

## A NEW ASILID GENUS RELATED TO ERAX.

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Among the species heretofore referred to the genus *Erax* is a small group in which the first submarginal cell is divided by an oblique cross vein into two cells. The venation is similar to that of the genus *Promachus*, except that the foremost of the two apical submarginal cells is shorter, and the third vein curves forward to the costa before the apex of the wing, instead of curving backward to the hind margin beyond the apex. The examination of quite a large series of specimens belonging to this group proves that the characters above mentioned are constant, and as the genus *Erax* already contains a large number of species, it is desirable to separate as a new genus those species possessing these characters. For this group I propose the name *Efferia*, and would further characterize the genus as follows:—

*Efferia*, n. gen.—Third joint of antennæ provided with a distinct naked terminal style; wings having three submarginal and five posterior cells, the marginal, fourth posterior and anal cells closed; third vein terminating in the costa before the tip of the wing; front tibiæ destitute of a claw at the apex; ovipositor of the female compressed and destitute of a circle of spines at the tip.

Two species belonging to this group have been described from North America: *anomalis*, Bellardi (Saggio, II., 32) and *completus*, Macquart (Dipt. Exot., I, 2, 117). The last-named species has not been identified. My collection contains three apparently undescribed species, which, with *anomalis*, may be separated as follows:—

- 1.—Thorax destitute of a median longitudinal crest of nearly erect hairs ..... 2  
     Thorax provided with such a crest; bristles of the palpi black ..... *rara*, n. sp.
- 2.—Bristles of palpi, mystax and scutellum white ..... 3  
     Bristles of palpi, scutellum, occiput above, and several in lower part of mystax, black ..... *anomalis*, Bell.
- 3.—Abdomen silvery-white pollinose, and with rather long white pile parted in the middle and directed outward. .... *candida*, n. sp.  
     Abdomen grayish-brown pollinose, and not with pile as above described ..... *pernicious*, n. sp.

*Efferia pernicious*, n. sp., ♂. Black, the base of the tibiæ red. Pile and bristles of entire head yellowish-white, the pollen yellow. First antennal