossaria*" read "*fossaria*."

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