THE ROTIFER FAUNA OF WISCONSIN.—III.

A Revision of the Genera Lecane and Monostyla

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INTRODUCTION.

Many eminent specialists have declared the “invertebrate” fauna of North America virtually unknown and it is perhaps superfluous to add to this our growing conviction that this is nowhere more readily demonstrable than in the relatively small phylum which we have been studying for some time. When Jennings compiled the records of rotifers found in the United States at the close of the Great Lakes Biological Investigations in 1899, the total number of species was 246, quite a number of these now unidentifiable. In the two papers already published on the rotifers of Wisconsin no less than 136 species are described from personal observations of a part of the family Notommatidae. Of these only 27 species are to be found in Jennings’s list, or less than one fifth. As a result of our collections in Wisconsin and a study of the rotifers of Mount Desert Island, undertaken at the suggestion and with the hearty cooperation of Dr. Dahlgren, director of the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory, over one hundred undescribed species belonging to the family already dealt with are now on hand. Under the circumstances we may perhaps be granted forgiveness for departing somewhat from our original plans, or rather from their last revision. We had intended to conclude, temporarily at least, the work on the Notommatidae with a revision of the forcipate group or Dieranophorinae, as defined in the second paper. At the time of closing the manuscript we had some 50 identified species belonging to this group. The Mount Desert collections added at least 25 more, or a sufficient number to convince us that we were very far from being able to “see the bottom”, in fact, we could not even discover a halting place, where we might at least temporarily feel
that we had in hand a fair proportion of the species that were likely to be found in the immediate future. It is very evident that more field work is necessary before a satisfactory revision of the Dicranophorinae can be undertaken with any hope of its being serviceable for even a few years; we are therefore compelled to postpone this for the moment, hoping that it may shortly appear to be a more promising undertaking.

A large amount of material for a revision of the genera Lecane and Monostyla has been accumulating for some years as a sort of by-product and this seems now to offer some possibility for reasonable permanency when worked up. Undescribed species belonging to these two genera are slowly and steadily decreasing in numbers; this is especially true of Monostyla, where a new species is now rarely found.

Lecane and Monostyla are very closely related and individual species do not as a rule exhibit striking differences. We have therefore limited the descriptions strictly to what is necessary for the determination of the species; no attempt has been made to deal with the anatomy, which seems to be quite uniform throughout the two genera. The outline of the loria, its surface markings and the form and length of the toes are very constant; for this reason special emphasis has been placed upon these features and no effort has been spared to represent them as accurately as possible in the figures. The descriptions must be considered largely supplementary; it seems impossible to state in words with sufficient clearness the slight, but important, differences of form and ornamentation of these animals.

A few words on the classification of the rotifers may not be out of place. The one employed by Hudson and Gosse, a modification of Dujardin's, is now generally considered unsatisfactory. Some radical changes were suggested by Wesenberg-Lund in 1899, and De Beauchamp provided ten years later the rational basis needed for a revision, but did not carry it out in detail. In his latest paper Wesenberg-Lund offers some modifications to his earlier outline, bringing it into fair agreement with De Beauchamp's ideas, with the notable exception of the relationship of the families with malleo-ramate mastax. With this material available we have by degrees arrived at the tentative classification given below; as will be noted, it is mainly De Beauchamp's, with some modifications suggested by personal observations, and includes only the Ploima, around which the prin-
cial differences of opinion are centered. The number of families has been reduced somewhat, and this will probably not be considered objectionable. There is no obvious advantage in having a separate family for each genus; any system of classification put forward must be a means of expressing the author's ideas on the mutual relationship of the component parts; placing each in a separate box is a confession of failure.

We have divided the Ploima into six major groups, which may be termed suborders, tribes, superfamilies or anything else that individual fancy may suggest. This regrouping seems, on the evidence available, to give a better perspective of the order. No detailed evidence for the placement of the individual genera will be offered at this time; on the whole we do not anticipate any violent dissent, but welcome constructive criticism. The reasons that appear to favor this arrangement will be given in future papers on the rotifer fauna of Wisconsin; in the absence of a thorough revision it is hardly possible to do more. However, in spite of, or perhaps on account of, this serious shortcoming, a useful purpose may be served in calling attention once more to some of the as yet unsettled problems of rotatorian taxonomy.

Order PLOIMA.

NOTOMMATOIDEA.
Family NOTOMMATIDAE.
Subfamily PROALINAE.
Genus Proales.
Proalinopsis.
? Squatinella.
Subfamily NOTOMMATINAE.
Genus Notommata.
Taphrocampa.
Drilophaga.
Pleurotrocha.
Cephalodella.
Dorystoma.
Rousseletia.
Tylotrocha.
Resticula.
Eosphora.
Eothinia.
Sphyrias.
Scaridium.
Monommata.

Subfamily TETRASIPHONINAE.
Genus *Tetrasiphon*.
Subfamily *Lindiinae*.
Genus *Lindia*.
Subfamily *Birgeinae*.
Genus *Birgea*.
Subfamily *Diceranophorinae*.
Genus *Diceranophorus*.
   *Encentrum*.
   *Erignatha*.
   *Albertia*.
Family *SYNCHAETIDAE*.
Genus *Synchaeta*.
   *Parasynchaeta*.
   *Ploesoma*.
   *Polyarthra*.
   *Anarthra*.
   *? Microcodon*.
Family *GASTROPODIDAE*.
Genus *Gastropus*.
   *Ascomorpha*.
   *Chromogaster*.
Family *TRICHOCERCIDAE*.
Genus *Trichocerca*.
   *Diurella*.
   *Elosa*.

**ASPLANCHOIDEA.**
Family *ASPLANCHNIDAE*.
Genus *Asplanchna*.
   *Asplanchnopus*.
   *Harringia*.

**BRACHIOIDEA.**
Family *BRACHIONIDAE*.
Genus *Brachionus*.
   *Schizocerca*.
   *Platyias*.
   *Keratella*.
   *Notholca*.
   *Amuraeopsis*.
Family *EPIPHANIDAE*.
Genus *Epiphanes*.
   *Rhinoglena*.
   *Cyttonia*.
   *Proalides*.
   *Mikrocodides*.
Family *EUCLIDAE*.
Genus *Euchlanis*.
   *Dipleuchlanis*.
   *Lecane*. 
Monostyla.
Lepadella.
Colurella.
Mytilina.
Trichotria.
Lophocharis.
Wolga.
Macrochaetus.

**FILINIOIDEA.**

**Family FILINIIDAE.**

Genus Filinia.
Tetramastix.
Pedalia.

**TESTUDINELLIOIDEA.**

**Family TESTUDINELLIDAE.**

Genus Testudinella.
Pompholyx.

**TROCHOSPHAEROIDEA.**

**Family TROCHOSPHAERIDAE.**

Genus Trochosphaera.

Genus LECAINE Nitzsch.

Euchlanid rotifers with illoricate, retractile head and loricate body, strongly compressed dorso-ventrally and oval or ovate in outline; dorsal and ventral plates connected by a flexible membrane, forming lateral and posterior sulci; foot with two extremely short, rudimentary joints, of which only the posterior is movable; toes two; corona of family type; mastax modified malleate, with a piston attached to its ventral wall; eyespot single and at the posterior end of ganglion; retrocerebral sac usually present, but no subcerebral glands.

**Type of the genus.—Lecane luna (Müller) = Cercaria luna Müller.**

This genus includes Cathypna Gosse and Distyta Eckstein; as pointed out by Murray there are no real differences between the species referred to them that would warrant their maintenance. In his Infusionsthierchen Ehrenberg pointed out that if Euchlanis luna were to be separated from Euchlanis, it would have to take the generic name Lecane Nitzsch, an injunction ignored by Gosse.

Quite a number of species have been described which we have
not seen. Some of these are of doubtful validity, and others appear to be good species; a list is given below.

_Cathypna affinis_ LEVANDER.


_Cathypna diomis_ GOSSE, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1887, p. 362, pl. 3, fig. 2; HUDSON and GOSSE, Rotifera, Suppl., 1889, p. 41, pl. 31, fig. 38.


_Cathypna gracilis_ SACHSE, Arch. Hydrobiol., vol. 10, 1914, p. 70, fig. 10.


_Cathypna latifrons_ GOSSE, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1887, p. 362, pl. 8, fig. 3.—HUDSON and GOSSE, Rotifera, Suppl., 1889, p. 42, pl. 31, fig. 37.


_Cathypna rusticola_ GOSSE, in HUDSON and GOSSE, Rotifera, 1886, vol. 2, p. 95, pl. 24, fig. 6.—SACHSE, Süsswasserfauna Deutschlands, pt. 14, 1912, p. 173, fig. 341.

_Cathypna spenceri_ SHEPHERD, Victorian Nat., vol. 9, 1892, p. 15.


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*Dictyla minnesotaensis* HERRICK, Bull. Denison Univ., vol. 1, 1885, p. 5, pl. 2, fig. 17.

*Dictyla striata* GOSSE, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1887, p. 5, pl. 2, fig. 17.—HUDSON and GOSSE, Rotifera, Suppl., 1889, p. 43, pl. 31, fig. 40.


*Lecane carinata* (JAKUBSKI).


*Lecane carinata* HARRING, Bull. 81 U. S. Nat. Mus., 1913, p. 60.

*Lecane muscicola* (BRYCE).

*Dictyla muscicola* BRYCE, Science Gossip vol. 27, 1891, p. 206, text fig.


**LECANE CURVICORNIS** (Murray).

Plate VIII, figures 1, 2.


The lirica is broadly pyriform in outline; the anterior margins are somewhat variable according to the stage of contraction, but normally coincident, with a broad, V-shaped sinus; at the external angles are two fairly large spines. The dorsal plate is oval, truncate posteriorly and considerably narrower than the ventral plate. Specimens from certain localities show a very faint dorsal facetting, but the boundaries of the individual facets are so indistinct that we have not attempted to figure them. The lateral sulci are deep, but do not quite reach the anterior margin. The ventral plate is more distinctly pyriform than the dorsal and much wider; the transverse fold is very strongly
marked. The posterior segment is small and rounded posteriorly; the coxal plates are moderately large and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is large and parallel-sided but somewhat indistinct; the second fairly large and subsquare. The toes are very long, slender and parallel-sided, ending in a small claw with basal spicule; their length is about one-third of the total length.

Total length 280μ; length of dorsal plate 120μ, of ventral plate 132μ; width of dorsal plate 95μ, of ventral plate 113μ; anterior points 63μ; toes without claw 69μ; claw 10μ.

*Lecane curvicornis* is very abundant in certain localities; Murray found it in Brazil, it was collected by the Panama Biological Survey in the Panama Canal Zone, by Myers at Los Angeles, California, by Dr. E. A. Birge and Mr. C. Juday in Texas and Arkansas, by Dr. Birge during the Great Lakes Investigations in 1899 at various points around Lake Erie and by Mr. Juday in Guatemala. Murray's *C. lofuana* was collected in a tributary to Lake Tanganyika in Africa. From this it will be seen to be widely, but erratically distributed; where it is found, it is usually abundant.

As noted by Harring, the three species described by Murray are one and the same species; through the kindness of the late Mr. Rousselet we had an opportunity to examine the original specimens from which Murray described them and after comparison with material from other sources we have no doubt of their identity.

**LECANE ACRONYCHA Harring and Myers, new species.**

Plate VIII, figures 3, 4.

The outline of the loria is a moderately elongate oval; the anterior dorsal margin is almost straight, projecting slightly in front of the ventral margin, which is somewhat concave; at the external angles are two large, triangular cusps. The dorsal plate is oval and without markings or faceting; it is considerably narrower than the ventral plate and its edges do not reach the anterior margin. The ventral plate is of the same general outline as the dorsal; it is marked by a fairly distinct transverse ridge in front of the foot joint. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is rather small and somewhat indistinct; the coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is indistinct, the second moderately large and trapezoidal in
form. The toes are long and fairly robust, very slightly enlarged above the relatively short claw; this has a small basal spicule. The length of the toes is more than one third of the total.

Total length 290μ; length of dorsal plate 162μ, of ventral plate 182μ; width of dorsal plate 136μ, of ventral plate 146μ; anterior points 80μ; length of toes without claw 90μ; claw 12μ.

*Lecane acronycha* appears to be confined to regions with soft, acid water; we have found it abundant in Vilas and Oneida counties, Wisconsin, around Atlantic City, New Jersey and on Mt. Desert Island, Maine. It is related to *L. unguilata* and is its equal in length, but not in bulk; it is readily distinguished by its regular oval form, narrow anterior margin, small, rounded posterior segment and the short claws.

**LECANE UNGULATA** (Gosse).

Plate IX, figures 3, 4.


*Cathypna magna* Lucks, Rotatorienfauna Westpreussens, 1912, p. 109, fig. 32; not *Cathypna magna* Stenroos.


*Cathypna minnesotensis* Murray, Journ Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 345, pl. 13, fig. 18.—Sachs, Arch. Hydrobiol., vol. 10, 1914, p. 69, fig. 9; not *Cathypna minnesotensis* Herrick.


The lorica is broadly oval in outline; the anterior dorsal margin is virtually straight, the ventral very slightly concave; at the external angles are two large, triangular cusps. The dorsal plate is oval and without markings of any kind; it is considerably narrower than the ventral and the margins become indistinguishable before reaching the anterior edge. The ventral plate is of the same general outline as the dorsal, but somewhat narrower at the beginning of the posterior segment; its markings are limited to an indistinct, broken, transverse fold some distance in front of the foot joint. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is very broad and slightly truncate; it projects slightly beyond the foot; the coxal plates are large and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is very indistinct, the second short and fairly broad. The toes are straight and nearly parallel-sided, very slightly enlarged posteriorly and end in a long, stout claw with a fairly prominent basal spine; their length is more than one third of the total length.

Total length 285μ; length of dorsal plate 220μ, of ventral plate 255μ; width of dorsal plate 180μ, of ventral plate 195μ; anterior points 135μ; length of toes without claw 75μ; claw 45μ.

Lecane unguulata is very common and widely distributed in the United States; it seems to be less common in Europe; according to Rousselet it is rare in England. It is the largest known species of the genus and is readily recognized by its robust form, the broad posterior segment and long claws.

LECANE SIBINA Harring.

Plate IX, figures 1, 2.


The lorica is broadly pyriform; the anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are nearly coincident and slightly concave with distinct lateral cusps. The dorsal plate is subcircular and without facetting; a low, median, anterior hump is formed by the retraction of the head. The ventral plate is oval, slightly narrower than the dorsal, and its only surface markings are some faint transverse ridges on the posterior third; the anterior margin has a very small, median, lunate sinus.
The lateral sulci are moderately deep and do not reach the anterior margin. The posterior segment is prominent and projects some distance over the base of the toes; the large and obtusely triangular coxal plates do not extend beyond the second foot joint. The first foot joint is very indistinct, the second short and broadly triangular. The toes are very nearly parallel-sided, about one third of the total length and end in a long, stout claw with a basal spicule; a short distance in front of the claw are one or two indistinct annular constrictions.

Total length 200μ; length of dorsal plate 130μ, of ventral plate 135μ; width of dorsal plate 125μ, of ventral plate 116μ, width of anterior margin 78μ; length of toes without claw 42μ; claw 20μ.

_Lecane sibina_ is related to _L. unguilata_; it is much smaller and the lorica is relatively broader. It was described from material collected in the Panama Canal Zone and has since been found by Mr. C. Juday at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

**LECANE GRANDIS (Murray).**

Plate X, figures 1, 2.


The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate and truncate posteriorly. The anterior margins of both dorsal and ventral plates are nearly straight; the dorsal plate projects slightly beyond the anterior ventral margin and the lorica consequently remains partly open when the head is completely retracted. The dorsal and ventral plates are of the same width and differ very slightly in outline; no surface markings are present. The lateral sulci are not very deep. The posterior segment is short and very broad, projecting but little beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are large and sharply pointed. The foot joints are unusually broad and rather short. The toes are long, very slightly blade-shaped and straight on the inner edges, ending in a conical claw with a small basal spicule.

Total length 240μ; length of dorsal plate 165μ, of ventral plate 175μ; width of lorica 140μ; anterior margin, dorsal, 100μ, ventral 118μ; toe without claw 60μ; claw 12μ.
Lecane grandis is common in brackish or salt tide pools; it was first found by Murray at Rio de Janeiro; we have collected it around Atlantic City, New Jersey, and it has recently been reported by Fadeev from salt lagoons at Novorossiisk, on the Black Sea.

LECANE LEONTINA (Turner).

Plate X, figures 3–5.


Cathypna leontina bisinuata Dayad, Zoologica, pt. 44, 1905, p. 109, pl. 6, fig. 18.


Cathypna appendiculata Dayad, Zoologica, pt. 44, 1905, p. 110, pl. 6, fig. 18.


The lorica is broadly pyriform in outline; the anterior dorsal margin is slightly concave; the ventral margin has a broad, V-shaped sinus, rounded at the posterior angle; at the external angles are two small, triangular spines. The dorsal plate is nearly as wide as the ventral and of the same general form; it is rounded posteriorly and without markings. The ventral plate has an indistinct transverse fold in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is continued over the base of the foot as a tail-like projection, widest posteriorly, rarely with two long, divergent spines, as in fig. 3. The coxal plates are large and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is parallel-sided and somewhat indistinct; the second foot joint is sub-
square. The toes are extremely long, slender, straight and parallel-sided, ending in a fairly long claw with basal spicule; they are nearly as long as the entire body.

Total length 330\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 170\(\mu\), of ventral plate 210\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 140\(\mu\), of ventral plate 145\(\mu\); anterior points 90\(\mu\); toes without claw 135\(\mu\); claw 15\(\mu\). The form with posterior spines shown in figure 3 measures: total length 370\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 165\(\mu\), of ventral plate 240\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 147\(\mu\); of ventral plate 152\(\mu\); anterior points 90\(\mu\); toes without claw 140\(\mu\); claw 15\(\mu\).

*Lecone leontina* is common in weedy ponds all over the United States; records from other countries are not numerous. The variety with posterior spines is rare; the specimen figured was collected at the Fish Hatchery at Delafield, Wisconsin.

**LECANE DEPRESSA (Bryce).**

Plate XVI, figures 1, 2.

*Cathypna latifrons* Gosse, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1887, p. 362, pl. 8, fig. 3.—Hudson and Gosse, Rotifera, suppl., 1889, p. 42, pl. 31, fig. 37.

*Proales prehensor* Gosse, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1887, p. 366, pl. 8, fig. 12.—Hudson and Gosse, Rotifera, Suppl., 1889, p. 24, pl. 31, fig. 12.

*Distyla depressa* Bryce, Science Gossip, vol. 27, 1891, p. 205, text fig.


The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate; its width is about three fourths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is nearly straight; the ventral margin has a shallow, V-shaped sinus. At the external angles are two small, stout anterior spines. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly; the ventral plate is oval and somewhat narrower than the dorsal; both are entirely without facetting or surface markings. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is fairly large and projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate; at the level of the base of the toes are two small, but very distinct marginal indentations. The coxal plates are rather small and rounded.
posteriorly. The first foot joint is narrow and overlaps the second joint with a small, rounded, median lobe only; the second joint is subsquare and some distance in front of the posterior margin. The toes are fairly long, about one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided for half their length and taper to acute points; the inner edges are straight.

Total length 130μ; length of dorsal plate 90μ, of ventral plate 95μ; width of dorsal plate 75μ, of ventral plate 65μ; width of anterior margin 54μ; length of toes 30μ.

Lecane depressa is widely distributed and seems to be a typical wet sphagnum species. It is closely related to L. mitis, L. scobis and L. tudicola; the form of the lorica and the dimensions show sufficient differences to preclude any confusion.

LECANE TUDICOLA, Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XI, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the lorica is very broadly ovate; its width is more than three fourths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is straight; the ventral margin has a very shallow, V-shaped sinus. At the external angles are two small, stout anterior spines. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and broadly truncate posteriorly; it is as wide as the ventral plate at its widest point, but narrower both anteriorly and posteriorly. The ventral plate is very broadly ovate and slightly larger than the dorsal; both are without surface markings or facetting. The lateral sulci are shallow. The posterior segment is broadly rounded and projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate; at the level of the coxal plates there are two small, but distinct marginal indentations. The coxal plates are small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is fairly large and narrow, with a small, rounded median lobe overlapping the second joint, which is large and somewhat reniform and slightly in advance of the posterior margin. The toes are fairly long, about one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided for a little less than half their length and gradually tapering to acute points; the inner edges are straight.

Total length 145μ; length of dorsal plate 105μ, of ventral plate 110μ; width of lorica 85μ; width of anterior margin 60μ; length of toes 37μ.
Lecane tudicola was collected by Dr. G. H. Parker, of Harvard University, among algae in the "Ice House Pond" on St. Paul, Prystalof Islands, Alaska. It is related to L. depressa, but readily distinguished by the smaller dorsal plate, as well as its larger size and relatively greater width.

**LECANE MITIS Harring and Myers, new species**

*Plate XI, figures 3, 4.*

The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate; its width is about three fourths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is straight medially, with a blunt angle at the external edges; the ventral margin is slightly lunate. At the external angles are two small, slightly incurved spines. The dorsal plate is broadly reversed-ovate and broadly truncate posteriorly; the ventral plate is elongate oval and considerably narrower than the dorsal; both are quite smooth, without surface markings. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior segment is large and rounded and projects far beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed; they do not project beyond the foot. The first foot joint is small and broadly ovate and its small, but very distinct median lobe almost reaches to the base of the toes; the second joint is subsquare, very broad and some distance from the posterior margin. The toes are fairly long, a little more than one fourth of the entire length, parallel-sided for fully half their length and taper to acute points; the inner edges are straight.

Total length 165μ; length of dorsal plate 110μ, of ventral plate 130μ; width of dorsal plate 100μ, of ventral plate 80μ; width of anterior margin 60μ; length of toes 45μ.

Lecane mitis was collected among floating and partly submerged sphagnum at Gravelly Run, near Atlantic City, New Jersey. It is closely related to L. depressa, but differs in the form of the anterior dorsal and ventral margin, the posterior segment, the foot and the truncate dorsal plate, as well as in being consistently larger.

**LECANE SCOBIS Harring and Myers, new species**

*Plate XI, figures 5, 6.*

The outline of the lorica is very broadly ovate; its width is five sixths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is straight
and the ventral margin slightly concave; at the external angles are two short, stout and slightly incurved spines. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate, its width but little less than its length, and rounded posteriorly; the ventral plate is broadly oval and considerably narrower than the dorsal; both are without surface markings. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior segment is rounded and very broad; its projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are large and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is large and pyriform, with a small median lobe overlapping the second joint which is rounded anteriorly and angulate posteriorly; it is slightly in advance of the posterior margin. The toes are fairly long, a little more than one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided for a little less than half their length and gradually tapering to acute points; the inner edges are straight.

Total length 160μ; length of dorsal plate 114μ of ventral plate 122μ; width of dorsal plate 102μ, of ventral plate 88μ; width of anterior margin 66μ; length of toes 43μ.

Lecane scobis was collected by Dr. Frits Johansen while serving as biologist on the Southern party of the Canadian Arctic Expedition, among algae growing on stones in the river bed at Bernard Harbour, North West Territories. It is related to L. depressa, but readily distinguished by its greater size, relatively greater width and the form of the foot.

LECANE MUCRONATA Harring and Myers, new species.

Plate XXIX, figures 3-5.

The loria is broadly ovate; its width is about two thirds of the length. The anterior dorsal and ventral margins are coincident and straight. At the external angles are two pairs of anterior spines; one pair, on the dorsal plate, are very small. The second pair, attached to the membrane of the lateral sulci, are very long and stout, broad at the base and acutely pointed; when the animal is swimming, these spines point straight upwards, but in the extensive deformations taking place incident to the contraction and closure of the loria they are bent outwards, as shown in the figure. The dorsal plate is very broadly oval and rounded posteriorly; its width is about four fifths of the length. The ventral plate is elongate pyriform and considerably narrower than the dorsal plate. The surface markings of the
lorica are a strong, V-shaped anterior fold on the dorsal plate, formed by the contraction of the loria, and a transverse fold on the ventral plate, some distance in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is semi-circular and rather small; it projects far beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are rather small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is indistinct anteriorly and projects with a small median lobe over the large, subsquare second foot joint, which reaches almost to the posterior margin. The toes are long and slender, nearly one third of the total length, parallel-sided and approximately straight, with undulating edges. The claw is short and stout; at the base is a small spicule.

Total length 175μ; length of loria, including frontal spines, 140μ; length of dorsal plate, without spines, 115μ, of ventral plate 126μ; width of dorsal plate 105μ, of ventral plate 84μ; length of anterior spines, from base to tip, 28μ; length of toes without claw 48μ; claw 6μ.

*Leacne mucronata* has been collected in Oneida and Vilas Counties, Wisconsin, on Mount Desert Island, Maine, and in New Jersey around Atlantic City and at Batsto; it is usually rare, but at Batsto it was common in the gelatinous algal covering of a dwarf species of sphagnum growing in shallow water. The form of the swimming animal has but little resemblance to the contracted specimens; the body is very slender, the length of the loria alone being equal to the entire length of the contracted animal, and the frontal spines are pressed towards the head and the anterior edge of the loria, so that they are not seen unless carefully searched for.

**Lecane pyrrha** Harring and Myers, new species.

Plate XII, figures 3–6.

The outline of the loria is a very elongate oval, the greatest width being only two thirds of the length, and the body is somewhat compressed dorso-ventrally. The anterior dorsal and ventral margins are coincident and concave; at the external angles are two stout, triangular cusps. The dorsal plate is elongate oval and slightly truncate posteriorly; the ventral plate is very nearly parallel-sided and both are without facetting. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is somewhat irregular in outline and projects but little beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are unusually small and obtusely point-
ed posteriorly. The first foot joint is narrow and wedge-shaped, the second subsquare and robust. The toes are long and slender, about one fourth of the total length, straight and parallel-sided, and end in acute points without claws.

Total length 280μ; length of dorsal plate 193μ, of ventral plate 210μ; width of dorsal plate 135μ, of ventral plate 125μ; width of anterior points 80μ; length of toes 75μ.

Lecane pyrrha is common in weedy ponds with soft, acid water, but is never found in hard water regions. The entire body is, with rare exceptions, colored a deep reddish brown. An aberrant variety from Eagle River, Vilas County, Wisconsin, is shown in figures 5 and 6; the principal difference is in the greater width of the lorica. The typical form is abundant at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in Oneida and Vilas Counties, Wisconsin, and on Mount Desert Island, Maine.

LECANE PLOENENSIS (Voigt).

Plate XIII, figures 5, 6.

Distyla ploenensis Voigt, Zool. Anz., vol. 25, 1902, p. 679;

Cathypna ploenensis MURRAY, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 552, pl. 22, fig. 4.

Lecane ploenensis HARRING, Bull. 81 U. S. Nat. Mus., 1913, p. 62;

The outline of the lorica is elongate oval. The anterior margins are coincident and straight; at the external angles are two small, cusplike spines. The ovate dorsal plate is slightly truncate posteriorly and very firm; the surface markings are very prominent and constant. The pattern is rather complicated; the median portion is regularly faceted, but towards the margins the ridges become more complex, as shown in figure 5. The ventral plate follows the general outline of the dorsal, but is somewhat narrower, especially in front; the markings are less intricate than on the dorsal plate. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior segment is rather small and rounded, projecting but little beyond the dorsal plate; the coxal plates are large and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is
narrow and indistinct, the second large and pyriform or subtriangular. The toes are very long and slender, about one third of the total length, parallel-sided, straight on the inner edges and ending in acute points without claws.

Total length 260\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 170\(\mu\), of ventral plate 185\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 112\(\mu\), of ventral plate 105\(\mu\); width of anterior points 84\(\mu\); length of toes 86\(\mu\).

*Lecane ploenensis* is abundant in weedy ponds everywhere in the United States. According to Rousselet, who collected it on Clare Island, it is a rare species, and European records are not numerous. It is quite likely that this may be Levander's *Cathypna affinis*, but his description is lacking in detail, and it is not now possible to decide among the large number of species which one was really meant. The only course open seems to be to drop it as unidentifiable.

**LECANE SIGNIFERA** (Jennings).

Plate XIII, figures 3, 4.

*Distyla signifera* JENNINGS, Bull. Michigan Fish Comm., No. 6, 1896, p. 92, figs. 1, 2.


The outline of the lorica is elongate oval, and the anterior margins coincident and straight; at the external angles are two small, cusplike spines. The dorsal plate is slightly ovate and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is narrower than the dorsal, but of the same general outline. The surface markings of the lorica are of an unusual type; upon a pattern of elevated ridges, rounded at the top and of the design found in *L. ploenensis*, is superposed rows of small, closely spaced, hemispherical, beadlike elevations. These beads are on the slopes of the ridges, midway between the rounded tops and bottoms of the facets. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior segment is rounded and projects but slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are moderately large and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is long and narrow, the second short, broad and subsquare. The toes are long and slender, about one third of the total length, parallel-sided, straight on the inner edges and ending in acute points without claws.

Total length 200\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 135\(\mu\), of ventral plate
148μ; width of dorsal plate 90μ, of ventral plate 82μ; width of anterior points 68μ; length of toes 60μ.

Lecane signifera usually occurs in small numbers, but it is widely distributed in the United States. We have collected it in Wisconsin, Mount Desert Island, Maine, New Jersey, Maryland, the District of Columbia and Florida, and it also occurred in collections made by Dr. Jennings at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

LECANE AQUILA Harring and Myers, new species.

Plate XIII, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the lorica is reversed-ovate and fairly broad. The anterior margins are coincident and very nearly straight; at the external angles are two small eusplike spines. The ovate dorsal plate is slightly truncate posteriorly and rather flexible; the surface markings are very faint and differ from other species of the genus, as will be seen from figure 2. The ventral plate is oval and its anterior edges somewhat flexible and indistinct. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior segment is rounded and projects but very slightly beyond the dorsal plate; the coxal plates are moderately large and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is narrow and indistinct, the second large and subsquare. The toes are very long and slender, one third of the total length, parallel-sided and ending in acute points without claws.

Total length 300μ; length of dorsal plate 190μ, of ventral plate 202μ; width of dorsal plate 148μ, of ventral plate 125μ; width of anterior points 95μ; length of toes 100μ.

Lecane aquila was first collected in a shallow, weedy pond at Eagle River, Vilas County, Wisconsin; it is common on Mount Desert Island, Maine. It is closely related to L. ploenensis and L. signifera, but is much larger and more robust than these two species; the toes are also relatively longer.

LECANE LUNA (Müller)

Plate XIV, figures 5, 6.

Cercaria luna Müller, Zool. Danicae Prodr., 1776, p. 280; Animalcula Infusoria, 1786, p. 139, pl. 29, figs. 8, 9.


The loria is broadly pyriform or subcircular; its greatest width is nearly equal to the length. The dorsal and ventral plates have a deep, lunate anterior sinus. The dorsal plate is almost circular in outline and without any surface markings; the angles of the sinus are very blunt and without spines. A broad, median hump is formed by the excessive contraction of the anterior margin. The ventral plate is very little narrower than the dorsal and slightly more ovate in outline; the only surface marking present is a straight transverse fold immediately in front of the foot. The lunate anterior sinus is cuspidate at its external angles. The lateral sulci are unusually deep. The posterior segment of the body is very small and rounded, projecting very little beyond the dorsal plate; the coxal plates are bluntly pointed at their posterior, free ends. The first foot joint is small and indistinct, the second very large and subsquare. The toes are parallel-sided, about one third of the total length, and end in a distinct claw with a minute basal spicule.

Total length 180μ; length of dorsal plate 125μ, of ventral plate 135μ; width of dorsal plate 125μ, of ventral plate 115μ; width of dorsal sinus 40μ, of ventral sinus 65μ; length of toe without claw 55μ; claw 9μ.

*Lecane luna* occurs in abundance in weedy ponds all over the world and is without doubt one of the commonest of all rotifers. It is readily recognized by its large size, nearly circular outline and deep anterior sinus.

**Lecane papuana (Murray)**

Plate XIV, figures 3, 4.


The outline of the loria is subcircular; its width is very nearly equal to the length. The anterior dorsal margin is nearly straight. The ventral margin has a broad, shallow, V-shaped anterior sinus between two rounded lobes projecting considerably beyond the dorsal plate; the sinus is rounded posteriorly and
its sides undulate. The dorsal plate is subcircular and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is slightly narrower than the dorsal and of the same outline; it has a transverse fold in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior segment is small and rounded; it projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is pyriform and rounded posteriorly, the second joint robust and very broadly ovate. The toes are long and fairly slender, more than one fourth of the total length, nearly parallel-sided, straight on the inner margins and very slightly broadened externally in front of the stout, acutely pointed claw, which has two basal spicules.

Total length 160µ; length of dorsal plate 102µ, of ventral plate 115µ; width of dorsal plate 102µ, of ventral plate 98µ; width of anterior dorsal marginal 52µ, of ventral margin 62µ; length of toes without claw 38µ; claw 9µ.

*Lecane papuana* was described by Murray from a single specimen from New Guinea. It is common in the Panama Canal Zone and in material collected by Mr. Juday at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala; in the United States we have found it only in Polk County, Florida.

**LECANE BRACHYDACTYLA (STENROOS).**

Plate XV, figures 5, 6.


*Distyla truncata* LEISSLING, Arch. Hydrobiol., vol. 9, 1914, p. 255, fig. 2.


The outline of the lorica is ovate, truncate posteriorly and the anterior margin cuspidate. The dorsal plate is broadly oval.
truncate posteriorly and somewhat narrower than the ventral plate. The anterior margin of the dorsal plate is approximately straight and slightly wavy with prominent lateral cusps; the ventral margin has a median concavity. The loricca is strongly compressed dorso-ventrally and without surface markings; the lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is very prominent and trapezoidal in outline, slightly rounded at the angles. The coxal plates are circular and fairly large. The first foot joint is somewhat elongate, widest posteriorly, and the second joint subsquare. The toes are short, straight on the inner edges, cylindrical at the base and end in long, conical points.

Total length 150μ; length of dorsal plate 100μ, of ventral plate 128μ; width of dorsal plate 92μ, of ventral plate 100μ; anterior points 72μ; length of toes 28μ.

*Lecane brachydactyla* is fairly common among sphagnum in soft, acid water ponds; we have collected it in Vilas and Oneida Counties, Wisconsin, around Atlantic City, New Jersey, and on Mount Desert Island, Maine.

**LECANE JESSUPI Harring**

Plate XV, figures 3, 4.


The outline of the loricca is slightly ovate, truncate posteriorly and the anterior margin cuspidate. The dorsal plate is ovate, rounded posteriorly and slightly narrower than the ventral plate, which is somewhat elliptic. The anterior margin of the dorsal plate is slightly convex for the greater portion of its width and excavate at the lateral cusps; the anterior margin of the ventral plate is lunate. There are no markings on either dorsal or ventral plate; the lateral sulci are deep. The loricca is strongly compressed dorso-ventrally. The posterior segment is roughly trapezoidal in outline and cuspidate at the external angles; the margin is convex in the median portion and has a slight concavity at the angles. There is a well marked constriction at the junction of the ventral plate and the posterior segment. The coxal plates are semi-ovate. The first foot joint is well marked and widest posteriorly; the second joint is subsquare. The toes are short, cylindrical for one half their length and end in acute, conical points, straight on their inner edges.
Total length 126μ; length of dorsal plate 93μ, of ventral plate 108μ; width of dorsal plate 93μ, of ventral plate 96μ; anterior points 58μ; length of toes 27μ.

*Lecane jessupi* was collected by Mr. J. M. Jessup in lakes on Old Crow River flats, north of New Rampart House, Alaska, during the Alaskan Boundary Survey. It was not abundant and has not been found elsewhere.

**LECANE LIGONA (Dunlop)**

Plate XVI, figures 3–6.


The outline of the lorica is a broad oval, squarely truncate posteriorly and convex anteriorly. The dorsal plate is slightly ovate, truncate posteriorly and narrower than the ventral plate. The anterior margin of the dorsal plate is distinctly convex with small lateral spines; the ventral margin is concave. The lorica is strongly compressed dorso-ventrally and without surface markings; the lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is short and very broad, produced laterally as two triangular cusps; its posterior margin is usually somewhat wavy. The coxal plates are semi-ovate and rather indistinct. The first foot joint is bluntly pointed; the second joint is rectangular. The toes are short, straight on their inner margins, cylindrical at the base and end in conical points.

Total length 92μ; length of dorsal plate 66μ, of ventral plate 80μ; width of dorsal plate 60μ, of ventral plate 70μ; anterior points 42μ; length of toes 18μ.

*Lecane ligona* is not rare among sphagnum growing in soft, acid water ponds; strangely enough it occurs also in brackish ditches in the tide marshes around Atlantic City, New Jersey. European records of its occurrence are not numerous, but this may possibly be accounted for by the fact that collections are generally from hard water regions. We have found it especially
abundant in Starvation Lake, Vilas County, Wisconsin, and common in ponds and lakes in the northern part of the state, as well as in New Jersey and on Mount Desert Island, Maine. A variety with rounded posterior angles, shown in figures 5 and 6, is found in Bubble Pond and Long Pond, Mount Desert Island.

LECANE PYCINA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XVII, figures 5, 6.

The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate; its width is about three-fourths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is slightly convex and the ventral margin has a shallow sinus, rounded posteriorly; at the external angles are two acute spines. The dorsal plate is ovate and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is oval and slightly narrower than the dorsal. The lorica is strongly compressed dorso-ventrally and without surface markings; the lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is rather short and very broad with a short, relatively broad projection, slightly sinuate posteriorly and with small lateral, triangular cusps. The coxal plates are fairly large and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is hardly traceable, the second joint is small and subsquare. The toes are short, about one fifth of the total length, straight on their inner margins and convex externally, ending in acute points.

Total length 150μ; length of dorsal plate 120μ, of ventral plate 135μ; width of dorsal plate 100μ, of ventral plate 95μ; width of anterior points 70μ; length of toes 30μ.

Lecane pycina was collected in Long Lake and Bubble Pond, Mount Desert Island, Maine. It is related to L. ligona, L. brachydactyla and L. jessupi, but differs from these species in having the dorsal plate wider than the ventral, as well as in the form of the posterior projection.

LECANE PERTICA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XII, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the lorica is a very elongate oval, the greatest width being only two thirds of the length; the body is compressed dorso-ventrally. The anterior margins are very nearly coincident, the dorsal almost straight and the ventral slightly concave; at the external angles are two small, pointed spines. The dorsal plate is oval and squarely truncate posteriorly; the
facetting is very distinct and consists of the usual four rows, the first somewhat broken and irregular. The ventral plate is oval and somewhat narrower than the dorsal; the surface markings are prominent. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is nearly semicircular and projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are large and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is long and narrow, the second robust and subsquare, projecting the greater part of its length beyond the posterior segment. The toes are extremely long and very slender, about one third of the total length, parallel-sided and straight, and end in acute points without claws.

Total length 260μ; length of dorsal plate 140μ, of ventral plate 160μ; width of dorsal plate 100μ, of ventral plate 88μ; width of anterior points 64μ; length of toes 85μ.

*Lecane pertica* is very common in weedy ponds with soft, acid water, but is never found in hard water. We have collected it in Oneida and Vilas Counties, Wisconsin, Polk County, Florida, Mount Desert Island, Maine, and at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

**LECANE EUTARSA** Harring and Myers, new species.

Plate XVIII, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the lorica is ovate and the body is compressed dorso-ventrally. The anterior margins are coincident and very slightly concave; at the external angles are two small spines. The dorsal plate is ovate, truncate posteriorly and narrow at the anterior margin. The surface markings consist of four transverse rows of not very prominent facets. The ventral plate is ovate and very slightly narrower than the dorsal; the markings consist of a number of rather indistinct longitudinal ridges as shown in figure 2. The posterior segment is narrow and rounded; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are indistinct, closely appressed to the foot, and pointed posteriorly. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The first foot joint is long and narrow, the second joint unusually large and somewhat angular. The toes are long and very slender, more than one fourth of the total length, straight and parallel-sided with a very long, spine-like claw with a small basal spicule.

Total length 45μ; length of dorsal plate 95μ, of ventral plate 102μ; width of dorsal plate 64μ, of ventral plate 60μ; width of anterior points 44μ; length of toe without claw 30μ, claw 12μ.
Lecane eutarsa was found in small numbers in material collected by Mr. Juday in ditches along the railroad, near Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. It has not been found elsewhere.

**LECANE PELATIS** Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XVIII, figures 3, 4.

The outline of the body is broadly oval or very slightly ovate. The anterior margins are coincident and somewhat concave; at the external angles are two distinct cusps. The ovate dorsal plate is truncate posteriorly; the surface markings are fairly prominent and consist of four rows of facets. The ventral plate is oval and considerably narrower than the dorsal; the markings are distinct and less simple than is usually the case. The posterior segment is rounded and fairly prominent; the coxal plates are large and pointed posteriorly. The lateral sulci are deep. The first foot joint is elongate oval and pointed posteriorly, the second joint large and robust, squarely truncate posteriorly, and rounded at the anterior end. The toes are long and slender, about one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided and terminate in acute claws.

Total length 160μ; length of dorsal plate 110μ, of ventral plate 122μ; width of dorsal plate 92μ, of ventral plate 70μ; width of anterior points 53μ; length of toe without claw 35μ; claw 9μ.

*Lecane pelatis* is common in weedy ponds around Minocqua, Wisconsin, at Atlantic City, New Jersey, and on Mount Desert Island, Maine.

**LECANE MIRA** (Murray)

Plate XVIII, figures 5, 6.

*Cathypna mira* Murray, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 553, pl. 22, fig. 3.

The outline of the loricca is oval and the body is quite deep. The anterior dorsal margin is nearly straight and the ventral slightly concave; at the external angles are two stout, triangular cusps. The dorsal plate is broadly oval or subcircular and slightly truncate posteriorly; the surface markings are not very prominent and differ somewhat from the usual pattern, as the anterior row of facets is incomplete. The ventral plate is broadly ovate and considerably narrower than the dorsal; it is not facetted. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is small and
truncate, projecting considerably beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are fairly large and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is long and narrow, the second large and pyriform. The toes are long and slender, about one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided and straight, terminating in a stout claw with a minute basal spicule.

Total length 200μ; length of dorsal plate 132μ, of ventral plate 145μ; width of dorsal plate 130μ, of ventral plate 100μ; width of anterior points 60μ; length of toes without claw 40μ; claw 9μ.

*Lecane mira* is fairly common in weedy ponds with neutral or acid water. We have collected it in Oneida and Vilas Counties, Wisconsin, on Mount Desert Island, Maine, in New Jersey, District of Columbia and Florida; it occurs also in material collected by Dr. Birge and Mr. Juday in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. Murray’s original description was based on material from Washington.

**LECANE METHORIA** Harring and Myers

Plate XIX, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate, the width about two thirds of the length. The anterior dorsal and ventral margins are coincident and very faintly convex; at the external angles are two stout, triangular spines. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and very slightly truncate posteriorly; the facetting is of an unusual pattern and the separate facets are bounded by double lines, as in *L. haliclysta*. The ventral plate is considerably narrower than the dorsal; its margins are flexible and the outline consequently somewhat indefinite, but approximating an obtusely pointed triangle. The ventral markings are quite intricate and some of the lines are doubled, as on the dorsal plate. The lateral sulci are very indistinct. The posterior segment is very small and rounded and projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are fairly large and somewhat pointed at their posterior ends. The first foot joint is very narrow and elongate, its outlines merging gradually and without distinct separation with the markings of the ventral plate; its posterior, obtusely pointed termination projects over the robust, subsquare second foot joint. The toes are long and moderately slender, about one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided and very slightly incurved; the inner margins are excavate at the ends, but a true claw is not present.
Total length 102μ; length of dorsal plate 70μ, of ventral plate 75μ; width of dorsal plate 54μ, of ventral plate 45μ; width of anterior points 50μ; length of toes 24μ.

Lecane methoria was collected in small numbers in weedy bays of Town Line Lake, at Three Lakes, Oneida County, Wisconsin. It has not been found elsewhere.

**Lecane stichaea** Harring

Plate XIX, figures 3, 4.


The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate and the body is somewhat compressed dorso-ventrally. The anterior margins are coincident and slightly convex; at the external angles are two stout spines. The dorsal plate is ovate and truncate posteriorly. As shown in figure 3, the surface markings are of a rather aberrant pattern. The normal number of transverse rows of facets are present, but the first row is irregular and shows a tendency to subdivide; in the second to fourth row the facets are more numerous than in other species of the genus. The ventral plate is very nearly parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly; the markings are fairly prominent and rather intricate. The coxal plates are large and somewhat indistinct, closely appressed to the foot and pointed posteriorly. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The first foot joint is long and narrow, the second large and subsquare. The toes are long and slender, more than one fourth of the total length, straight and parallel-sided; the claw is fairly large, acutely pointed and without basal spicle.

Total length 145μ; length of dorsal plate 92μ, of ventral plate 105μ; width of dorsal plate 76μ, of ventral plate 58μ; width of anterior points 64μ; length of toes without claw 32μ; claw 7μ.

*Lecane stichaea* is common in wet sphagnum; we have collected it in Wisconsin, Mount Desert Island, Maine, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and Florida.
LECANE SAGINATA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XIX, figures 5, 6.

The outline of the loria is broadly ovate; the greatest width is about three fourths of the length. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are coincident and straight, but slightly wavy; at the external angles are two short, stout spines. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly. The facetting is well marked and differs, as may be seen from the figure, only in details from the usual pattern. The ventral plate is narrower than the dorsal, ovate in outline and the edges ill-defined and wavy. The surface markings are fairly prominent and more complex than the prevailing design. The posterior segment is small and rounded, with a very slight median concavity, and projects but little beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are fairly large and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is moderately large, pyriform and somewhat indistinct; the second joint is large and pyriform and projects very slightly beyond the posterior segment. The toes are long and slender, more than one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided and very slightly incurved; the tip is excavate on the inner margin, forming a pseudo-claw.

Total length 140μ; length of dorsal plate 75μ, of ventral plate 81μ; width of dorsal plate 66μ, of ventral plate 54μ; width of anterior points 50μ; length of toes without claw 33μ; claw 7μ.

Lecone saginata occurs in soft, acid water ponds in Oneida and and Vilas Counties, Wisconsin, on Mount Desert Island, Maine, and around Atlantic City, New Jersey; it is nowhere common. Its nearest relative is L. intrasinuata; this species is consistently larger, the loria is relatively broader and oval in outline, without facetting, while the loria of L. saginata is distinctly pyriform and the dorsal facetting prominent.

LECANE ELASMA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XX, figures 1, 2.

The loria is membranous and very flexible, but its form is quite constant; the outline is broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly. The anterior margins are coincident and straight; at the external angles are two small, but stout spines. The dorsal plate is broadly oval and rounded posteriorly; it is without
facetting or folds of any kind. The ventral plate is oval and slightly narrower than the dorsal plate; the surface markings are faint, but constant. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior segment is fairly large and rounded; it projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is pyriform and somewhat indistinct, lobate posteriorly, the second joint large and rounded anteriorly; abruptly reduced above the base of the toes and projecting half its length beyond the loria. The toes are very long and slender, about one third of the total length, parallel-sided for half their length and somewhat abruptly reduced to long, excessively slender and acute points.

Total length 130μ; length of dorsal plate 75μ, of ventral plate 85μ; width or dorsal plate 65μ, of ventral plate 56μ; width of anterior points 46μ; length of toes 40μ.

*Lecane elasma* is not rare in wet sphagnum; we have collected it around Washington, District of Columbia, at Tuckerton, New Jersey, and in Northern and Central Wisconsin.

**Lecane Rhytida** Harring and Meyers, new species

Plate XX, figures 3, 4.

The outline of the loria is broadly ovate; the width is about two thirds of the length. The anterior dorsal and ventral margins are coincident and very slightly concave, produced at the external angles into two stout, triangular cusps. The dorsal plate is oval and very slightly truncate posteriorly. The facetting is prominent and does not depart very much from the usual pattern. The ventral plate is elongate ovate and considerably narrower than the dorsal; the surface markings are few in number, but prominent. The lateral margins of the ventral plate are somewhat wavy and indistinct and the lateral sulci ill-defined. The posterior segment is small and semicircular; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate; the coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is indistinct and elongate pyriform; the second joint is roughly hexagonal and quite robust, projecting fully half its length beyond the loria. The toes are long and slender, about one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided for half their length and tapering to extremely long, acute points.

Total length 126μ; length of dorsal plate 80μ, of ventral plate
87\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 69\(\mu\), of ventral plate 65\(\mu\); width of anterior points 42\(\mu\); length of toes 39\(\mu\).

*Lecane rhytida* is not rare among floating sphagnum in soft, acid water ponds. We have collected it in a large pond at Gravely Run, near Atlantic City, New Jersey, and in Upper Mill Meadow pond on Mount Desert Island, Maine.

**LECANE LAUTERBORNII Hauer**

Plate XX, figures 5, 6.


The lorica is firm and its outline broadly reversed-ovate; its width is more than three fourths of the length. The anterior margins are coincident and slightly convex. At the external angles are two stout frontal spines. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and indistinctly faceted. The ventral plate is nearly parallel-sided for half its length, obtusely triangular posteriorly and much narrower than the dorsal plate; its surface markings are of a very simple pattern. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is obtusely triangular and projects far beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are indistinct, small and oval. The first foot joint is short, broad and somewhat ill-defined, the second joint long and narrow. The toes are long and slender, more than one fourth of the total length, straight, parallel-sided for about one third of their length, and taper to very acute points.

Total length 150\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 92\(\mu\), of ventral plate 110\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 82\(\mu\), of ventral plate 70\(\mu\); width of anterior spines 65\(\mu\); length of toes 42\(\mu\).

*Lecane lauterbornii* was described by Hauer from sphagnum bogs in the Schwarzwald, where it is common. We have collected this species in shallow, weedy areas of Witch Hole, Mount Desert Island, Maine. Material forwarded to us by Hauer shows the German form to be consistently smaller, about two-thirds the size of the Mount Desert specimens.

**LECANE COMPTA** Harring

Plate XXI, figures 1, 2.

*Cathyaina flexilis* MURRAY, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 351, pl. 14, fig. 27; not Distyla flexilis GOSS.  

The outline of the lorica is a slightly elongate oval; the width of the body is three fourths of the total length. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are coincident and straight; at the external angles are two short, robust spines. The dorsal plate is ovate and narrowly truncate posteriorly; the surface markings are fairly prominent and consist of the usual four rows of facets, the first row somewhat irregular. The ventral plate is narrower than the dorsal, parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly; its surface markings are prominent and of an irregular pattern, as shown in figure 2. The lateral sulci are indistinct and the entire lorica very flexible. The posterior segment is large and bluntly pointed; it projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is oval and somewhat indistinct, the second joint large and subcircular. The toes are long and slender, more than one fourth of the entire length, straight and parallel-sided, with conical points ending in an acute spine.

Total length 115\mu; length of dorsal plate 70\mu, of ventral plate 80\mu; width of dorsal plate 60\mu, of ventral plate 56\mu; width of anterior points 45\mu; length of toes 30\mu.

_Lecane compta_ was originally described from material collected in the Panama Canal Zone; we have since found it in small numbers in Southern Wisconsin. It seems to be confined to moderately hard waters.

**LECANE HALICLYSTA** Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XXI, figures 5, 6.

The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate and the width of the body is nearly three fourths of the length. The anterior dorsal and ventral margins are coincident and straight; at the external angles are two very small spines. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and slightly truncate posteriorly; the facetting is of an unusual pattern, the separate facets being bounded by double lines. The ventral plate is very slightly narrower than the dorsal and of the same general outline; the surface markings are irregular and the lines doubled; as on the dorsal plate. The lateral sulci are indistinct. The posterior segment is small and rounded and projects but little beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed posteriorly.
The first foot joint is elongate ovate, reaching down over the pyriform second joint with a lobate extension. The toes are long and slender, more than one fourth of the total length, straight and parallel-sided, and end in an indistinct, acute claw.

Total length 145μ; length of dorsal plate 105μ, of ventral plate 92μ; width of dorsal plate 78μ, of ventral plate 74μ; width of anterior points 60μ; length of toes with claw 42μ.

*Lecane haliclysta* occurs in small numbers in weedy ponds with soft water; we have collected it in Oneida and Vilas counties, Wisconsin, around Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Mount Desert Island, Maine, and we have found it also in collections made by Dr. Birge in Hatchery Bay, South Bass Island, Lake Erie, during the Great Lakes Investigation by the United States Fish Commission in 1899.

**LECANE ASPASIA** Myers


The loricca is very broad, nearly parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly; the dorso-ventral depth of the body is somewhat greater than usual. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are coincident and very slightly convex; at the external angles are two small spines. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and slightly truncate posteriorly; its surface markings are fairly prominent and consist of the usual four transverse rows of facets, in this instance somewhat larger than usual. The ventral plate is very broadly ovate and of the same width as the dorsal plate. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior segment is broadly rounded and projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are roughly triangular. The first foot joint is parallel-sided and rather small, the second joint short, broad and subrhomboid. The toes are long and slender, more than one fourth of the total length, straight and slightly tapering; the claw is long, slender and acutely pointed.

Total length 132μ; length of dorsal plate 82μ, of ventral plate 94μ; width of loricca 75μ; width of anterior points 63μ; length of toes without claw 30μ; claw 8μ.

*Lecane aspasia* was described from material collected near Los Angeles, California; it has not been found elsewhere.
LECANE LUDWIGII (Eckstein)

Plate XXII, figures 5, 6.


The outline of the lorica is oval and moderately broad. The anterior margins are coincident and slightly concave; at the external angles are two fairly long, stout spines. The dorsal plate is oval and truncate posteriorly; it is very firm and marked with four transverse rows of prominent, coarse tessellations. The ventral plate is slightly pyriform in outline and narrower than the dorsal; the surface markings consist of a few longitudinal ridges, as shown in the figure. The lateral sulci are very deep. The posterior segment is roughly semicircular and is produced as a long, triangular, pointed spine. The coxal plates are large and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is narrow and overlaps the trapezoidal second joint as a lobate projection. The toes
are long and slender, one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided and ending in acute conical points without claws.

Total length 165μ; length of dorsal plate 120μ, of ventral plate 162μ; width of dorsal plate 77μ, of ventral plate 68μ; width of anterior points 45μ; length of toes 45μ.

*Leucane ludwigii* is very widely distributed, but seems not to occur in large numbers; we have collected it in weedy ponds in Wisconsin, New Jersey, Maine, District of Columbia, Virginia and Florida and have found it in material from many other localities in the United States.

*Leucane ludwigii, L. ohioensis, L. marshi, L. stokesii* and *L. ichthyoura* form a very closely related group. The form of the prolongation of the posterior segment is quite different in these species and the obvious character upon which they were established. Some other minor differences deserve notice. The form of the second foot joint is slightly different in all the species; likewise the outline of the coxal plates. The form and relative length of the toes also show small, but constant differences. The outline of the body, the dorsal plate, the very rigid lorica and the surface markings of both dorsal and ventral plates are virtually alike in all the species, and the same is true of the frontal spines, with the single exception of *L. marshi*. We have tried to reproduce all the similarities and all the differences as faithfully as possible in the figures; many of these are so slight that no word picture would describe them adequately and the figure must therefore be used as the final criterion.

**LEUCANE MARSHI** Harring

Plate XXII, figures 1, 2.


The outline of the lorica is broadly oval or very slightly pyriform. The anterior margins are coincident and somewhat concave; at the external angles are two fairly long, slender spines, usually with the point recurved as a conspicuous hook, semicircular in lateral view. The dorsal plate is oval and truncate posteriorly; it is very firm and marked with four transverse rows of prominent, coarse tesselations. The ventral plate is more elongate and somewhat narrower than the dorsal; the markings
consist of a few longitudinal ridges, as shown in the figure. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is rather large and somewhat angulate, ending in an obtusely pointed, triangular lobe. The coxal plates are moderately large and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is indistinct and projects slightly over the subcircular second joint. The toes are about one fourth of the total length, straight, slender, parallel-sided and end in acute conical points without claws.

Total length 173μ; length of dorsal plate 114μ, of ventral plate 138μ; width of dorsal plate 84μ, of ventral plate 76μ; width of anterior points 54μ; height of hook 9μ; length of toes 45μ.

Lecane marshi was originally described from material collected in the Panama Canal Zone, the "hookless" form as a distinct species. Subsequent study of the collections demonstrated that they occur together and it is probable that they are only varieties of a single species. We have also found the hookless form in collections made by Dr. N. Gist Gee at Soochow, China; they agree in every way with the Panama specimens.

LECANE ICHTHYORA (Anderson and Shephard)

Plate XXII, figures 3, 4.

Distyla ichthyoura ANDERSON and SHEPHARD, Proc. Royal Soc. Victoria, new ser., vol. 4, 1892, p. 78, pl. 12, fig. 5.


Lecane ichthyoura HARRING, Bull. 81 U. S. Nat. Mus., 1913, p. 61.—


The outline of the lorica is oval and moderately broad. The anterior dorsal margin is slightly concave, the ventral somewhat more so; at the external angles are two stout, triangular spines. The dorsal plate is oval and truncate posteriorly; it is very firm and marked with four rows of prominent tesselations. The ventral plate is more elongate and narrower than the dorsal; it is marked with a few longitudinal ridges. The lateral sulci are very deep. The posterior segment is produced as a peculiar lobe, rounded behind and with two lateral, triangular points. The coxal plates are small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is somewhat indistinct and overlaps the subsquare second joint with a small, rounded projection. The toes are long
and slender, more than one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided and end in acute, conical points without claws.

Total length 140µ; length of dorsal plate 96µ, of ventral plate 120µ; width of dorsal plate 80µ, of ventral plate 72µ; width of anterior points 45µ; length of toes 40µ.

**Lecane ichthyoura** is rare; we have found it in Polk County, Florida, in small numbers. It is a question whether the form figured by Hauer should not be considered a variety of *L. ohiensis*.

**Lecane stokesii** (Peij)

Plate XXIII, figures 1–3.


The outline of the lorica is oval and somewhat narrower than usual. The anterior dorsal and ventral margins are very nearly coincident and slightly concave; at the external angles are two stout, triangular spines. The dorsal plate is ovate and trunca
to posteriorly; it is very firm and marked with four rows of prominent tesselations. The ventral plate is more elongate and nar
rower than the dorsal; its markings consist of a few longitudinal ridges, constant in position, but not very conspicuous. The lat
eral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is semicircular and ends in two long spines, separated by a wide interspace, rounded anteriorly; the coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is fairly narrow and not very strongly marked, the second trunca
t to pyriform. The toes are long, straight, slender and acutely pointed without any claw; their length is about one fifth of the total length.

Total length 155µ; length of dorsal plate 98µ, of ventral plate 130µ; width of dorsal plate 83µ, of ventral plate 77µ; width of anterior points 50µ; length of toes 48µ.

*Lecane stokesii* occurs in weedy ponds and is widely distribu
ted in the United States, but is seldom found in large numbers. The variety shown in figure 3 was figured by Murray as the “English form”; we have collected it among sphagnum at Hy-
atts ville, near Washington, District of Columbia. It differs from
the typical form mainly in the form of the posterior spines,
which are stouter and much shorter; it is somewhat more robust
and the lirica less oval. It is uncertain whether this should be
considered a variety or an independent species; no transition
forms between the two are known and the typical form does not
appear to be variable. However, until more is known about the
actual relationship between the members of this group within the
genus, it is probably better to leave it provisionally as a "vari-
ety", even though this term as applied to rotifers is somewhat
ambiguous.

**LECANOE OHIOENSIS** (Herrick)

Plate XXIII, figures 4, 5.

*Diastyla ohiensis* Herrick, Bull. Denison Univ., vol. 1, 1885, p. 54,
fig. 1 (on page preceding index).—HEMPFL, Bull. Illinois State
Comm., vol 19 (for 1899), 1900, p. 91, 20, fig. 30.—IROSO, Mon.
(for 1912), 1918, p. 467, figs. 9-12.—JAKUBSKI, Rozpr. Wiad. Muz.
Dziadoszyckich, vol. 1, 1914, p. 32, pl. 1, fig. 8.


*Lecane ohiensis* Harring, Bull. 81 U. S. Nat. Mus., 1913, p. 82.—
JAKUBSKI, Kosmos (Lwów), 1918-1919, p. 28.—FADEEV, Russk.

The outline of the lirica is a moderately broad oval; the
anterior margins are slightly concave and very nearly coincident,
the ventral a trifle shorter. At the external angles are two fairly
prominent, stout spines. The dorsal plate is broadly oval and
truncate posteriorly; it is very firm and marked with four trans-
verse rows of prominent, coarse tesselations. The ventral plate
is somewhat ovate and narrower than the dorsal plate; the
markings consist of a few folds or ridges, shown in the figure.
The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is approxi-
mately semicircular with a short, median, squarely truncate
projection. The coxal plates are large and obtusely pointed pos-
teriorly. The first foot joint is indistinct and overlaps the sub-
square second joint as a lobate projection. The toes are long
and slender, a little less than one fourth of the total length,
parallel-sided and end in acute conical points without claws.

Total length 156 μ; length of dorsal plate 97 μ, of ventral plate
116\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 78\(\mu\), of ventral plate 70\(\mu\); width of anterior points 48\(\mu\); length of toes 40\(\mu\).

*Lecane ohioensis* is common everywhere in weedy ponds and frequently occurs in large numbers.

**LECANE ARCUA** Harring

Plate XXIV, figures 1, 2.

*Carthya aculeata* Murray, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 350, pl. 14, fig. 28; not *Distyla aculeata* Jakubski.


The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate and it is but little longer than wide. The dorsal and ventral anterior margins are straight and parallel and nearly coincident; at the external angles are two moderately large spines, directed slightly upwards and outwards. The dorsal plate is ovate and rounded posteriorly. The dorsal markings are of the usual pattern and rather faint. The ventral plate is ovate and as wide as the dorsal; the surface markings are indicated in figure 2. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior segment is broad and rounded; it projects but slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are indistinct and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is large and elongate pyriform, the second joint also large and of irregular form. The toes are fairly long and slender, about one fourth of the total length, straight and parallel-sided; the claw is slender, acutely pointed and recurved.

Total length 96\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 63\(\mu\), of ventral plate 68\(\mu\), width of dorsal plate 55\(\mu\), of ventral plate 55\(\mu\); width of anterior spines 47\(\mu\), length of toe without claw 18\(\mu\); claw 5\(\mu\).

*Lecane arcula* was first described from the Panama Canal Zone, and collected by Murray in South America and Australia. It is common in weedy ponds everywhere in the United States. *Distyla aculeata* Jakubski is, according to the description and figure, more elongate, strongly compressed dorso-ventrally and has much longer anterior spines.

**LECANE FLEXILIS** (Gosse)

Plate XXIV, figures 3, 4.


The outline of the loria is subcircular and the body is strongly gibbous. The anterior dorsal and ventral margins are coincident and distinctly convex; at the external angles are two short, very stout, slightly incurved spines. The dorsal plate is subcircular and rounded posteriorly; the surface markings consist of the usual four transverse rows of facets, but the first row is somewhat irregular and the others have rather more than the usual number of facets. The loria is quite firm and the facets prominent. The ventral plate is considerably narrower than the dorsal and its edges ill-defined; the markings are less distinct than on the dorsal plate. The lateral sulci are very indistinct. The posterior segment is small and rounded and projects but little beyond the dorsal plate; the coxal plates are semicircular. The foot does not project beyond the end of the loria; the first joint is elongate oval, the second large and subhomboid. The toes are fairly long and slender, about one fourth of the total length, straight and parallel-sided for the greater part of their length, thence tapering slightly to the small, acute, recurved claw, which has dorsally a small basal spicule.

Total length 96μ; length of dorsal plate 72μ, of ventral plate 78μ; width of dorsal plate 66μ, of ventral plate 50μ; width of anterior points 55μ; length of toes without claw 19μ; claw 4μ.

*Leucane flexilis* is common in weedy ponds everywhere in the United States; Mr. David Bryce and the late Mr. C. F. Rousse-
let have sent us specimens from England. Our identification of this species with Gosse’s animal is based on the form of the animal when swimming; its length is then nearly twice as great, the body is slender and flattened dorso-ventrally and the dorsal markings much more prominent.

**Lecane intrasinuata (Olofsson)**

Plate XXIV, figures 5, 6.


The outline of the loricca is broadly oval, the greatest width about three fifths of the length. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are coincident and very slightly convex; at the external angles are two small, robust spines. The dorsal plate is subcircular, rounded posteriorly and without surface markings. The ventral plate is considerably narrower than the dorsal, nearly parallel-sided and rounded posteriorly; the margins are ill-defined and no lateral sulci are present. The surface markings are not prominent, but quite constant. The posterior segment is rounded and projects but little beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and obtusely triangular. The first foot joint is long, wide anteriorly and sharply constricted immediately in front of the second joint; this is large and pyriform, projecting about half its length beyond the posterior segment. The toes are long and slender, about one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided and very faintly incurved; the tip is excavate on the inner margin, forming a pseudo-claw.

Total length 150μ; length of dorsal plate 90μ, of ventral plate 95μ; width of dorsal plate 78μ, of ventral plate 62μ; width of anterior points 54μ; length of toes without claw 34μ, claw 6μ.

*Lecane intrasinuata* was described by Olofsson from a few specimens collected in a pond near Alexandrovska, on the Murman Coast, Russian Lapland. We believe this to be identical with *L. ephestra*, although the illustration accompanying the original description is lacking in detail. *L. intrasinuata* is common in soft, acid water ponds in Oneida and Vilas Counties.
Wisconsin, on Mount Desert Island, Maine, and around Atlantic City, New Jersey. It has recently been found by Hauer in the Schwarzwald, where it is not rare, and by Idelson on Novaja Zemlja.

LECANE CLIMACOIS Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XXV, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate; the width is about two thirds of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is straight and the ventral margin slightly concave; at the external angles are two small, acute spines. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and slightly truncate posteriorly; the facetting is very regular and of the usual pattern, but very faint and distinctly visible only by turning the animal partly on its side. The ventral plate is somewhat elongate oval; the surface markings are fairly simple and not very distinct. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is fairly large and nearly semicircular. The coxal plates are small, broad at the base and acuminate posteriorly. The first foot joint is long, parallel-sided and pointed posteriorly; the second joint is robust and somewhat pyriform with two small, lateral knobs; it projects about two thirds of its length beyond the lorica. The toes are fairly long and robust, a little less than one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided and straight; the long, conical claw is sharply indented at its base.

Total length 95μ; length of dorsal plate 64μ, of ventral plate 70μ; width of dorsal plate 51μ, of ventral plate 45μ; width of anterior points 34μ; length of toes without claw 15μ; claw 7μ.

Lecane climacois occurs in wet sphagnum or sphagnum bogs; we have collected it at Glenburnie, near Baltimore, Maryland; in Polk County, Florida, and in "Annett's Pool", a very acid, roadside ditch not far from Atlantic City, New Jersey. Only at the last named location has it been found in large numbers.

LECANE VERECUNDA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XXV, figures 3, 4.

The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate and somewhat pointed posteriorly. The anterior margin of the ventral plate is nearly straight; the dorsal margin is very slightly convex and projects a little beyond the ventral plate. At the external angles are two small, slightly incurved frontal spines. The dorsal plate
is ovate, somewhat pointed posteriorly and squarely truncate at
the extreme end. The dorsal facetting is not very prominent
and follows the prevailing pattern. The ventral plate is nearly
parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly; the margins
are wavy and ill-defined, as are the lateral sulci; the surface
markings are very simple. The posterior segment is small and
rounded and projects but very little beyond the dorsal plate.
The coxal plates are small and very obtusely pointed poste-
riorly. The first foot joint is ovate and the second joint large
and rhomboid in outline, projecting slightly beyond the pos-
terior segment. The toes are fairly long and slender, about
one fourth of the total length, straight and very slightly taper-
ing; the claw is moderately long, very slender, acutely pointed
and spine-like.

Total length 105μ; length of dorsal plate 72μ, of ventral plate
76μ; width of dorsal plate 60μ, of ventral plate 50μ; width of
anterior points 45μ; length of toe without claw 22μ; claw 6μ.

*Lecane verecunda* was collected in small numbers in weedy
ponds at the State Fish Hatchery, near Madison, Wisconsin, and
in Witch Hole, Mount Desert Island, Maine. Its nearest relative
is probably *L. arcuata*, from which it differs in the more ovate
outline of the dorsal plate, slightly truncate posteriorly, the
smaller posterior segment and the relatively narrower ventral
plate.

**LECANE MYLACRIS** Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XXV, figures 5, 6.

The lorica is very firm and very broadly ovate; its width is
three fourths of the length. The anterior margins are nearly
coincident, the ventral almost straight and the dorsal slightly
convex; at the external angles are two minute frontal spines.
The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and projects beyond the
ventral plate both laterally and posteriorly. The ventral plate
is nearly parallel-sided for about two thirds of its length and
rounded posteriorly; surface markings are found only on the
ventral plate and are limited to a few fairly distinct folds. The
lateral sulci are deep. The coxal plates are very small and
pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is oval, somewhat in-
distinct and lobate posteriorly; the second joint is very large,
robust and subsquare, projecting about one third of its length
beyond the lorica. The toes are moderately long and slender,
about one fourth of the total length, straight on their inner edges and very faintly sigmoid externally, terminating in a small, pointed claw; they are inserted near mid-length of the second foot joint instead of on the posterior edge.

Total length 175μ; length of dorsal plate 145μ, of ventral plate 130μ; width of dorsal plate 108μ, of ventral plate 82μ; width of anterior spines 70μ; length of toes without claw 32μ; claw 7μ.

*Lecane mylacris* was collected in small numbers in Upper Mill Pond, Mount Desert Island, Maine, and is common in weedy areas of Lake Hartridge, Polk County, Florida.

**LECANE GLYPTA** Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XXVI, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the loriae is somewhat elongate ovate, nearly parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly. The anterior margins are not coincident; the dorsal margin is convex and the ventral slightly concave. At the external angles are two very small frontal spines. The entire loria is quite flexible. The dorsal plate is elongate ovate and slightly truncate posteriorly; the facetting is of an aberrant pattern, not found in any other species. The ventral plate is elongate ovate, rounded posteriorly and as wide as the dorsal plate; the surface markings are, as shown, unusually intricate. The lateral sulci are indistinct. The posterior segment is relatively small, nearly semicircular and projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is long and slender, about one fourth of the total length, nearly parallel-sided and with a very slight, sigmoid curvature; the claw is small, acute and slightly outcurved, with a distinct basal spicule.

Total length 110μ; length of dorsal plate 80μ, of ventral plate 86μ; width of loria 50μ; width of anterior points 42μ; length of toes without claw 22μ; claw 5μ.

*Lecane glypta* was collected in weedy ponds on the Pine Valley golf course, near Clementon, New Jersey. This is on the border line between the acid and alkaline waters of the state.
LECANE TABIDA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XXVI, figures 3, 4.

The loria is broadly ovate and nearly parallel-sided anteriorly; its width is about two thirds of the length. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are coincident, very slightly convex and on account of the flexibility of the entire loria, somewhat wavy. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and its edges ill-defined; it is rounded posteriorly. The facetting is rather faint and the number of facets considerably greater than in the usual pattern. The ventral plate is nearly parallel-sided for the greater part of its length and rounded posteriorly; its markings are faint and depart somewhat from the usual design. The lateral sulci are rather shallow and ill-defined. The posterior segment is large and nearly semicircular; the coxal plates are rather small and very obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is narrow and elongate, lobate posteriorly, the second joint sub-square, somewhat narrower anteriorly, and projecting nearly half its length beyond the loria. The toes are rather short and robust, less than one fourth of the total length, straight on their inner edges, parallel-sided for nearly three fourths of their length and terminate in gradually acuminating points.

Total length 130\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 94\(\mu\), of ventral plate 98\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 65\(\mu\), of ventral plate 60\(\mu\); width of anterior points 55\(\mu\); length of toes 30\(\mu\).

LECANE INFULA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XXVI, figures 5, 6.

The outline of the loria is broadly oval; its width is about two thirds of the length. The anterior margins are nearly coincident and slightly concave; at the external angles are two very stout, slightly incurved spines. The dorsal plate is broadly oval and rounded posteriorly. The facetting is of a remarkably intricate and very irregular pattern; each facet is outlined by a double row of minute, raised dots or beads. On the posterior half of the dorsal plate there is near the margins a pair of incipient "dorsal sulci". The ventral plate is considerably narrower than the dorsal, nearly parallel-sided and its margins somewhat wavy; the surface markings are of a fairly simple pattern. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior
segment is large and very obtusely pointed; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are obtusely triangular and their points some distance from the posterior end of the loria. The first foot joint is rather indistinct and pointed posteriorly, the second joint large and pyriform and does not quite reach the margin of the posterior segment. The toes are long and slender, nearly one third of the total length, straight and parallel-sided; the claw is short and very slightly incurved.

Total length 160\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 105\(\mu\), of ventral plate 120\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 80\(\mu\), of ventral plate 65\(\mu\); width of anterior spines 45\(\mu\), length of toes without claw 40\(\mu\); claw 6\(\mu\).

*Lecane infula* was collected in Lower Breakneck Pond, on Mount Desert Island, Maine, in small numbers; it is not known from any other localities.

**LECANE SATYRUS** Harring and Myers, *new species*

Plate XXVII, figures 3, 4.

The outline of the loria is broadly ovate; its width is about three fourths of the length. The median portion of the anterior dorsal margin forms a sort of guard for the opening of the loria; it occupies about half the width of the dorsal plate and is limited externally by two small, incurved spines; outside of these spines there is on each side a distinct, small sinus. As a result of the general deformation of the dorsal plate taking place when the head is retracted, this lobe bends down over the anterior edge of the ventral plate, thus affording additional protection for the delicate corona. At the external angles of the loria are two very large, antler-like frontal spines; these are normally at right angles to the ventral plate and, when thus turned up, serve to protect the corona when the animal is swimming; in retraction they turn outwards so that they are substantially in the plane of the ventral plate. Although very irregular in outline and slightly variable in details of the denticulation, they may be described as rather slender, acutely pointed spines with a sigmoid curvature, directed forward and outwards; on the external edge there is near the base a single large tooth, and on the internal edge four or five teeth, varying slightly in size and location in different individuals, but limited to the basal half of the spine; the terminal portion is always slender, acutely pointed and slightly incurved. The anterior
margin of the ventral plate is slightly convex. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and slightly truncate posteriorly. The surface ornamentation of both dorsal and ventral plate is unique and very intricate and must be studied from the figures; it consists of a system of elevated ridges, rounded at the top and with very closely spaced, hemispherical beads on the sloping sides. Similar "secondary markings" are found in *L. signifera*, but the general pattern is quite different. The ventral plate is broadly ovate and somewhat angular posteriorly, slightly truncate at the extreme end. The posterior segment is fairly large and projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate. The exoral plates are small and narrowly oval. The first foot joint is narrow, elongate and pointed posteriorly, second joint large and pyriform, projecting about half its length beyond the lorica. The toes are long and slender, about one fourth of the total length, straight and parallel-sided, terminating in acutely pointed claws with a small basal spine.

Total length 175μ; length of dorsal plate without anterior spines 95μ, of ventral plate 105μ; width of dorsal plate 78μ, of ventral plate 72μ; width of anterior margin at base of spines 65μ; width over spines 75μ; length of spines 25μ; length of toe without claw 34μ; claw 7μ.

*Lecane satyrus* is usually, if not exclusively, found in wet sphagnum. We have collected it at Glenburnie, near Baltimore, Maryland; on Mount Desert Island, Maine; in Polk County, Florida; around Atlantic City, New Jersey, and in Vilas County, Wisconsin, where it was abundant in a small pool near Beut's resort on Mamie Lake; it is usually found only in small numbers. It is perhaps the most remarkable species of the genus; the rotatable, protective anterior spines are found in *Lecane mucronata*, but in a much simpler form, and the surface markings are far more elaborate than in any other species.

**LECANE HASTATA (Murray)**

Plate XXVIII, figures 5, 6.


The lorica is very broadly ovate and somewhat flexible. The anterior dorsal margin is very slightly convex and the ventral margin straight; at the external angles are two small anterior spines. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and slightly truncate
posteriorly; it is much smaller than the ventral plate. The ventral plate is very broadly ovate; its surface markings consist of a transverse fold and two faint, longitudinal ridges. Lateral sulci are not present; the section of the loria connecting the dorsal and ventral plates is very slightly concave. The posterior segment is relatively small and rounded; the coxal plates are apparently absent. The first foot joint is large and indistinct, the second subsquare, projecting beyond the posterior end of the loria. The toes are long and slender, more than one fourth of the total length, straight, parallel-sided with a bulbous enlargement near the posterior end, and terminating in a long, slender, acutely pointed claw.

Total length 150µ; length of dorsal plate 95µ, of ventral plate 110µ; width of dorsal plate 75µ, of ventral plate 90µ; width of anterior points 70µ; length of toe without claw 25µ; claw 15µ.

*Lecone hastata* was described by Murray from a brackish pond at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. We have found this species in abundance in brackish ditches at Port Republic, New Jersey, in perfectly fresh water at Barrows, Virginia, near Washington, and in collections from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In the Port Republic material the dorsal plate is smooth; the specimens from Barrows show a very faint tessellation towards the anterior edge of the dorsal plate. *L. hastata* is probably related to *L. crepida*; they agree in the peculiar structure of the loria and the posterior segment and foot joints.

**LECANE CREPIDA** Harring

Plate XXVIII, figures 1, 2.

*Distyla gissensis* Jennings, Bull. U. S. Fish Comm., vol. 19 (for 1899), 1900, p. 91, pl. 20, figs. 33, 34; not *Distyla gissensis* Eckstein.


The loria is very flexible, parallel-sided for one half of its length and tapers rapidly to the foot; it is strongly gibbose posteriorly. The anterior dorsal margin is slightly convex and the ventral a trifle concave; at the external angles are two very stout, curved anterior spines. The dorsal plate is strongly convex and much smaller than the ventral; the edges are rather indistinct and the surface markings limited to three pairs of divergent, wavy ridges, beginning near the anterior margin.
The ventral plate is moderately convex and has two interrupted series of ridges extending the greater part of its length; there is a well marked transverse fold immediately in front of the foot. Lateral sulci are not present; the section of the lorica connecting the dorsal and ventral plates is very slightly concave. The posterior segment merges without definite anterior limit with the body; ventrally it has a large, circular opening for the foot. The coxal plates are very indistinct. The first foot joint is large and bulbous, the second joint is subsquare and projects with more than half its length beyond the lorica. The toes are very long and slender, more than one fourth of the total length, straight and slightly tapering, terminating in a long, slender, acutely pointed claw, sharply constricted at the base.

Total length 135μ; length of dorsal plate 75μ, of ventral plate 90μ; width of dorsal plate 45μ, of ventral plate 60μ; width of anterior spines 52μ; length of toe without claw 30μ; claw 9μ.

*Lecane crepida* was described from material collected in the Panama Canal Zone, where it is common; we have since found it at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and on Mount Desert Island, Maine. Jennings records it from South Bass Island, Lake Erie. We are unable to see any resemblance between this species and Eckstein’s *Distyla gissensis*; this is said to have two anterior spines on one side and one on the other and, apart from this evident error, bears little resemblance to *L. crepida*. It was evidently one of the smaller Lecanes, but the original description is so lacking in detail, and so many species have later been listed under this name that it is now apparently hopeless to attempt to identify it.

**LECANE SAGULA** Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XXVIII, figures 3, 4.

The outline of the lorica is very broadly ovate; the width is nearly equal to the length. The anterior margins are coincident and form a somewhat wavy, straight line; frontal spines are not present. The entire lorica is semi-flexible and its margins somewhat indefinite; the dorso-ventral depth of the body is unusually great. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly; the facetting is rather faint and of an unusual pattern. The ventral plate is nearly parallel-sided anter-
riorily and very obtusely triangular posteriorly; it is a little narrower than the dorsal plate. The ventral surface markings are very intricate and must be studied from the figure. The lateral sulci are indistinct. The posterior segment is rather small and broadly rounded; its entire length projects beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are large and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is short and pyriform with a bluntly pointed posterior lobe; the second joint is huge, nearly circular and projects about half its length beyond the loria. The toes are rather short and straight, a little less than one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided for the greater part of their length and slightly reduced at the base of the small, acute claw.

Total length 95μ; length of dorsal plate 48μ, of ventral plate 60μ; width of dorsal plate 48μ, of ventral plate 45μ; width of anterior margin 38μ; length of toes without claw 19μ; claw 4μ.

_Leucane sagula_ was collected in small numbers in a weedy pond at Minocqua, Wisconsin, and in Witch Hole, Mount Desert Island, Maine.

**LECANE FORMOSA Harring and Myers, new species**

Plate XXIX, figures 1, 2.

The loria is very broadly ovate, almost parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly; it is moderately flexible. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are coincident and straight; no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and slightly truncate posteriorly; the anterior margin is considerably narrower than the ventral plate and surface markings are entirely absent. The ventral plate is nearly parallel-sided anteriorly, somewhat triangular posteriorly and broadly rounded at the extreme end; it is as wide as the dorsal plate and its surface markings are limited to a transverse fold in front of the foot and two longitudinal lines diverging towards the anterior margin. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is broadly rounded and projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate; the coxal plates are very indistinct and pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is widest anteriorly and lobate posteriorly; the second joint robust and broadly pyriform. The toes are long and slender; about one third of the total length, straight and slightly tapering; the claw is long, very slender and acutely pointed.
Total length 110µ; length of dorsal plate 74µ, of ventral plate 80µ width of lorica 68µ; width of anterior margin 60µ; length of toes without claw 25µ; claw 7µ.

*Lecane formosa* has been found only in Lac Vieux Desert, Vilas County, Wisconsin, in shallow, weedy indentations near the outlet.

**Lecane aegaena Harring**

Plate XXVII, figures 1, 2.


The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate and the dorso-ventral depth less than usual. The anterior dorsal margin is slightly convex and the ventral margin straight; they do not meet when the head is retracted, but leave the lorica partly open; no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is oval and rounded posteriorly; the facetting is fairly regular and not very conspicuous. The ventral plate is longer and wider than the dorsal; its markings are prominent, especially on the posterior half. The lateral sulci are not very deep and the entire lorica is quite flexible. The posterior segment is small and rounded; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are very small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is very long, but almost obliterated near the middle; the second joint is large and subrhomboid. The toes are long and slender, about one third of the total length, straight and very slightly conical, terminating in a long, slender, acute claw with a small basal spicule.

Total length 110µ; length of dorsal plate 70µ, of ventral plate 76µ; width of dorsal plate 56µ, of ventral plate 60µ; width of anterior margin 50µ; length of toes without claw 24µ; claw 10µ.

*Lecane aegaena* was described from material collected in the Panama Canal Zone; we have since found it around Atlantic City, New Jersey, but never in large numbers. Fadeev reports it from the governments Kharkov and Tamboy, European Russia.
LECANE VENUSTA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XXVII, figures 5, 6.

The outline of the loriae is very broadly ovate; its width is about seven eighths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is very slightly convex and the ventral nearly straight; no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly; the facetting follows in general the usual pattern and is not especially prominent. The ventral plate is almost parallel-sided anteriorly and broadly rounded posteriorly; the surface markings are fairly complex. The lateral sulci are not very deep. The posterior segment is broadly rounded and projects only slightly beyond the dorsal plate, but it is unusually distinct. The coxal plates are almost as large as the posterior segment and of the same general form. The first foot joint is pyriform and lobate posteriorly, the second joint large and subsquare. The toes are long and slender, nearly one-third of the total length, very slightly incurved, parallel-sided and terminating in moderately acute points, but not forming a claw.

Total length 130\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 86\(\mu\), of ventral plate 84\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 75\(\mu\), of ventral plate 70\(\mu\); width of anterior margin 62\(\mu\); length of toes 42\(\mu\).

*Lecane venusta* has been found only in small numbers in Ottoman Lake, near Waupaca, Wisconsin.

LECANE CANDIDA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XIV, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the loriae is broadly ovate; its width is about two thirds of the length. The anterior margins are coincident and very slightly convex; no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and very obtusely pointed posteriorly; it is without markings of any kind. The ventral plate is nearly parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly; its markings are confined to a few folds on the posterior half. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is large and rounded; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The first foot joint is somewhat indistinct and lobate posteriorly, the second joint nearly circular. The toes are long, about one third of the total length, straight and slender, terminating in an acutely pointed claw, very slightly outcurved at the tip, and with distinct basal spicule.
Total length 100µ; length of dorsal plate 65µ, of ventral plate 72µ; width of dorsal plate 56µ, of ventral plate 48µ; width of anterior margin 48µ; length of toes without claw 22µ, claw 7µ.

*Lecane candida* was collected in small numbers among sphagnum growing on the margins of Loon Lake, near Eagle River, Vilas County, Wisconsin. It has not been found elsewhere.

**LECANE PUSILLA** Harring

Plate XXX, figures 1, 2.


The loria is very broadly ovate and the dorso-ventral depth of the body is greater than usual. The anterior margins are straight and the dorsal plate projects somewhat beyond the ventral, so that the loria is not closed when the head is completely retracted. No anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is subcircular and slightly truncate posteriorly. The facetting is fairly distinct and does not differ widely from the usual pattern. The ventral plate is parallel-sided in its anterior half and very obtusely triangular posteriorly; the surface markings are conspicuous only on the median portion of the pattern. The lateral sulci are deep. The rounded posterior segment projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate; the coxal plates are rather small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is indistinct, the second large and nearly circular. The toes are long and slender, more than one fourth of the entire length, straight and slightly tapering, terminating in a long, recurved, very slender and acute claw.

Total length 75µ; length of dorsal plate 54µ, of ventral plate 60µ; width of dorsal plate 52µ, of ventral plate 45µ; width of anterior margin 50µ; length of toes without claw 15µ, claw 5µ.

*Lecane pusilla* was described from material collected in the Panama Canal Zone, where it is locally common; Fadeev reports finding it at Kharkov, Russia.

**LECANE ASTHENA** Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XXX, figures 3, 4.

The outline of the loria is very broadly ovate and the dorso-ventral depth of the body is somewhat greater than usual. The
anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are coincident and slightly convex; no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is approximately circular and very slightly truncate posteriorly; the facetting follows in general the usual pattern. The ventral plate is very slightly narrower than the dorsal, almost parallel-sided anteriorly and semicircular posteriorly; the surface markings are somewhat more intricate than is usually the case. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is short and very broadly rounded; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are obtusely truncate at their posterior, free ends. The first foot joint is narrow and nearly parallel-sided, the second joint is nearly hemispherical, very short and very broad. The toes are long and slender, more than one fourth of the entire length, straight and slightly tapering, terminating in a long, slender, acute claw of such form that its external edge is a continuation of the external edge of the toe and a slight excavation formed on the inner edge.

Total length 80μ; length of dorsal plate 54μ, of ventral plate 60μ; width of dorsal plate 54μ, of ventral plate 50μ; width of anterior margin 48μ; length of toes without claw 17μ; claw 6μ.

Lecane asthenia was collected in a shallow, dead bay of Lake Kawaguessauga at Minocqua, Wisconsin; only a few specimens were present, and it has not been found elsewhere.

**LECANE SUBTILIS** Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XXX, figures 5, 6.

The anterior portion of the lorica is roughly parallel-sided and the posterior portion sub-triangular and rounded at the apex. The anterior dorsal and ventral margins are coincident and very slightly convex; no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is parallel-sided anteriorly and obtusely rounded posteriorly; its surface markings are of a very intricate and unusual pattern. The ventral plate is as wide as the dorsal, parallel-sided anteriorly and obtusely triangular posteriorly; its surface markings are even more unusual than the dorsal and have no counterpart in the genus. The lateral sulci are evanescent and the entire lorica is quite flexible. The posterior segment is small and nearly semicircular. The coxal plates are rudimentary. The first foot joint is very indistinct and its outlines confluent with the central portion of the ventral markings; the sec-
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ond joint is subsquare and projects slightly beyond the lorică. The toes are very long and slender, about one third of the total length, straight, very slightly conical and terminate in a long, slender, acutely pointed claw, sharply constricted at the base.

Total length 110μ; length of dorsal plate 70μ, of ventral plate 75μ; width of lorică 60μ; width of anterior margin 56μ; length of toe without claw 24μ; claw 8μ.

Lecane subtilis was collected in a very shallow bay of Arbor Vitae Lake, near Minocqua, Wisconsin; it has not been found elsewhere.

LEGANE ELEGANS Harring

Plate XV, figures 1, 2.


The body is elongate, slender and parallel-sided. The dorsal plate is very flexible, the ventral much less so. The anterior margin of the ventral plate is nearly straight and of fairly constant form; the dorsal margin is irregularly puckered by the inversion of the head. The dorsal plate is strongly convex, nearly semicircular in cross section. The lateral sulci are barely indicated on the posterior third of the body, the ventral plate may be said to be joined directly to the dorsal; it has prominent longitudinal ridges. The posterior segment of the body is very large and unusually prominent; it may be considered as beginning near the middle of the ventral plate and its outline is ovate, broadest posteriorly. Coxal plates are not present. The first foot joint is extremely long, tapering posteriorly to half its anterior width; the second joint is large and subsquare and projects with its entire length beyond the lorică. The toes are very long and slender, about one third of the total length, and slightly recurved in the posterior third; the claw is nearly half as long as the toe, outcurved and slightly recurved, with a conspicuous, laterally directed basal spine.

Total length 170μ, length of lorică 108μ, width 45μ; toe without claw 36μ; claw 15μ.

Lecane elegans was described from material collected in the Panama Canal Zone; only a few specimens were collected and it has not been found elsewhere.
LECANE ELONGATA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XXXI, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the loricca is elongate reversed-ovate; its width is only three fifths of the length. The anterior margin of the dorsal and ventral plates is slightly convex and the loricca is widely open in front when the head is fully retracted; no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is elongate oval and squarely truncate posteriorly; the pattern of the dorsal and ventral surface markings is unlike that of any other species of the genus and must be studied from the figures. The ventral plate is elongate reversed-ovate and as wide as the dorsal plate. The lateral sulci are fully developed only on the posterior half, disappearing gradually towards the anterior margin. The posterior segment is very large, obtusely pointed and projects far beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are somewhat obscure and bluntly pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is very long and has a circular enlargement near its anterior end; the second joint is subsquare and projects nearly its length beyond the loricca. The toes are very long and very slender, nearly one third of the total length, straight, slightly tapering and rounded at the ends; the claw is extremely long, slender and acutely pointed.

Total length 220μ; length of dorsal plate 120μ, of ventral plate 145μ; width of loricca 84μ; width of anterior margin 60μ; toes without claw 38μ; claw 20μ.

Lecane elongata was collected among the leaves of a species of sphagnum growing on the bottom in shallow bays of Doughty Mill pond, near Atlantic City, New Jersey. It has not been found elsewhere.

LECANE TENUISETA
Plate XXXI, figures 3, 4.


The loricca is membranous and very flexible; its outline is elongate oval and the body is fairly thick. The anterior dorsal and ventral margins are parallel and usually slightly convex
in the median half of their width; they do not quite meet and
the lorica is left partly open in retraction. The dorsal plate is
oval, rounded posteriorly and without facetting; it is strongly
gibbous and bends down considerably even in front. The
ventral plate is as wide as the dorsal and more elongate oval; its
markings consist of a few slightly elevated ridges, as shown in
figure 4. The lateral sulci are very shallow. The posterior seg-
ment of the body is broad and rounded and projects consider-
ably beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are large and
semicircular. The first foot joint is narrow and parallel-sided
and overlaps the second joint as a rounded lobe with a small
median projection; the second joint is short and broad, rounded
anteriorly and constricted immediately in front of the toes; it
does not project beyond the posterior segment. The toes are
long and slender, about one third of the total length, slightly
conical and terminate in an extremely long, spinelike claw, very
slender and very acute, its inner edge a continuation of the toe
and a distinct shoulder on the outer edge at the junction of toe
and claw.

Total length 106μ; length of dorsal plate 64μ, of ventral plate
73μ; width of lorica 56μ; width of anterior margin 45μ; length
of toe without claw 20μ; claw 13μ.

*Lecane tenuiseta* is common in wet sphagnum and in weedy,
soft water ponds, apparently all over the United States. Fadeev
reports it from Kharkov and Lake Madatapin in the Kaukasus,
and Hauer from bogs in the Schwarzwald.

**LECANE DORYSSA Harring**

Plate XXXI, figures 5, 6.

542, pl. 21, figs. 4–6.

The lorica is very broadly pyriform and its consistency
leathery, so that the boundaries of the plates are not very dis-
tinct, but the general outline is nevertheless quite constant. The
dorso-ventral depth of the body is unusually great. The
anterior margin of the dorsal plate is slightly convex and
sinuate, as the ridges of the plate are continued up to the edge;
the ventral margin is almost straight and frontal spines are
not present. The dorsal plate is subcircular and slightly trun-
cate posteriorly; the facetting is very prominent and deviates
somewhat from the regular pattern, especially towards the
margins. The ventral plate is slightly narrower than the dorsal, approximately parallel-sided anteriorly and narrows somewhat abruptly to the posterior segment; the surface markings are prominent and their pattern quite complex, as shown in figure 6. The lateral sulci are shallow and much wrinkled. The posterior segment is large and projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate; the coxal plates are large and rounded. The first foot joint is large and prominent, strongly constricted near the middle and overlaps the large, subsquare second joint as a broad, bluntly pointed lobe; the second joint projects beyond the loria for more than half its length. The toes are very long and slender, about one third of the total length, straight and very slightly tapering for a little more than half their length; at this point they are abruptly reduced to a clawlike terminal spine, straight, very slender and very acutely pointed.

Total length 106\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 58\(\mu\), of ventral plate 58\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 60\(\mu\), of ventral plate 58\(\mu\); width of anterior margin 52\(\mu\); length of toe without terminal spine 17\(\mu\), of spine 13\(\mu\).

*Lecane doryssa* was described from material collected in the Panama Canal Zone; it also occurred in collections made by Mr. Juday in ditches along the Ferrocarril Central de Guatemala at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. It was not numerous at either location. The nearest relative of this species is probably *L. hornemanni*, which rivals it in thickness of the body and also resembles it in general appearance. The loria of *L. hornemanni* has surface markings of quite a different pattern; the toes are without any claw and the peculiar coxal plates, ending in points close to the foot, also distinguish it from *L. doryssa*.

**Lecane inopinata** Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XXXII, figures 5, 6.

The loria is broadly ovate; its width is about two thirds of the length. The anterior dorsal and ventral margins are coincident and very slightly convex; no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is broadly oval and slightly truncate posteriorly; it is not facetted. The ventral plate is broadly ovate and very slightly narrower than the dorsal; its surface markings consist of two transverse and several longitudinal ridges. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is small and rounded and projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The
coxal plates are small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is fairly large and pyriform, lobate posteriorly, the second joint subsquare and robust. The toes are long and slender, about one fourth of the entire length, straight and parallel-sided, terminating in a fairly large, acute claw; they are fused for one third of their length and consequently immovable.

Total length 110μ; length of dorsal plate 75μ, of ventral plate 80μ; width of dorsal plate 62μ, of ventral plate 58μ; width of anterior margin 52μ; length of toes without claw 26μ; claw 5μ.

*Lecane inopinata* was found in small numbers in weedy ponds near Minoqua, Wisconsin. It may with seemingly equal justification be called a Lecane with fused toes or a Monostyla with a divided toe; as Monostylas are unquestionably Lecanes with fused toes, it seems advisable to give preference to *Lecane* where the fusion is incomplete.

**Lecane nana** (Murray)

Plate XXXIV, figures 1, 2.


The outline of the loria is roughly subcircular. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are coincident and slightly convex; no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is subcircular and very slightly pointed posteriorly; it is without surface markings. The ventral plate is considerably narrower than the dorsal, nearly parallel-sided anteriorly and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The surface markings consist of a few broken lines, as shown in figure 2. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is small and obtusely pointed and projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is obtusely conical and widest in front, the second joint irregularly subsquare and does not project beyond the posterior segment. The toes are long and fairly slender, about one fourth of the total length, acuminate and straight on their inner edges.

Total length 85μ, length of dorsal plate 56μ, of ventral plate 64μ; width of dorsal plate 54μ, of ventral plate 48μ; width of anterior margin 45μ; length of toes 21μ.
Lecane nana was described by Murray from Lake Titicaca, Bolivia. It occurs also in the Panama Canal Zone, and we have collected it in wet sphagnum from many localities in the United States: Central and Northern Wisconsin; Mount Desert Island, Maine; around Atlantic City, New Jersey; Maryland and the District of Columbia and in Polk County, Florida. It has a superficial resemblance to L. tryphema, but the outline of the lorica and the relative proportions of the dorsal and ventral plates are quite different.

LECANE TRYPHEMA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XXXIV, figures 5, 6.

The outline of the lorica is very broadly oval. The anterior margin of the dorsal plate is approximately straight, but on account of the flexibility of the entire lorica it is somewhat wavy and irregular; the ventral margin is slightly concave and no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is subcircular and truncate posteriorly; it is without permanent markings. The ventral plate is very broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly; its markings are limited to a transverse fold in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is small, rounded and its anterior limits obscure; it projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate and slightly beyond the second foot joint. The coxal plates are small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint overlaps the second with nearly half its length and is lobate posteriorly; the second foot joint is very robust and roughly subsquare. The toes are slender and fairly long; about one fourth of the total length, straight on their inner edges and tapering at the extreme ends to conical points without claws.

Total length 104μ; length of dorsal plate 70μ, of ventral plate 78μ; width of dorsal plate 70μ, of ventral plate 66μ; width of anterior margin 53μ; length of toes 27μ.

Lecane tryphema was first collected in a cranberry bog at Mather, Wisconsin. It is fairly common in bog pools and ponds among algae and mosses around Atlantic City, New Jersey, and also on Mount Desert Island, Maine.
LECANE HORNEMANNI (Ehrenberg)

Plate XXXIV, figures 3, 4.


The lorida is very broadly ovate; its width is greater than the length and the dorso-ventral depth when fully contracted is unusually great. The anterior dorsal margins are coincident and decidedly convex; no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is very broadly oval and rounded posteriorly; its width is considerably greater than the length. The surface markings consist of hemispherical bosses, apparently corresponding in number and position to the usual facets, and separated by wide depressions of approximately semicircular cross section; there are no sharp lines of demarcation anywhere, the bosses merging gradually with the dividing grooves and it is extremely difficult to determine their respective locations with any accuracy and for this reason they have been omitted from the figure. The ventral plate is very broadly pyriform, considerably narrower than the dorsal plate, and its edges wavy and somewhat ill-defined; the surface markings consist of a few longitudinal and transverse folds. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is short, broad and semicircular; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is fairly large and roughly parallel-sided; the second joint is very large, somewhat elongate, rounded anteriorly and projects considerably beyond the lorida. The toes are long and fairly stout, one fourth of the total length, very slightly tapering for about two thirds of their length, terminating in long, conical, acute points, very slightly outcurved and without any claw.

Total length 120 μ, length of dorsal plate 72 μ, of ventral plate
84\mu; width of dorsal plate 87\mu, of ventral plate 72\mu; width of anterior margin 63\mu; length of toes 30\mu.

\textbf{Lecane hornemannii} is fairly common in weedy ponds; we have collected it at Washington, District of Columbia; around Atlantic City, New Jersey; in northern and central Wisconsin and on Mount Desert Island, Maine; it occurred also in collections made by Dr. H. S. Jennings at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

\textbf{LECAN CLARA (Bryce)}

Plate XVII, figures 3, 4.

\textit{? Diaschiza cupha} Gosse, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1887, p. 3, pl. 1, fig. 6.—Hudson and Gosse, Rotifera, Suppl., 1889, p. 38, pl. 31, fig. 31.


\textit{Cathypna sulcata} Murray, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 557, pl. 22, fig. 5; not \textit{Cathypna sulcata} Gosse.


The lorica is membranous, very flexible and its outline variable in the living animal; it is difficult to obtain fully contracted specimens, even with strong preservatives, and they are in the nature of accidents. The following description is based on such contracted specimens, in order to make comparison possible with other species of the genus.

The outline of the contracted lorica is broadly oval and rounded posteriorly. The anterior margins are not coincident and complete closure of the lorica appears to be impossible; the dorsal margin is slightly convex and the ventral slightly concave. Anterior spines are not present. The dorsal plate is oval and rounded posteriorly; no permanent folds or other markings are present. The ventral plate is oval, rounded posteriorly and somewhat narrower than the dorsal plate. The lateral sulci are evanescence. The rounded posterior segment has no definite anterior limit; the exoral plates are fairly large and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is elongate pyriform and somewhat indistinct, the second joint very broadly pyriform. The toes are long and robust, about one third of the total length, broadly lance-shaped and terminate in a bristle-like spicule.
Total length of contracted specimen 120\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 80\(\mu\), of ventral plate 82\(\mu\), width of dorsal plate 62\(\mu\), of ventral plate 55\(\mu\); width of anterior margin 55\(\mu\); length of toes, 38\(\mu\).

*Lecane clara* was found by Bryce in sphagnum; we have found it in weedy ponds at Kenilworth and Hyattsville, near Washington, District of Columbia, and at Oceanville, near Atlantic City, New Jersey.

**LECANE RHACOIS** Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XVII, figures 1, 2.

The integument is so flexible that there is no justification for calling it a lorica. As in the case of *L. clara* fully contracted specimens are seldom obtained and even then they are virtually shapeless balls. The characteristic features are the posterior segment, foot and toes. The posterior segment is limited anteriorly by a distinct fold, representing the termination of the dorsal plate; it is rounded posteriorly and projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and very obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is pyriform and somewhat indistinct, the second joint short, broad and squarish, projecting about half its length beyond the posterior segment. The toes are long, stout, straight and nearly parallel-sided; the edges are not true straight lines, but very slightly wavy and irregular, varying individually, the points are blunt and have a minute terminal spicule.

Total length, extended 140\(\mu\), contracted 100\(\mu\); length of toes 40\(\mu\).

*Lecane rhacois* is common in wet sphagnum growing in an old gravel pit at Hyattsville, near Washington, District of Columbia, and under similar conditions in Oneida and Vilas Counties, Wisconsin.

**LECANE INERMIS** (Bryce)

Plate XXXIII, figures 1, 2.

*Distyla inermis* Bryce, Science Gossip, vol. 28, 1892, p. 274, text fig.—


Lecane inermis Harring, Bull. 81 U. S. Nat. Mus., 1913, p. 61.—
544, pl. 23, figs. 1, 2.—Hauer, Zool. Anz., vol. 61, 1924, p. 148.

The loria is membranous and very flexible and the outlines of
the dorsal and ventral plates somewhat variable, but nevertheless fairly constant. The outline of the fully contracted loria is broadly pyriform and rounded posteriorly. The anterior margins are coincident and usually straight, dependent somewhat on the degree of contraction; the loria is widely open in front, even when fully contracted. The dorsal plate is approximately parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is broadly ovate and considerably wider than the dorsal plate; both are without permanent surface markings. The lateral sulci are represented by the very flexible and slightly concave membrane connecting the dorsal and ventral plates. The posterior segment is small and rounded, projecting nearly its entire length beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is somewhat wedge-shaped and pointed posteriorly, the second joint large and subsquare, projecting slightly beyond the loria. The toes are relatively short, straight and slightly tapering, rounded at the ends and terminate in a very slender, acutely pointed, slightly recurved claw, nearly as long as the toe itself.

Total length 115μ; length of dorsal plate 80μ, of ventral plate 86μ; width of dorsal plate 42μ, of ventral plate 48μ; width of anterior margin 40μ; length of toes without claw 16μ; claw 12μ.

Lecane inermis is common everywhere in wet sphagnum. It is the best known representative of a peculiar group within the genus of virtually illoricate species, composed of L. inermis, L. clara, L. rhacois, L. agilis, L. palinacis and L. calcaria. Their similarity may, however, be a result of simple convergence rather than an indication of any actual relationship.

LECANE PALINACIS Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XXXII, figures 3, 4.

The integument is very flexible and shows no trace of a true loria. The animal contracts very readily and the body assumes an almost spherical form without indications of either a dorsal or ventral plate. The posterior segment is, however, distinctly separated from the body, short and very broad; at its external angles are two prominent, curved, acute spines, probably repre-
senting rudimentary coxal plates. The first foot joint is elongate and somewhat pyriform, lobate posteriorly; the second joint is very large, broadly elliptic anteriorly and sharply indented immediately in front of the toes, projecting beyond the posterior segment nearly two thirds of its length. The toes are fairly long and stout, about one fourth of the total length, straight and very slightly tapering; they terminate in a small, acute, slightly outcurved claw.

Total length, extended 120μ; contracted 75μ; length of body, contracted 60μ; width 47μ; coxal spines 4μ; length of toes without claw 14μ; claw 4μ.

*Lecane palinacis* is fairly common in wet sphagnum in various localities around Washington, District of Columbia, and also in moss forwarded from Massachusetts by Mrs. A. C. Clarke, of the Quckett Microscopical Club.

**LECANE CALCARIA** Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XXXIII, figures 3, 4.

The integument is very flexible and shows but slight traces of a lorica, but the form is fairly constant; the outline is very broadly reversed-ovate. The anterior margin is approximately straight; no anterior spines are present and the lorica is widely open in front when fully contracted. The posterior segment is limited anteriorly by a distinct fold indicating the posterior end of a dorsal plate; the segment is nearly semicircular and projects far beyond the dorsal fold. No lateral sulci are present. The coxal plates are very firm, extremely large, curved and pointed posteriorly and project considerably beyond the posterior segment. The first foot joint is elongate, rather narrow and somewhat indistinct, the second joint very large and broadly ovate, projecting about one third of its length belond the body. The toes are fairly long and very stout, about one fourth of the total length, strongly outcurved, broad at the base and taper rapidly to very acute points.

Total length 65μ; length of body 50μ, width 41μ; width of anterior margin 42μ; toes 15μ.

*Lecane calcaria* was collected in large numbers in a swamp at Oceanville, near Atlantic City, New Jersey, some four years ago; it has not occurred elsewhere.
LECANE NIOTHIS Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XXXIII, figures 5, 6.

The outline of the loria is broadly ovate and somewhat irregular. The integument is quite flexible and the anterior margins variable, but usually strongly convex and coincident. The dorsal plate is subcircular and rounded posteriorly; the facetting is rather faint, but the pattern is quite constant and somewhat unusual. The ventral plate is of the same width and length as the dorsal; its surface markings also differ slightly from the normal pattern. The lateral sulci are indistinct. The posterior segment is short, broad and rounded; it projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are very small, rounded and indistinct. The first foot joint is indistinct and ovate, the second large and broadly pyriform. The toes are fairly long and stout, slightly less than one third of the total length, parallel-sided at the base and taper gradually to acute points without any claw.

Total length 70μ; length of loria 50μ, width 48μ; length of toes 20μ.

*Lecane niothis* was collected among the leaves of a species of sphagnum growing on the bottom of some shallow, artificial ponds at Manset, on Mount Desert Island, Maine; it has not been found elsewhere. It is one of the very small, soft-bodied Lecanes, but readily recognized by the well marked loria.

LECANE AGILIS (Bryce)
Plate XXXII, figures 1, 2.


The loria is very soft and flexible and therefore somewhat indefinite in outline; the more usual form is a moderately elongate oval, squarly truncate anteriorly. The lateral edges of the dorsal plate are ill-defined and wavy, the anterior margin straight. The ventral plate is slightly wider than the dorsal and its straight anterior margin projects somewhat beyond the anterior margin of the dorsal plate. Both plates are marked with very faint, irregular ridges in a definite pattern. The posterior segment projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate; the indistinct coxal plates are rounded at the posterior angles. The
first foot joint is very obscure, the second small and pyriform. The toes are very short and blade-shaped with acute, outcurved points; they appear to be fused anteriorly for nearly half of their length.

Total length 55\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 38\(\mu\), of ventral plate 45\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 25\(\mu\), of ventral plate 30\(\mu\); width of anterior dorsal margin 14\(\mu\), ventral margin 20\(\mu\); toes 12\(\mu\).

*Lecane agilis* seems to be found only in wet sphagnum; it appears to be rare, but this may be on account of its minute size and excessive transparency. It moves about among the debris with a peculiar jerky motion, but never swims.

**Genus MONOSTYLA Ehrenberg**

Euchlanid rotifers with illoricate, retractile head and loricate body, strongly compressed dorso-ventrally and oval or ovate in outline; dorsal and ventral plates connected by a flexible membrane, forming lateral and posterior sulci; foot with two extremely short, rudimentary joints, of which only the posterior is movable; toe single; corona of family type; mastax modified malleate, with a piston attached to its ventral wall; eyespot single and at the posterior end of ganglion; retroeerebral sac usually present, but no suberebral glands.

**Type of the genus.**—*Monostyla cornuta* (Müller) = *Trichoda cornuta* Müller.

The following species have not been studied. We may say that the specimen from which Murray described his *Monostyla cochlearis* was sent to us by the late Mr. Rousselet; it was in such poor condition that we consider it a very doubtful species.

*Monostyla amazonica* MURRAY, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 354, pl. 15, fig. 34.
*Monostyla asymetrica* MURRAY, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 361, pl. 15, fig. 44.
*Monostyla cochlearis* MURRAY, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 361, pl. 15, fig. 45.
*Monostyla lordii* GOSSE, in Hudson and Gosse, Rotifera, 1886, vol. 2, p. 99, pl. 25, fig. 5.
Monostyla macrogynatha SCHMARDIA, Neue wirbellose Thiere, 1859, vol. 1, p. 59, pl. 14, fig. 134.
Monostyla ópóhthalma SCHMARDIA, Neue wirbellose Thiere, 1859, vol. 1, p. 59, pl. 14, fig. 126.
Monostyla ovalis JAKUBSKY, Rozpr. Wiad. Muz. Dzieduszyckich, vol. 1, 1914, p. 34, pl. 1, fig. 11.
Monostyla paradoxa STEINECKE.

**MONOSTYLA LUNARIS (EHRENBERG)**

Plate XXXV, figures 1–6.


The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate; its width is about two thirds of the length. The anterior margin of the dorsal plate is narrow and has a V-shaped sinus, broadly rounded at the posterior angle; the ventral margin is wide and the sinus deep, occasionally with minute, lateral cusps opposite the anterior points of the dorsal plate. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is somewhat narrower than the dorsal and broadly oval. The surface markings consist of a transverse dorsal fold at the base of the anterior sinus and a transverse ventral fold a short distance in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is large and rounded; it projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are rather small and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is short, parallel-sided and somewhat indistinct, the second joint subsquare and robust. The toe is very long and slender, more than one third of the total length, straight and parallel-sided; it has two faint annular constructions, dividing it into three nearly equal sections. The claw is long, slender and acutely pointed; at the base are two minute spicules.
Total length 165μ; length of dorsal plate 100μ, of ventral plate 118μ; width of dorsal plate 86μ, of ventral plate 80μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 30μ, ventral margin 43μ; toe without claw 58μ; claw 8μ.

Monostyla lunaris is abundant in weedy ponds all over the world. The outline of the anterior margin varies considerably according to the degree of contraction; the form of figures 1 and 2 is what may be expected in collections preserved in alcoholic mixtures and should be considered fully contracted. Figures 3 and 4 represent the normal form, with a shallower anterior sinus and broader anterior margin. At English Creek and in a cranberry bog near Egg Harbor, New Jersey, occurs a peculiar variety, shown in figures 5 and 6; the loria is much broader than in the normal form and the posterior segment is angular and squarely truncate; the claw has a distinct median line, but is not actually double.

Monostyla virga Harring, described from the Isthmus of Panama, appears to be a form of M. lunaris, the differences noted being probably due to the preservative used.

MONOSTYLA CRENATA Harring
Plate XXXVI, figures 5, 6.


The outline of the loria is broadly ovate; its width is about two thirds of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is very slightly concave; the ventral plate has a deep anterior sinus, rounded at the bottom and with curved, convex sides. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and slightly truncate posteriorly. The ventral plate is broadly oval and somewhat narrower than the dorsal plate. The surface markings are limited to a transverse ventral fold a short distance in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is small and rounded; it projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are rather small and obtusely pointed; they do not reach beyond the first foot joint. This is oval; the second joint is robust and somewhat elongate reniform. The toe is extremely long and slender, a little less than half the total length, straight and parallel-sided, terminating in a short claw with two minute basal spicules.

Total length 200μ; length of dorsal plate 108μ, of ventral plate
116μ; width of dorsal plate 92μ, of ventral plate 82μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 38μ, of ventral margin 42μ; toe without claw 84μ; claw 8μ.

Monostyla crenata is widely distributed in weedy ponds; we have collected it around Washington, District of Columbia; Polk County, Florida; at Atlantic City, New Jersey; in Oneida and Vilas Counties, Wisconsin, and on Mount Desert Island, Maine; it was common in collections made by Dr. Birge during the Great Lakes Biological Investigations in 1899, and by Dr. Birge and Mr. Juday in Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana in 1903. James Murray found it at Sydney, Australia, and in New Zealand.

**Monostyla acus Haring**

Plate XXXVI, figures 3, 4.


The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate; its width is more than four fifths of the length. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are identical in outline, with a shallow, broadly V-shaped sinus; the ventral margin projects very slightly beyond the dorsal. No anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is broadly oval and truncate posteriorly. The ventral plate is somewhat narrower than the dorsal and oval in outline; there is a transverse ventral fold in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is truncate and very large, projecting its entire length beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and rounded. The first foot joint is parallel-sided and rounded anteriorly; the second joint is large and slightly angular. The toe is extremely long and slender, nearly half the entire length, parallel-sided and straight, with three internal annular constructions, equally spaced from the foot; the claw is long and slender and has two minute, basal spicules.

Total length 180μ; length of dorsal plate 85μ, of ventral plate 100μ; width of dorsal plate 82μ, of ventral plate 72μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 40μ, of ventral margin 44μ; length of toe without claw 70μ; claw 10μ.
Monostyla acus is common in wet sphagnum in the United States wherever we have made collections. Hauer reports it as common in the Schwarzwald.

**MONOSTYLA BULLA** Gosse

Plate XXXVII, figures 1, 2.


The outline of the very firm loricca is somewhat elongate ovate; its width is about three fifths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin has a shallow, V-shaped anterior sinus with a large, median notch for the protrusion of the dorsal antenna. The ventral margin has a very deep anterior sinus, rounded at the posterior end and with a very slight cusp near the front. The dorsal plate is slightly elongate ovate and rounded posteriorly; the ventral plate is virtually identical in outline and of the same width. Surface markings are limited to a transverse, ventral fold in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is small and rounded; it projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are very small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is short, broad and somewhat indistinct, the second joint large and somewhat triangular, narrowed posteriorly. The toe is very long and slender, about one third of the total length, slightly enlarged in the middle, and ends in a long, slender, acute claw with distinct basal spicules. The claw has a distinct median line, but is not divided.

Total length 170μ; length of dorsal plate 112μ, of ventral plate 118μ; width of loricca 76μ; width of anterior margin 36μ; length of toe without claw 46μ; claw 12μ.

*Monostyla bulla* is abundant everywhere in weedy ponds all over the world. The form of the anterior margin is somewhat dependent on the degree of contraction of the loricca.

**MONOSTYLA STYRAX** Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XXXVII, figures 3, 4.

The loricca is very firm and its outline broadly ovate; its width is about three fourths of the length. The anterior margin is narrow and has a wide, median, elliptic notch for the protrusion of the dorsal antenna. The ventral margin has a deep, straight-sided anterior sinus, rounded posteriorly. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly; the ventral plate is nearly identical in outline and of the same width. No surface markings are present except a ventral, transverse fold in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are very deep. The posterior segment is very short and rounded; it projects very slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are very small and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is very short, broad and somewhat indistinct, the second joint large and slightly hexa-
gonal. The toe is very long and slender, more than one third of the total length, and is narrowed at one third of its length; from this point it increases slightly in width and finally tapers to a blunt, obscurely wrinkled point. The claw is extremely long, slender and acutely pointed.

Total length 200μ; length of dorsal plate 124μ, of ventral plate 128μ; width of lorica 90μ; width of anterior margin 32μ; length of toe without claw 52μ; claw 24μ.

*Monostyla styxax* is not rare in soft water ponds; we have collected it in Oneida and Vilas counties, Wisconsin, on Mount Desert Island, Maine, and at Atlantic City, New Jersey. It is related to *M. bulla*, but differs considerably in the form of the anterior margin, the foot and the toe; the long, needle-like claw is without a parallel in the genus.

**MONOSTYLA GONIATA** Harring and Myers, new species.

Plate XXXVII, figures 5, 6.

The outline of the lorica is very broadly ovate and somewhat angular; its width is about four fifths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin has a very shallow, V-shaped sinus with a broad, nearly semicircular excision for the dorsal antenna; the ventral sinus is very deep, narrow and rounded posteriorly with a minute cusp near the front. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate-angular and sharply pointed posteriorly. The ventral plate is of approximately the same width and outline as the dorsal plate, but distinctly narrowed in front of the foot. No surface markings are present. The lateral sulci are fairly deep, but not visible in either the dorsal or ventral view. The posterior segment is rather small, somewhat angular and slightly concave terminally. The coxal plates are small and obtusely rounded. The first foot joint is short, very broad and somewhat indistinct, the second joint large and roughly trapezoidal, projecting slightly beyond the lorica. The toe is very long, about one third of the total length, stout and spindle-shaped; it is distinctly enlarged near mid-length and terminates in a very acute, conical point resembling a claw and having a median line, which does not indicate a division, but possibly the opening of the mucus duct.

Total length 200μ; length of lorica 145μ; width of lorica 115μ; width of anterior margin 40μ; length of toe 65μ.
Monostyla goniata has been collected in large numbers in a shallow pond at Eagle River, Vilas County, Wisconsin, and in a cranberry bog at English Creek, near Atlantic City, New Jersey. It is closely related to M. bulla, but differs in so many details that it seems advisable to list it as a distinct species.

**Monostyla quadridentata** Ehrenberg

Plate XXXVIII, figures 3–5.


Lepadella cornuta Schmarda, Neue wirbellose Thiere, 1859, vol. 1, p. 58, pl. 14, fig. 122; not Lepadella cornuta (Müller) of Bory de St. Vincent, 1826.

Metopidea cornuta HUDSON and GOSSE, Rotifera, Suppl., 1889, p. 47, pl. 34, fig. 3.


The outline of the lorica is very broadly ovate; its width is about three fourths of the total length. The anterior margin is relatively narrow; the dorsal plate has a very deep and narrow,
pyriform median sinus for the protrusion of the dorsal antenna; the sinus is flanked by two stout, outcurved and decurved spines. The ventral plate has a deep, sharply pointed V-shaped sinus, its sides very slightly convex near the front; two minute frontal spines are present. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate, slightly truncate posteriorly; the anterior margin is but one-half of the greatest width. The ventral plate is of approximately the same outline as the dorsal and somewhat narrower. Surface markings are limited to two divergent dorsal folds or ribs, originating on the anterior spines, and a ventral transverse fold in front of the foot. The posterior segment is small and rounded; it is not covered by the dorsal plate. The lateral sulci are deep. The coxal plates are small and obtusely rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is elongate oval and rather narrow, the second joint elongate, narrow and subcylindric. The toe is very long, about one third of the total length, slender, parallel-sided and has a faint annular constriction near the posterior end; the claw has two small basal spicules and is very long, slender and acutely pointed.

Total length 225μ; length of dorsal plate 130μ, of ventral plate 142μ; width of dorsal plate 96μ, of ventral plate 110μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 30μ, of ventral margin 50μ; length of toe without claw 52μ; claw 16μ.

Monostyla quadridentata is one of the commonest rotifers in weedy ponds in the United States and is apparently widely distributed on other continents; according to Bryce it is, strangely enough, rare in Great Britain.

The male is shown in figure 5; we believe this is the only male Monostyla known or identified. Unfortunately there is very little to add to the figure; the loria is fairly rigid and so deeply colored with the characteristic yellowish-brown tint so conspicuous in the female that it is impossible to make out the internal anatomy. Its length is 100μ; toe 23μ.

**Monostyla Lamellata** Daday

Plate XXXIX, figures 5, 6.

The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate; its width is about three fourths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin has a moderately deep sinus with sinuate sides and rounded posteriorly; the ventral sinus is lunate and slightly deeper than the dorsal sinus. At the external angles are two very large, acutely triangular spines or cusps. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is very slightly narrower than the dorsal and the outline nearly identical; it is marked with a distinct transverse ventral fold in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are fairly deep and terminate at a considerable distance from the anterior spines, nearly at the level of the anterior sinus. The posterior segment is short, rounded posteriorly and produced laterally as two acute, triangular cusps; it projects in its entire length beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are large and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is small and parallel-sided, the second joint small and rounded. The toe is long and stout, more than one fourth of the entire length, slightly enlarged beyond mid-length; it terminates in a large, acute claw with basal spicules and a median mucous groove.

Total length 260μ; length of dorsal plate 168μ, of ventral plate 190μ; width of dorsal plate 128μ, of ventral plate 120μ; width of anterior spines 72μ; width of posterior segment 70μ; length of toe without claw 58μ; claw 17μ.

Monostyla lamellata was described by Daday from a slightly alkaline lake in the Hungarian Alföld at Halas, in the county Pest-Pilis-Solt-Kiskun between the Danube and the Theiss, Skorikov found it in “salt” lakes near Kharkov, Russia. Bryce records this species from Devils Lake, North Dakota, and we have found it in collections made by Mr. Juday in alkaline waters at San Cristóbal, near Mexico City. As far as now known, it is confined to alkaline waters and has never been found in strictly fresh water.

Monostyla Thalera Harring and Myers, new species

Plate XXXIX, figures 3, 4.

The outline of the lorica is broadly oval; its width is about three fourths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is con-
cave and sinuate; the ventral margin has a moderately deep, V-shaped sinus, slightly rounded at the apex. At the external angles are two small anterior spines. The dorsal plate is subrhomboid and rounded posteriorly; the ventral plate is of approximately the same outline and a little narrower than the dorsal plate; it is marked with a transverse fold in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are fairly deep and do not quite reach the anterior margin. The posterior segment is large and somewhat angular, truncate posteriorly, and projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are large and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is elongate ovate, the second joint very large and somewhat prismatic. The toe is long and stout, a little less than one third of the total length, spindle-shaped and enlarged near the middle; the claw is long, stout and acutely pointed and has small, basal spicules and a median mucous groove.

Total length 240μ; length of dorsal plate 150μ, of ventral plate 160μ; width of dorsal plate 128μ, of ventral plate 115μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 60μ, of ventral margin 75μ; length of toe without claw 58μ; claw 18μ.

Monostyla thalera was first found in material collected by Mr. Juday in alkaline ditches draining into the large, very shallow Lago de San Cristóbal, near Mexico City. It was abundant in collections made by Dr. W. E. Allen in sloughs of the San Joaquin River, at Stockton, California; here the water is probably slightly brackish, rather than alkaline, as there is a tide of 3 feet and the gradient of the river is very slight between Stockton and the Bay of San Francisco. This is probably the species listed by Bryce as Monostyla lamellata var. from Devils Lake, South Dakota. Although there is, perhaps, a certain superficial similarity between these two forms, they differ so much in detail that there can be no doubt of their being specifically distinct, even though they are the two largest species of the genus and sometimes occur together.

MONOSTYLA STENROOSI Meissner
Plate XXXIX, figures 1, 2.

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Soc., 1913, p. 355, pl. 15, fig. 35.—SACHSE, Arch. Hydr., vol. 10, 1914, p. 71, fig. 11.


The outline of the lorica is very broadly oval; its width is about five sixths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is straight and narrow, the lateral sulci reducing its width somewhat. The ventral margin has a shallow, rounded sinus with strongly convex sides and externally two short, stout, incurved, hooklike frontal spines. The dorsal plate is oval and narrowed anteriorly. The ventral plate is very broadly oval and in its posterior half projects beyond the dorsal plate, both laterally and posteriorly. The surface markings consist of a transverse ventral fold in front of the foot and two pairs of short ridges directed outwards and backwards. The lateral sulci are deep, especially so in the anterior half, where they produce the peculiar indentation shown on the ventral plate and terminating rather abruptly, to reappear on the dorsal side; this accounts for the distinct angle at the edges of both plates. The posterior segment is very broad and rounded, its limits ill-defined. The coxal plates are large and semielliptic. The first foot joint is oval and somewhat indistinct, the second joint robust and rhomboid. The toe is long and stout, about one third of the total length, slightly tapering and very slightly enlarged near the middle; the claw is short, stout, acutely pointed and has two distinct basal spicules.

Total length 175μ; length of dorsal plate 105μ, of ventral plate 118μ; width of lorica 96μ; width of anterior dorsal margin, less exposed part of lateral sulci, 44μ, of ventral margin over spines 35μ; length of toe without claw 40μ; claw 11μ.

Monostyla stevensoi is not common; Stenroos found it in Finland, Voronkov in collections made on the Shat-el-Arab, Murray at Rio de Janeiro, Sachse at Trachenberg in Schlesien and Meissner on the shores of the Amu-Darja. We have collected it at Los Angeles, California, in small numbers; it was fairly common in material forwarded by Dr. N. Gist Gee from Soochow, in Kiang-su, China.
MONOSTYLA CORNUTA (MüLLER).

Plate XL, figures 5, 6.

Trichoda cornuta MüLLER, Animalcula Infusoria, 1786, p. 208, pl. 30, figs. 1–3.


Notommata cornuta EHRENBERG, Isis (Oken), vol. 23, 1830, col. 767.


Monostyla truncata TURNER, Bull. Denison Univ., vol. 6, 1892, p. 62, pl. 1, fig. 11.


The lorica is almost circular or very slightly elliptic. The dorsal and ventral plates have a fairly deep, lunate anterior sinus. The dorsal plate is circular in outline and without any surface markings; the angles of the anterior sinus are somewhat obtuse and without spines; a curved fold, starting at the bottom of the dorsal sinus and joining the external edges some distance from the anterior points, is formed when the head is completely retracted. The ventral plate is as wide as the dorsal plate and nearly identical in outline, very slightly narrower in the posterior half. The lateral sulci are very deep. The posterior segment of the body is short, very broad and somewhat indistinct, projecting very little beyond the dorsal plate; the coxal plates are broad, bluntly pointed and not very prominent. The first foot joint is moderately large and rather obscure, the second reniform and well marked; in front of the foot is a well marked transverse fold, indicating the limits of the body proper and the foot. The toe is parallel-sided, about one fourth of the total length, and ends in a large claw with a median groove and two distinct basal spicules; in some specimens the claw appears to be double.

Total length 190μ; length of dorsal plate 134μ, of ventral plate 138μ; width of lorica 132μ; width of anterior sinus 65μ, depth 13μ; length of toe without claw 45μ; claw 12μ.

Monostyla cornuta is abundant in weedy ponds everywhere in the United States; there is very little reliable information on its occurrence elsewhere, as existing descriptions are unsatisfactory and somewhat contradictory. We have followed Jennings in accepting this form as the animal identified by Ehrenberg with Müller’s description; it also agrees fairly well with the description and figures of Hudson and Gosse.

A diminutive form of this species is found in collections from the Isthmus of Panama, which measures: total length 120μ; length of lorica 85μ; length of toe without claw 28μ, claw 9μ. With the exception of its small size and the relatively much longer claw it agrees in other respects with the normal form, which is abundant on the Isthmus.
**MONOSTYLA SYLVATICA** Harring

Plate XL, figures 3, 4.


The lorica is subcircular in outline; its width is equal to the length. The anterior margin of the dorsal plate is very narrow and concave; the ventral margin is much wider and has a shallow, V-shaped sinus with flaring sides; no anterior spines are present. The dorsal plate is subcircular and truncate posteriorly. The ventral plate is broadly oval and only four fifths of the width of the dorsal plate. A well marked transverse fold on the ventral plate, a short distance in front of the foot, is the only surface marking present. There are no lateral sulci in the contracted animals; the dorsal and ventral plates are joined by a virtually flat, unbroken membrane. The posterior segment is small and rounded; it projects but little beyond the posterior plate. The coxal plates are rather small and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is somewhat indistinct, the second short, broad and reniform. The toe is very long and slender, about one third of the total length, parallel-sided and slightly decurved. The claw is short and acute; it has a distinct median line, but does not appear to be actually divided.

Total length 150μ; length of dorsal plate 96μ, of ventral plate 100μ; width of dorsal plate 100μ, of ventral plate 82μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 32μ, ventral margin 53μ; length of toe without claw 44μ; claw 8μ.

*Monostyla sylvatica* was quite common among mosses and hepatics growing on rocks in the bed of a gently flowing stream in the woods north of the Bureau of Standards, in Washington, District of Columbia; the little stream is now polluted and uninhabitable for rotifers. No other localities are known for this species.

**MONOSTYLA COPEIS** Harring and Myers, new species.

Plate XLI, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the lorica is very broadly ovate; its width is more than four fifths of the length. The anterior margins are coincident and very slightly concave. The dorsal plate is subcircular and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is nearly parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly; it is consid-
erably narrower than the dorsal plate and its margins ill-defined and wavy. Surface markings consist of a transverse ventral fold in front of the foot and some short, curved folds on each side of the foot. The lateral sulci are indistinct and shallow. The posterior segment is fairly large and rounded; it projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is parallel-sided and squarely truncate posteriorly, the second joint heart-shaped. The toe is spindle-shaped and much enlarged in the middle, ending in a stout, acute claw; its length is slightly less than one fourth of the total length.

Total length 130μ; length of dorsal plate 88μ, of ventral plate 94μ; width of dorsal plate 80μ, of ventral plate 65μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 50μ, of ventral margin 58μ; length of toe without claw 33μ; claw 5μ.

Monostyla copeis was collected by Dr. H. L. Shantz in Prospect Lake, on the slopes of Pikes Peak, Colorado, at an altitude of 1830 meters, and by Dr. Paul Galtsoff in Lake Pepin, Wisconsin. The specimens from Colorado are slightly smaller and the claw relatively longer; the toe is also somewhat broader, but there is no doubt of their specific identity.

MONOSTYLA RHOPALURA Harring and Myers, new species.
Plate XLI, figures 3, 4.

Monostyla closterocerca JENNINGS, Bull. Michigan Fish Comm. No. 3, 1894, p. 25, fig. 9.—HEMPEL, Bull. Illinois State Lab. Nat. Hist. vol. 5, 1898, p. 376; not Monostyla closterocerca SCHMARD. The outline of the lorica is broadly oval; its width is four fifths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is very narrow and has a rather shallow, V-shaped sinus, rounded posteriorly; the ventral margin is crescentic; the external angles are moderately acute, both dorsally and ventrally. The dorsal plate is broadly oval and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is oval and slightly narrower than the dorsal; it has a transverse fold in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is large and rounded and protrudes nearly full length beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are large and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is semi-elliptic; the second joint is large and pyriform. The toe is long and stout, nearly one third of the total length, fusiform and much en-
larged in the middle; the claw is long, slender and acutely pointed, with a median line or indistinct groove.

Total length 180μ; length of dorsal plate 115μ, of ventral plate 130μ; width of dorsal plate 98μ, of ventral plate 90μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 36μ, of ventral margin 50μ; length of toe without claw 46μ; claw 8μ.

*Monostyla rhopalura* is locally common; we have collected it around Atlantic City, New Jersey; at Eagle River, Vilas County, Wisconsin, and on Mount Desert Island, Maine. Jennings collected it in ponds on the shores of Lake Erie and in inland lakes in Michigan.

**MONOSTYLIS PIDES** Harring and Myers, new species.

Plate XLII, figures 5, 6.

The outline of the loria is nearly circular; its width is equal to the length. The dorsal plate is subcircular, with very slight, lateral indentations near the posterior end. The ventral plate is somewhat narrower than the dorsal and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The anterior dorsal margin is very narrow and cuspidate, with a deep, V-shaped sinus, which has, for the protrusion of the dorsal antenna, a large, median notch, squarely truncate posteriorly. The ventral sinus is deeply lunate. Surface markings are limited to the usual transverse fold in front of the foot and two dorsal transverse lines, one at the bottom of the anterior sinus and another near the end of the dorsal plate. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is short and does not project beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are minute and scale-like; they are smaller than in any other species of this group and do not extend beyond the first foot joint. The foot is unusually robust and both joints very broad and short. The toe is long, about one third of the total length, extremely broad and parallel-sided, narrowed at the base and rounded posteriorly; it is compressed dorso-ventrally and oval in cross section. The claw is short and triangular.

Total length 160μ; length of dorsal plate 122μ, of ventral plate 122μ; width of dorsal plate 108μ, of ventral plate 100μ; width of anterior margin 32μ; length of toe without claw 45μ; claw 6μ.

*Monostyla pides* was collected among submerged mosses in Bubble Pond, Mount Desert Island, Maine. Its nearest relatives are probably *M. cornuta* and *M. rhopalura*.
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MONOSTYLA SCUTATA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XL, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the loric is subcircular; its width is nearly equal to the length. The anterior margins are coincident and very slightly concave, the dorsal margin slightly narrower than the ventral; anterior spines are not present. The dorsal plate is subcircular and rounded posteriorly; the ventral plate is parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly. Surface markings are limited to a transverse fold on the ventral plate, in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are rather shallow and indistinct. The posterior segment is broad and rounded and projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are fairly large and obtusely rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is pyriform and rounded posteriorly, the second joint short and very broadly elliptic. The toe is long and fairly stout, about one third of the total length, parallel-sided for about three fourths of its length and tapering to the long, slender and acute claw.

Total length 100μ; length of dorsal plate 62μ, of ventral plate 70μ; width of dorsal plate 65μ, of ventral plate 50μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 44μ, ventral margin 48μ; length of toe without claw 28μ; claw 5μ.

Monostyla scutata was collected in small numbers in Ottman Lake, near Waupaca, Wisconsin. No other localities are known for this species.

MONOSTYLA PYGMAEA Daday
Plate XLII, figures 1, 2.


Monostyla turbo Murray, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 558, pl. 22, fig. 11.

The outline of the loric is broadly ovate; its width is about three fourths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is straight, the ventral margin convex with a small, shallow, rounded median sinus; this species shares with M. obtusa the peculiarity of having the anterior dorsal margin wider than the ventral. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and rounded pos-
teriorly. The ventral plate is ovate and somewhat narrower than the dorsal plate, especially in front. There is a fairly prominent transverse ventral fold above the foot. The lateral sulci are fairly deep. The posterior segment is large and rounded; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is somewhat indistinct and widest anteriorly, the second joint roughly hexagonal and slightly inside the posterior edge of the lorica. The toe is long and straight, about one fourth of the total length, and ends in a small, acute claw with median dividing line and without basal spicules.

Total length 125μ; length of dorsal plate 80μ, of ventral plate 88μ; width of dorsal plate 72μ, of ventral plate 65μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 58μ, of ventral margin 48μ; length of toe without claw 37μ; claw 5μ.

Monostyla pygmaea is common in wet sphagnum; we have collected it around Washington, District of Columbia; at Atlantic City, New Jersey; in Polk County, Florida; in Oneida and Vilas Counties, Wisconsin and on Mount Desert Island, Maine. Hauer reports it from the Schwarzwald. Murray found it among Rousselet's collections from Clare Island, Ireland.

MONOSTYLA ORNATA Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XXXVI, figures 1, 2.

The lorica is broadly ovate; its width is about three fourths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is slightly convex; the ventral has a small median sinus, broadly rounded at the bottom and with convex sides. The dorsal plate is broadly oval and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is nearly paralleled for half its length and very bluntly triangular posteriorly. The surface markings are unique and must be studied from the figures; they consist of a system of raised ridges with lateral buttresses or branches at close intervals, but the usual pattern of facets is not traceable. The lateral sulci are shallow and the margins of the ventral plate somewhat undulate. The posterior segment is narrow and rounded posteriorly; it projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are very small and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is large and conical, the second subcircular, slightly reduced in front of the toe and well within the posterior segment. The toe is long and slender,
about one third of the total length, straight and parallel-sided with a distinct annular constriction near the posterior end; the claw is long, fairly stout and acutely pointed.

Total length 130\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 82\(\mu\), of ventral plate 87\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 68\(\mu\), of ventral plate 60\(\mu\); width of anterior margin 55\(\mu\); length of toe without claw 38\(\mu\); claw 7\(\mu\).

*Monostyla ornata* was collected in large numbers in a swamp at Oceanville, near Atlantic City, New Jersey. No other localities are known for this very interesting species.

**MONOSTYLA OBTUSA Murray**
Plate XLII, figures 5, 6.


The outline of the lorica is broadly oval; its width is three fourths of the length. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are coincident and straight; at the external angles are two minute frontal spines. The dorsal plate is broadly oval and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is considerably narrower than the dorsal plate and broadly oval; it is somewhat flexible and its margins rather indefinite. The lorica is without any surface markings. The lateral sulci are shallow and ill-defined. The posterior segment is small and rounded, projecting very little beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are moderately large and obtusely rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is parallel-sided and indistinct, the second joint fairly large and subsquare, projecting slightly beyond the lorica. The toe is fairly long and straight, about one fourth of the total length, spindle-shaped, narrow at the base and slightly enlarged towards the posterior end; the claw is fairly long, acutely pointed and has a median dividing line without being double; two basal spicules are present.

Total length 115\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 76\(\mu\), of ventral plate 80\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 70\(\mu\), of ventral plate 58\(\mu\); width of anterior dorsal margin 58\(\mu\), of ventral margin 48\(\mu\); length of toe without claw 32\(\mu\); claw 7\(\mu\).
Monostyla obtusa was collected by Murray at Rio de Janeiro. It seems to be rare; we have found it common in collections from the Panama Canal Zone, and a few specimens in material from Audubon Park, in New Orleans, Louisiana, collected by Dr. Birge and Mr. Juday in 1903 and also in Sphagnum forwarded from Hubbardstown, Massachusetts, by Mrs. A. C. Clarke. Hauer reports it common in sphagnum bogs in the Schwarzwald and apparently this is the animal found by Steinecke in the Zehlau Bruch near Königsberg.

Monostyla vassita Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XLII, figures 3, 4.

The outline of the lorica is very broadly reversed-ovate; its width is but little less than the length. The anterior margins are nearly coincident; the dorsal is very slightly concave and the ventral straight. The dorsal plate is very broadly oval and rounded posteriorly; the ventral plate is much narrower and oval in outline; it has a transverse and two longitudinal folds. The lateral sulci are shallow and ill-defined. The posterior segment is large and rounded; it projects with its entire length beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are large and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is very long, constricted near the posterior, lobate end; the second joint is robust, very broad and roughly pentagonal in outline. The toe is long and slender, about one third of the total length, parallel-sided and obtuse posteriorly; the claw is long, slender and acutely pointed with a median mucous groove.

Total length 130μ; length of dorsal plate 78μ, of ventral plate 90μ; width of dorsal plate 78μ, of ventral plate 62μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 65μ, of ventral margin 50μ; length of toe without claw 35μ; claw 7μ.

Monostyla vastita was collected in Round Pond, on Mount Desert Island, Maine; this is the only location known for this species. It resembles M. obtusa in having the dorsal anterior margin wider than the ventral, but differs in nearly every other respect, and there can be no confusion between these two species.
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**MONOSTYLA TETHIS** Harring and Myers, new species
Plate XXXVIII, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the lorica is very broadly oval; its width is but little less than the length. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are coincident and straight. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and narrowly truncate posteriorly. The ventral plate is as wide as the dorsal and very broadly oval. The dorsal faceting is of an unusual pattern and very regular; each facet is bounded by double longitudinal lines. The surface markings of the ventral plate are also somewhat aberrant, as shown in figure 2. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior segment is very short and broadly rounded; it projects very slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are large and nearly semicircular. The first foot joint is rudimentary and indistinct, the second joint large and subcircular. The toe is long, nearly one third of the total length, straight and very slightly tapering; the claw is fairly long, slender and acutely pointed.

Total length 100µ; length of dorsal plate 70µ, of ventral plate 74µ; width of lorica 62µ; width of anterior dorsal margin 42µ, of ventral margin 53µ; length of toe without claw 24µ; claw 6µ.

*Monostyla tethis* was collected in small numbers among sphagnum from Aunt Bettys Pond, Mount Desert Island, Maine. No other localities for this species are known.

**MONOSTYLA RUGOSA** Harring
Plate XLIII, figures 3, 4.


The outline of the lorica is very broadly ovate; its width is slightly greater than the length. The anterior margins are nearly coincident, the dorsal slightly convex and the ventral straight. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and narrowly truncate posteriorly; the faceting resembles closely the usual pattern except in the anterior row, which is irregular. The ventral plate is flexible and its margins somewhat indefinite, but it is roughly subsquare and rounded posteriorly; the pattern of the surface markings is fairly complex. The lateral sulci are indistinct
and shallow. The posterior segment is very short and broad; it is almost completely covered by the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are fairly large and semicircular. The toe is long, about one third of the total length, robust and parallel-sided; the long claw is distinctly double, but the two parts are rarely separated.

Total length 84\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 54\(\mu\), of ventral plate 57\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 62\(\mu\), of ventral plate 56\(\mu\); width of anterior dorsal margin 34\(\mu\), of ventral margin 45\(\mu\); length of toe without claw 21\(\mu\); claw 6\(\mu\).

*Monostyla rugosa* is common in the Panama Canal Zone; we have not found it in the United States. Fadeev records it from Kharkov, Russia.

**MONOSTYLA ELACHIS Harring and Myers, new species**

Plate XLIII, figures 1, 2.

The outline of the loria is subcircular; its width is nearly equal to the length. The anterior dorsal margin is slightly convex; the ventral margin has a shallow median concavity and is convex towards the external angles; no frontal spines are present. The dorsal plate is subcircular and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is nearly parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly; it is narrower than the dorsal plate. The anterior row of facets on the dorsal plate is very regular; the rest of the facetting is of the usual pattern; the ventral plate has a fairly prominent transverse fold in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are deep. The posterior segment is moderately large and rounded; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and obtusely rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is short and rather indistinct, the second joint is large and heartshaped. The toe is fairly long, more than one fourth of the total length, straight and parallel-sided, terminating in a short, acutely pointed claw.

Total length 90\(\mu\); length of dorsal plate 62\(\mu\), of ventral plate 68\(\mu\); width of dorsal plate 62\(\mu\), of ventral plate 54\(\mu\); width of anterior dorsal margin 40\(\mu\), of ventral margin 50\(\mu\); toe without claw 20\(\mu\); claw 4\(\mu\).

*Monostyla elachis* is common in weedy ponds in the United States; whether it occurs elsewhere is as yet unknown. It has considerable resemblance to other small species of the genus, but is one of the few with dorsal facetting, which, if not very prominent, is at least very constant.
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MONOSTYLA FURCATA Murray
Plate XLIII, figures 5, 6.


The outline of the lorica is broadly oval or subcircular; its width is but little less than the length, and the integument is semi-flexible. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are wide, straight and coincident. The dorsal plate is subcircular and without posterior truncation. The ventral plate is roughly parallel-sided anteriorly and rounded posteriorly. Surface markings are limited to a transverse fold on the ventral plate in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are fairly deep, the posterior segment is rounded and almost completely covered by the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is parallel-sided and somewhat indistinct, the second joint nearly spherical. The toe is short and stout, about one fourth of the total length, straight and parallel-sided, terminating in two very distinct claws, immove and separated by a V-shaped notch.

Total length 100μ; length of dorsal plate 75μ, of ventral plate 78μ; width of dorsal plate 70μ, of ventral plate 60μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 48μ, of ventral margin 58μ; length of toe without claws 22μ; claws 5μ.

_MONOSTYLA fuscata_ is probably widely distributed, but has no doubt often been confused with other small species of the genus. Murray found it at Rio de Janeiro; it was common in the collections of the Panama Biological Survey and we have found it at Washington, District of Columbia; around Atlantic City, New Jersey; in Oneida and Vilas Counties, Wisconsin, and on Mount Desert Island, Maine, as well as in collections made by Mr. Juday at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

MONOSTYLA PUNCTATA Murray
Plate XLIV, figures 3, 4.

_MONOSTYLA punctata_ Murray, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 355, pl. 15, fig. 36.

The outline of the lorica is very broadly ovate; its width is nearly equal to the length. The anterior dorsal margin is very slightly convex and very much narrower than the ventral mar-
gin, so that a part of the integument belonging to the lateral sulcus is prominently in view from the dorsal side and equalizes the difference in width between the two plates; the ventral margin is slightly concave opposite the dorsal plate and from this point recedes at an obtuse angle to the external edge. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is considerably narrower than the dorsal, widest anteriorly and tapers gradually towards the rounded posterior end; it is quite flexible and the edges somewhat ill-defined. The lateral sulci are shallow except at the front, where they make up for the difference in width between the dorsal and ventral plates. The posterior segment is small and rounded; it projects but little beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is very large, but somewhat indistinct; the second joint is large and rounded. The toe is long and slender, more than one fourth of the total length, very slightly enlarged near mid-length and blunted posteriorly; the claw is fairly long, slender and acutely pointed, with a median mucous groove.

Total length 110µ; length of dorsal plate 76µ, of ventral plate 80µ; width of dorsal plate 70µ, of ventral plate 55µ; width of anterior dorsal margin 36µ, of ventral margin 58µ; length of toe without claw 24µ; claw 6µ.

Monostyla punctata was described by Murray from material collected in a brackish lagoon at Rio de Janeiro. We find it abundant in salt ponds and tide pools around Atlantic City, New Jersey. The structure as described by Murray seems very complex; this is evidently due to poor and incompletely retracted material; there is nothing especially remarkable about M. punctata except the great difference between the dorsal and ventral anterior margins.

MONOSTYLA CLOSTEROCERCA Schmarda
Plate XLIV, figures 5, 6.


Monostyla truncata TURNER, Bull. Denison Univ., vol. 6. 1892, p. 62, pl. 1, fig. 11.
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The outline of the lorica is subcircular; its width is virtually equal to the length. The anterior dorsal and ventral margins are coincident and form a shallow, broadly V-shaped sinus with widely flaring, convex sides. The dorsal plate is nearly circular, rounded posteriorly and its anterior edges curving inwards without actually reaching the anterior margin. The ventral plate is very broadly oval and considerably narrower than the dorsal plate. The surface markings are a faint dorsal fold, originating near the apex of the anterior sinus, and a transverse ventral fold in front of the foot. The lateral sulci are shallow. The posterior segment is very broad and semicircular, and projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are large and rounded posteriorly, terminating slightly beyond the first foot joint; this is indistinct, rather narrow and parallel-sided, the second joint large and varying from subcircular to subsquare. The toe is long, a little less than one third of the total length, parallel-sided for half its length and tapering to a slender, acute point.

Total length, 110μ; length of dorsal plate 72μ, of ventral plate 78μ; width of dorsal plate 75μ, of ventral plate 5μ; width of anterior margin 44μ; length of toe 33μ.

Monostyla closterocerca is abundant everywhere in weedy ponds. Murray's figure shows the toe reduced at the base; this is an error; it is always parallel-sided.

MONOSTYLA PYRIFORMIS DADAY.

Plate XLV, figures 1, 2.


Monostyla truncata MURRAY, Journ. Royal Micr. Soc., 1913, p. 358, pl. 15, fig. 38; not Monostyla truncata TURNER.

The outline of the lorica is very broadly ovate; its width is four fifths of the length. The anterior margins are coincident, straight for the greater part of their length and strongly rounded towards the edges of the lorica. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is ovate and considerably narrower than the dorsal. The lateral sulci are
rudimentary. The posterior segment is small and rounded; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is semi-elliptic; the second joint is robust and subsquare. The toe is very long, about one third of the total length, parallel-sided for one half its length and tapering gradually to a slender, bristle-like point.

Total length 80μ; length of dorsal plate 55μ, of ventral plate 58μ; width of dorsal plate 48μ, of ventral plate 40μ; length of toe 24μ.

Monostyla pyriformis is not rare in wet sphaugnum. We have used Daday’s name for this species, as partly contracted specimens agree perfectly with his figure. Turner’s M. truncata is figured with a straight, acute angled anterior margin, which this species never has; his animal may have been any one of the smaller Monostylas; the details given are insufficient to decide which one and his figure does not inspire much confidence in its accuracy.

MONOSTYLA SUBULATA Harring and Myers, new species.
Plate XLV, figures 3, 4.

The outline of the lorica is very broadly ovate; its width is virtually equal to the length. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are coincident and straight; two minute indentations are usually present near the external angles. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is reduced considerably in width anteriorly and the posterior portion is consequently nearly circular in outline; it is much narrower than the dorsal plate. No surface markings are present on either dorsal or ventral plates. The lateral sulci are somewhat indistinct. The posterior segment is very small and rounded; it projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are rather small and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is semi-elliptic; the second joint is heart-shaped and projects about two thirds of its length beyond the posterior segment. The toe is long and stout, about one fourth of the total length, tapering and has a median line or indistinct groove.

Total length 100μ; length of dorsal plate 64μ, of ventral plate 68μ; width of dorsal plate 65μ, of ventral plate 52μ; width of anterior margin 50μ; length of toe without claw 16μ; claw 10μ.
Monostyla subulata is fairly common in wet sphagnum and is not infrequently found in weedy ponds in the United States; we have found it in sphagnum from Epping Forest, sent to us by Mr. David Bryce.

**MONOSTYLA OPIAS** Harring and Myers, new species.

Plate XLV, figures 5, 6.

The outline of the lorica is very broadly ovate; its width is five sixths of the length. The anterior margins are coincident and straight; at the external angles are two very small, acute frontal spines. The dorsal plate is very broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is broadly ovate and slightly narrower than the dorsal plate; in front of the foot is a fairly conspicuous transverse fold. The lateral sulci are moderately deep. The posterior segment is fairly large and rounded; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed. The first foot joint is small and indistinct; the second is large and rounded. The toe is long, more than one fourth of the total length, and tapers gradually to a slender, bristle-like point.

Total length 100μ; length of dorsal plate 66μ, of ventral plate 72μ; width of dorsal plate 60μ, of ventral plate 55μ; width of anterior spines 45μ; length of toe 28μ.

**Monostyla opias** is rare; we have found it in wet sphagnum from Hyattsville, near Washington, District of Columbia, and from Squirrel Lake, about 15 miles west of Minocqua, Oneida County, Wisconsin; only a few specimens were collected at each station.

**MONOSTYLA MONOSTYLA** (Daday).

Plate XLVI, figures 1, 2.


The lorica is oval in outline; the anterior margins of dorsal and ventral plates are straight and coincident; at the external
angles are two very small spines. The dorsal plate is very slightly narrower than the ventral and rounded posteriorly; it is very flexible and without facetting. The ventral plate is evenly rounded posteriorly and without evident markings; the coxal plates are small and rounded posteriorly. The lateral sulci are fairly deep; hinged to the margin of the dorsal plate is a curved spine, which may be swung outward and folded back into the lateral sulcus. The process of withdrawing the spine from the position shown in the figure is accomplished by a rotation downwards and inwards through an angle of 180 degrees; when the animal is swimming, there is no sign of the spine, concealed in the lateral sulcus with its “posterior” edge turned outwards and conforming to the outer edge of the dorsal plate. The first foot joint is large, the second small and inverted pyriform. The toe is about one fourth the total length, parallel-sided for one half its length and ending in a conical point without claw.

Total length 90μ; length of dorsal plate 58μ, of ventral plate 65μ; width of dorsal plate 47μ, of ventral plate 50μ; anterior points 38μ; toe 25μ.

*Monostyla monostyla* was first found by Daday in material from New Guinea and later in South American collections. We have found this species in numerous localities in the United States: at Washington; around Atlantic City, New Jersey; in Polk county, Florida; numerous places in Wisconsin and on Mt. Desert Island, Maine. It seems confined to wet sphagnum.

**MONOSTYLA ARCUATA** Bryce.

Plate XLVII, figures 3, 4.


The outline of the loria is broadly oval; its width is about four fifths of the length. The anterior dorsal margin is slightly concave; the ventral margin has a shallow median sinus flanked by two straight sections. The dorsal plate is broadly oval and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is elongate oval and considerably narrower than the dorsal plate; it has a transverse ventral fold in front of the foot and two longitudinal folds. The lateral sulci are fairly deep, especially near the anterior margin, where they compensate the difference in width between the dorsal and ventral plate. The posterior segment is
large and rounded; it projects slightly beyond the dorsal plate. The corall plates are small and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is small and nearly parallel-sided; the second joint is large and rounded. The toe is long and fairly stout, more than one fourth of the total length, nearly parallel-sided for half its length and tapering gradually to a moderately acute point. In some specimens the toe is very slightly broader in the middle than at the base.

Total length 90μ; length of dorsal plate 60μ, of ventral plate 68μ; width of dorsal plate 54μ, of ventral plate 44μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 24μ, of ventral margin 36μ; length of toe 24μ.

_Monostyla arcuata_ is fairly common in wet sphagnum. It has a certain resemblance to _M. clostrocercia_, but differs considerably in details, as well as in general proportions.

**MONOSTYLA DECIPiens Murray**

_Plate XLVII, figures 5, 6._


The outline of the lorica is broadly ovate; its width is about four fifths of the length. The anterior margins are coincident and the sinus very deep and V-shaped, rounded posteriorly and with a slight cusp opposite the incurved edges of the dorsal plate; no frontal spines are present, but two triangular, acute cusps are formed between the anterior sinus and the edges of the lorica. The dorsal plate is broadly ovate and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is ovate and slightly narrower than the dorsal plate; the lorica is without surface markings. The lateral sulci are deep, especially at the anterior margin; the dorsal plate terminates opposite the cusps on the sides of the sinus and a large, triangular area belonging to the sulcus completes it anteriorly. The posterior segment is rather small and very obtusely pointed; it projects considerably beyond the dorsal plate. The first foot joint is narrowly semi-elliptic and somewhat indistinct; the second joint is broadly ovate and widest posteriorly. The toe is long and slender, nearly one third of the total length, parallel-sided for half its length and tapering gradually to an acute point; in some specimens the toe is very slightly wider at mid-length than it is at the base.
Total length 175μ; length of dorsal plate 116μ, of ventral plate 128μ; width of dorsal plate 98μ, of ventral plate 78μ; width of anterior cusps 44μ; length of toe 48μ.

*Monostyla decipiens* was collected by Murray at Rio de Janeiro; our specimens are from the Panama Canal Zone and uniformly larger than Murray’s material. This species has a superficial resemblance to *M. hamata*, but differs in nearly every detail and, as it is quite rare, there is little danger of confusing the two species.

**MONOSTYLH HAMATA** Stokes.

Plate XLVII, figures 1, 2.


The outline of the loric is elongate oval; its width is about two thirds of the length. The anterior margins are not coincident; the dorsal margin is very narrow and deeply lunate; the ventral margin has a very deep, V-shaped sinus, rounded posteriorly and with two prominent cusps near the middle of the sides. No frontal spines are present, but two acute-angled cusps are formed between the external edges of the ventral plate and anterior sinus. The dorsal plate is oval and rounded posteriorly; the dorsal facetting is well marked and very regular. The ventral plate is elongate oval and slightly narrower than the dorsal; its surface markings consist of a transverse fold in front of the foot and a few longitudinal folds. The lateral sulci are fairly deep, especially so at the front, where the difference in the widths of the anterior margins is compensated by the exposure of a large, triangular area of the sulcus. The posterior
segment is large and very obtusely pointed; it projects somewhat beyond the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and obtusely pointed posteriorly. The first foot joint is small, oval and distinct, the second joint large and subsquare. The foot is long and slender, more than one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided for half its length and tapers gradually to an acute point without claw.

Total length 120μ; length of dorsal plate 78μ, of ventral plate 92μ; width of dorsal plate 58μ, of ventral plate 53μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 18μ, of ventral margin 30μ; length of toe 33μ.

*Monostyla hamata* is common in weedy ponds everywhere.

**MONOSTYLA BATILLIFER MURRAY.**

Plate XLVI, figures 3, 4.


The outline of the lorica is elongate ovate; its width is about two thirds of the length. The anterior margins of the dorsal and ventral plates are not coincident; the margin of the dorsal plate is deeply lunate and very narrow; the ventral margin has a very deep, obtusely V-shaped sinus with two very large, lateral, almost spine-like cusps. The dorsal plate is ovate and rounded posteriorly. The ventral plate is oval, constricted anteriorly and somewhat narrower than the dorsal plate; its surface markings consist of a transverse fold in front of the foot and two longitudinal folds. The lateral sulci are fairly deep; the difference in the width of the anterior margins is made up by exposure of a triangular portion of the sulcus. The posterior segment is small, narrow, slightly undulate posteriorly and has two laterally projecting, acutely triangular cusps; the segment is only partly covered by the dorsal plate. The coxal plates are small and rounded posteriorly. The first foot joint is small and slightly conical, the second joint large, transversely oval and some distance from the posterior margin. The toe is fairly long, about one fourth of the total length, parallel-sided for nearly three fourths of its length, conical posteriorly and ends in a bristle-like point.

Total length 120μ; length of dorsal plate 85μ, of ventral plate 95μ; width of dorsal plate 62μ, of ventral plate 55μ; width of anterior dorsal margin 17μ, of ventral margin 26μ; length of toe 30μ.
Monostyla batillifer was collected by Murray in a pond at Sydney, Australia; our description is taken from his material. No other localities are known for this interesting species. Murray's figures are slightly incorrect in some details, especially the anterior margin and the form of the toe.

**Monostyla bifurca** Bryce
Plate XLIV, figures 1, 2.


Although the integument of this species is very flexible and can not by any stretch of the imagination be called a lorica, it is nevertheless sufficiently firm to assume a fairly definite form when completely contracted. The outline of the body is very broadly oval; its width is nearly equal to the length. The anterior margin is straight and the dorsal and ventral edges fail to meet in complete retraction. No lateral sulci are present and the limits of the dorsal plate are distinguishable posteriorly where it leaves the small posterior segment protruding slightly. This bears at the sides of the foot two small, slightly curved spines, which are probably to be interpreted as rudimentary coxal plates, as in Lecane palinacis. The foot joints are very large; the first joint is ovate and has a small, median, posterior lobe; the second joint is heart-shaped. The toe is fairly long, more than one fourth of the entire length, widest at the base and tapering gradually towards the posterior end; the claw is double, its two parts spread wide apart and immovable.

Total length of contracted animal 75μ; length of dorsal plate 54μ, of ventral plate 58μ; width of anterior margin 35μ; length of toe without claws 15μ; claws 4μ.

Monostyla bifurca is not rare in wet sphagnum; the paucity of records is probably due to its small size rather than to any actual rarity.
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