

*Neuroctenus pseudonemus* Bergroth, collected at Bladensburg, Maryland, on March 26, under bark. The species was described originally from "Carolina," and has not before been recorded from the District of Columbia. He showed, also, a specimen of *Neuroctenus simplex* Say, the species found commonly around Washington. *N. pseudonemus* is much the larger of the two forms.

Prof. Uhler remarked that this species is very large for our fauna, and has an almost tropical appearance. In the tropics some species of Aradidæ attain a length of about three quarters of an inch. He mentioned a species described by Champion from Central America, which lives under fungi, and bears little knob-like protuberances on its pronotum. These serve to scrape off and distribute over the back a powdery material from the fungus, giving the bug a spotted appearance not natural to it.

—Mr. Banks showed a specimen of a large Syrphid fly (*Ceria willistonii* Kahl), and presented the following note:

#### NOTE ON CERIA WILLISTONII KAHL.

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From a puparium collected on oak bark at Falls Church, Virginia, about the middle of March, there issued on the 27th of March a fly of this species, previously known from Florida, Texas, and Kansas. The fly has a great resemblance to certain conopids, and also to some wasps. It is probably identical with *C. signifera* Loew from Mexico. The larva of *Ceria* is supposed to feed in the flowing sap of trees. I give below a short description of the puparium:

Puparium dull black above, whitish below, in front with two large white marks separated by a narrow black spot; anal tube shining black. Dorsum faintly mottled with pale, more prominent on the sides. Dorsum with a median row of double pointed tubercles, and a lateral row each side; those toward the tip are smaller than the others. Length, 18 mm.

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—Mr. Banks showed, also, two rare Orthalid flies. The first bears a very close resemblance to an ant, as its name, *Myrmecomyia myrmecoides* Loew, would indicate. The other species, *Odontomera ferruginea* Macquart, also looks much like an ant, though the resemblance is not so striking. The latter was from the District of Columbia.