

width of the thorax, two and one-half times as wide as long, their apices very acute, their posterior margins very lightly sinuate. Anterior femora  $2/9$  shorter than the intermediate ones, these  $1/6$  shorter than the posterior femore. Connexivum almost vertical in the specimens before me.

Alate form unknown to me, but probably that described by Uhler under the name *Microvelia americana* in the "Hemiptera of Colorado," page 61 (1895).

Length 3.3 mm., humeral width 1.3 mm.

Localities: COLORADO, Golden, 23. VII. 1909 (W. J. Gerhard). Type in my collection; Nebraska: Glen, Sioux Co., Aug., 1903 (H. G. Barber).

This species is very similar to *M. americana* Uhler of the eastern United States, first described as a species of Hebrus; and it has certainly been confused with that form, even by Uhler himself, as suggested above. *M. gerhardi* differs from *M. americana*, however, in numerous characters; it is larger, the head and thorax are longer, the lateral margins of the thorax are less sinuate, the posterior pronotal lobe is longer, and the antennae are otherwise constructed. To facilitate comparison, some of the distinguishing characters of the eastern species are summarized below.

*Microvelia americana* Uhler. Ratios of lengths of antennal segments, I:II:III:IV = 31:20:32:43, antennae somewhat more than one-fourth longer than head and thorax combined (126:97): head one-third shorter than its width including the eyes; thorax of the apterous form twice as wide as it is long, posterior pronotal lobe one-fourth longer than the anterior lobe; metanotal triangles less acute at their apices than in *M. gerhardi*; anterior femora almost one-sixth shorter than the intermediate ones, these about one-twelfth shorter than the posterior femora.

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**A Change of Name.** (Hemiptera, Miridae).—In 1922 (*Psyche*, xxix, p. 230; issued January, 1923) I redescribed *Orthotylus delicatus* Cook, a species whose original description had been entirely overlooked before. It appears to be the consensus of opinion that this name, written *Orthotylus (Psallus) delicatus* by Cook in 1893, is preoccupied by *Psallus delicatus* Uhler, 1887. Therefore I propose the name *Orthotylus althaeae*, nom. nov., for Cook's species.—R. F. Hussey, New York, N. Y.