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THREE NEW SPECIES OF *HANNEMANIA*
(ACARINA, TROMBICULIDAE)
FROM AMPHIBIANS OF WESTERN MEXICO.¹

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ABSTRACT: *Hannemania anurae*, n. sp. is described from 1 km NE Santa Lucia, Sinaloa, Mexico, type host *Syrrhophus modestus pallidus*; other hosts are *Hyla arenicolor*, *Hyla eximia*, *Rana montezumae*, *Rana pipiens*, *Rana pustulosa*, *Rana sinaloae*, and *Rana tarahumarae*; and also known from Nayarit and Jalisco. *Hannemania monticola*, n. sp. is from 1.6 km W Buenos Aires, Durango, Mexico, type host *Hyla eximia* and other hosts are *Ambystoma rosaceum* and *Tomodactylus saxatilis*. *Hannemania saxicola*, n. sp. is from 23.5 km SW Buenos Aires, Durango, Mexico, type host *Tomodactylus saxatilis*.

INTRODUCTION

Investigations of the chiggers from amphibians taken in western North America have revealed a number of species belonging to the genus *Hannemania*. Recently, Loomis and Welbourn (1969) redescribed *H. hylae* (Ewing) and named *H. bufonis*, both from southwestern United States and Sonora, Mexico. The present paper describes three new species of *Hannemania* from the Mexican states of Durango, Jalisco, Nayarit and Sinaloa.

The genus *Hannemania* was proposed by Oudemans (1911) and has been placed in the subfamily Leeuwenhoekinae. The larvae of this genus can be distinguished from other similar genera by the presence of a distally expanded flange possessing recurved teeth on the cheliceral

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blade, an anteromedian projection of the scutum, and lack of stigmata and tracheae. The larvae of this genus have been found imbedded in the skin of amphibians of the New World.

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***Hannemania anurae*, new species**

Figure 1

Types. — Holotype and 10 paratypes from 1 km NE Santa Lucia, 1128 m, Sinaloa, Mexico, from *Syrrhophus modestus pallidus* Duellman, original numbers WJW630725-4 and WJW630725-5, collected 25 July 1963 by W. J. Wrenn, R. B. Loomis and R. M. Davis.

Diagnosis. — Larva similar to *Hannemania hylae* and *H. bufonis* in having one genuala II and III, and lacking femorale, but differing from *H. hylae* and *H. bufonis* in having tarsala II longer than tarsala I and coxa III with two or more setae.

Description of the holotype (all measurements in microns). — Body: Fully engorged, 1095 by 682, color in life orange; eyes 2/2, equal, ocular plate present.

Dorsal setal formula 2-4-10-8+41, total 65. Measurements: Humeral seta 59, seta of first posthumeral row 44 to 48, posterior dorsal seta 48 to 51.

Approximately 50 ventral setae. Measurements: Sternal seta 42, posterior ventral seta 33 to 37.

Scutum: Punctate, anteromedian projection without puncta, sensilla filiform (see Figure 1).

Scutal measurements of holotype (with mean and extremes of 10 paratypes unless otherwise noted): AW — (48, 45-53, 9), PW 67 (66, 62-72, 9), SB 26 (27, 26-29), ASB — (59, 56-62, 6), PSB 27 (28, 25-31, 8), AP 22 (19, 16-22, 9), AM 34 (34, 30-40, 6), AL 47 (42, 39-47, 8), PL 63 (66, 62-74, 8), S — (88, 81-93, 4).

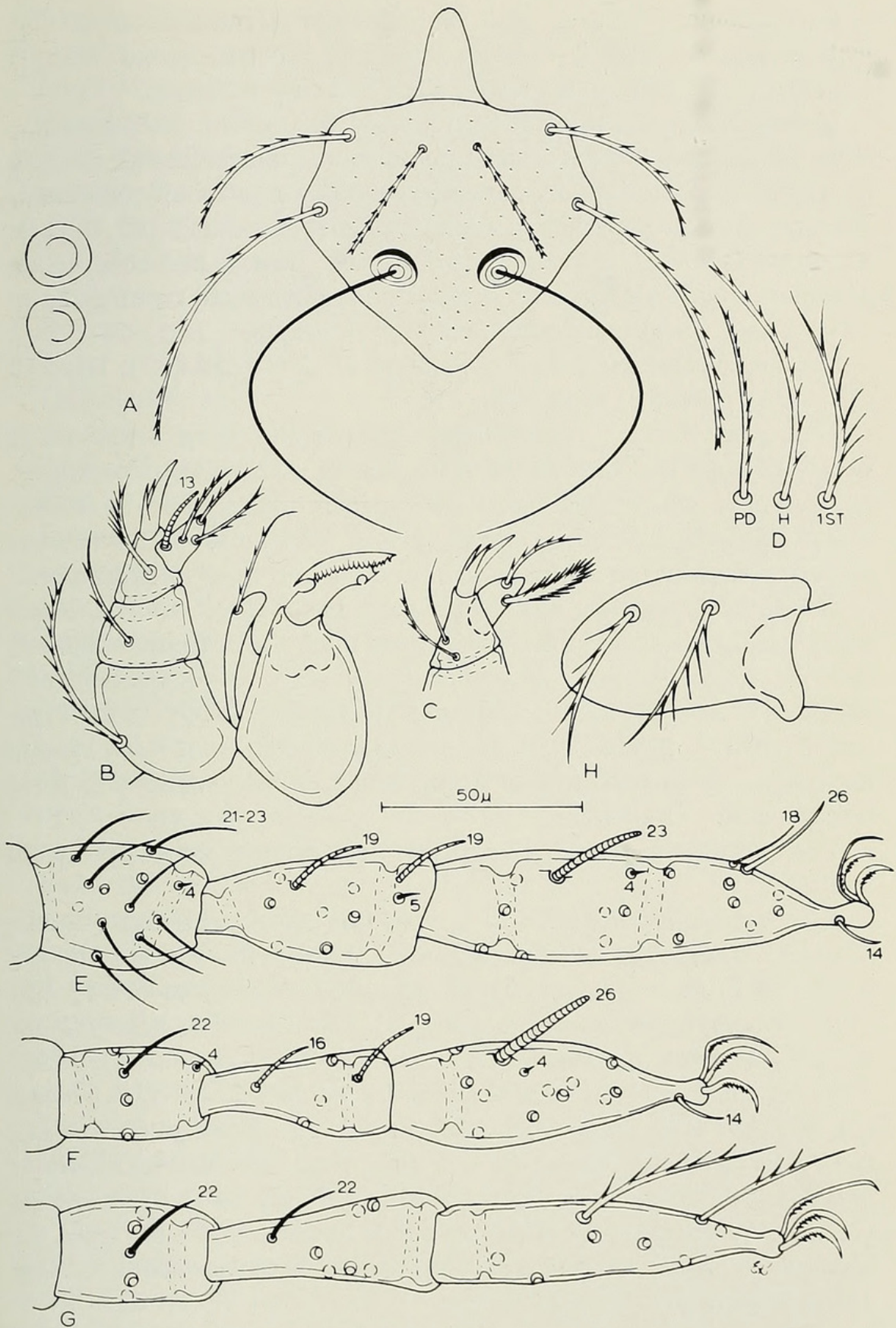


Figure 1. *Hannemania anurae*, n. sp. A. Scutum and eyes. B. Dorsal view of gnathosoma. C. Ventral aspect of palpotibia and tarsus. D. Representative body setae; PD, posterior dorsal, H, humeral, 1ST, first sternal. E. Leg I; genu, tibia and tarsus with nude setae and bases of branched setae, with measurements in microns. F. Leg II. G. Leg III. H. Coxa III with branched setae.

Gnathosoma: Cheliceral base and capitular sternum punctate. Galeala branched. Palpal formula B/B/BNB; palpal tarsus with 5 branched setae, and tarsala (13); palpotibial claw trifurcate.

Legs with specialized setae as follows: Leg I, with 8 (6-9) genualae and microgenuala; 2 tibialae and microtibiala; tarsala 22 (22, 21-23), microtarsala, subterminala, parasubterminala (occasionally branched) and pretarsala. Leg II, with genuala; 2 tibialae; tarsala 25 (25, 24-27), microtarsala and pretarsala. Leg III, coxa with 2 branched setae; genuala; tibiala. All legs with 6 punctate segments and terminating in 2 claws and clawlike empodium with onychotriches.

Leg measurements: I, 341 (310-360); II, 278 (250-287); III, 316 (271-335); total, 935 (831-982).

Ecological notes. — *Hannemania anurae* has been found on a variety of hosts in a wide range of habitats in western Mexico. Almost all hosts of *H. anurae* also had another species (undescribed) of *Hannemania*. Notable exceptions were all four specimens of *Syrrhophus modestus pallidus*, one *Rana pipiens* and the one *Rana montezumae*.

Hannemania anurae has been taken from *Rana pipiens*, *Rana pustulosa*, *Rana sinaloae*, and *Syrrhophus modestus pallidus* in Sinaloa, and *Hyla arenicolor* and *S. m. pallidus* in Nayarit, both in the Subtropical Dry Forest vegetation (Hardy and McDiarmid, 1969). In the Pine-Oak Forests (Leopold, 1959) *H. anurae* was taken from *Rana pipiens* and *Hyla eximia* southeast of Tepic, and from *R. pipiens* and *Rana tarahumarae* in Jalisco.

The specific name of *H. anurae* refers to the numerous species of anuran hosts.

Specimens examined (53). — SINALOA: 6.4 km SE Santa Lucia, 1341 m, 20 Aug. 1963, *Hyla arenicolor* (2); Santa Lucia to 2.2 km NE, 4 July 1962, *Rana sinaloae* (5), 11 July 1963, *R. sinaloae* (6), 13 July 1963, *Syrrhophus modestus pallidus* (1), 26 July 1963, *Rana pipiens* (5), 28 July 1963, *R. sinaloae* (1), 29 July 1963, *R. pipiens* (4), 9 Dec. 1964, *R. sinaloae* (1); 4.6 km W Santa Lucia, 29 July 1963, *R. pipiens* (2); 8.1 km SW Santa Lucia, 29 July 1963, *Rana pustulosa* (3). NAYARIT: 4.2 km E San Blas, 2 July 1962, *Syrrhophus modestus pallidus* (4); 35.7 km SE Tepic, 1410 m, 19 July 1962, *Hyla eximia* (2), *R. pipiens* (1). JALISCO: 8 km W Ameca, 21 June 1967, *R. pipiens* (5), *Rana tarahumarae* (1); 1.6 km N Encarnación, 6 Aug. 1962, *Rana montezumae* (10).

***Hannemania monticola*, new species**

Figure 2

Types. — Holotype and 9 paratypes from 1.6 km W Buenos Aires

(53 km W El Salto) on Mexican Hwy. 40, Durango, Mexico, 2300 m, from 8 *Hyla eximia* Baird, original number WJW620705-4, collected 5 July 1962 by W. J. Wrenn, and party.

Diagnosis. — Larva, similar to *Hannemania anurae*, *H. bufonis* and *H. hylae* in having one genuala on legs II and III and lacking femorale; but differing from *H. anurae* in having one seta on coxa III, from *H. bufonis* in having ocular plate 30 x 13 (average in *H. bufonis* 22 x 9), from *H. hylae* in having PL's long 63-79 (39-54 in *H. hylae*).

Description of holotype (all measurements in microns). — Body: Fully engorged, color in life orange; eyes 2/2, equal, ocular plate present.

Dorsal setae about 53. Measurements: Humeral seta 68, seta of first posthumeral row 54-59, posterior dorsal seta 50-56.

About 45 ventral seta. Measurements: First sternal seta 43, posterior ventral seta 31-45.

Scutum: Punctate except for anteromedian projection, sensilla filliform (see Figure 2).

Scutal measurements of holotype (with mean and extremes of 9 paratypes unless otherwise noted): AW 53 (55, 51-62), PW 71 (75, 71-86), SB 27 (29.5, 27-35), ASB 62 (63, 56-64) 8, PSB 28 (28, 25-31, AP 19 (21, 19-25), AM 31 (35, 31-45, 7), AL 39 (41, 39-47, 6), PL 63 (76, 63-79, 8), S — (91, 84-99, 3).

Gnathosoma: Cheliceral base and capitular sternum punctate. Galeala branched. Palpal formula B/B/BNB; palpal tarsus with 5 branched setae, tarsala 12; palpotibial claw trifurcate.

Legs with specialized setae as follows. Leg I with 5 (3-7) genualae and microgenuala; 2 tibialae and microtibiala; tarsala 28 (26, 24-30), microtarsala, subterminala, parasubterminala, and pretarsala. Leg II, with genuala and microgenuala; 2 tibialae; tarsala 27 (26, 25-28), microtarsala and pretarsala. Leg III, coxa with one branched seta; genuala; tibiala. All legs with six punctate segments and terminating in 2 claws and clawlike empodium with onychotriches.

Leg measurements: I, 412 (316-412); II, 344 (273-350); III, 369 (226-381); total, 1125 (815-1143).

Ecological notes. — *Hannemania monticola* has been taken only in the pine-oak forest (Baker and Greer, 1962) of western Durango. Eight of 39 *Hyla eximia* (including the type host) collected in rain pools along Highway 40 had *H. monticola*, although only two of them had more than one larva. One salamander, *Ambystoma rosaceum*, found under a log at the type locality, had a single *H. monticola*. Twenty-four specimens of *H. monticola* were taken from one specimen of *Tomodactylus saxatilis* along with the following species of *Hannemania*.

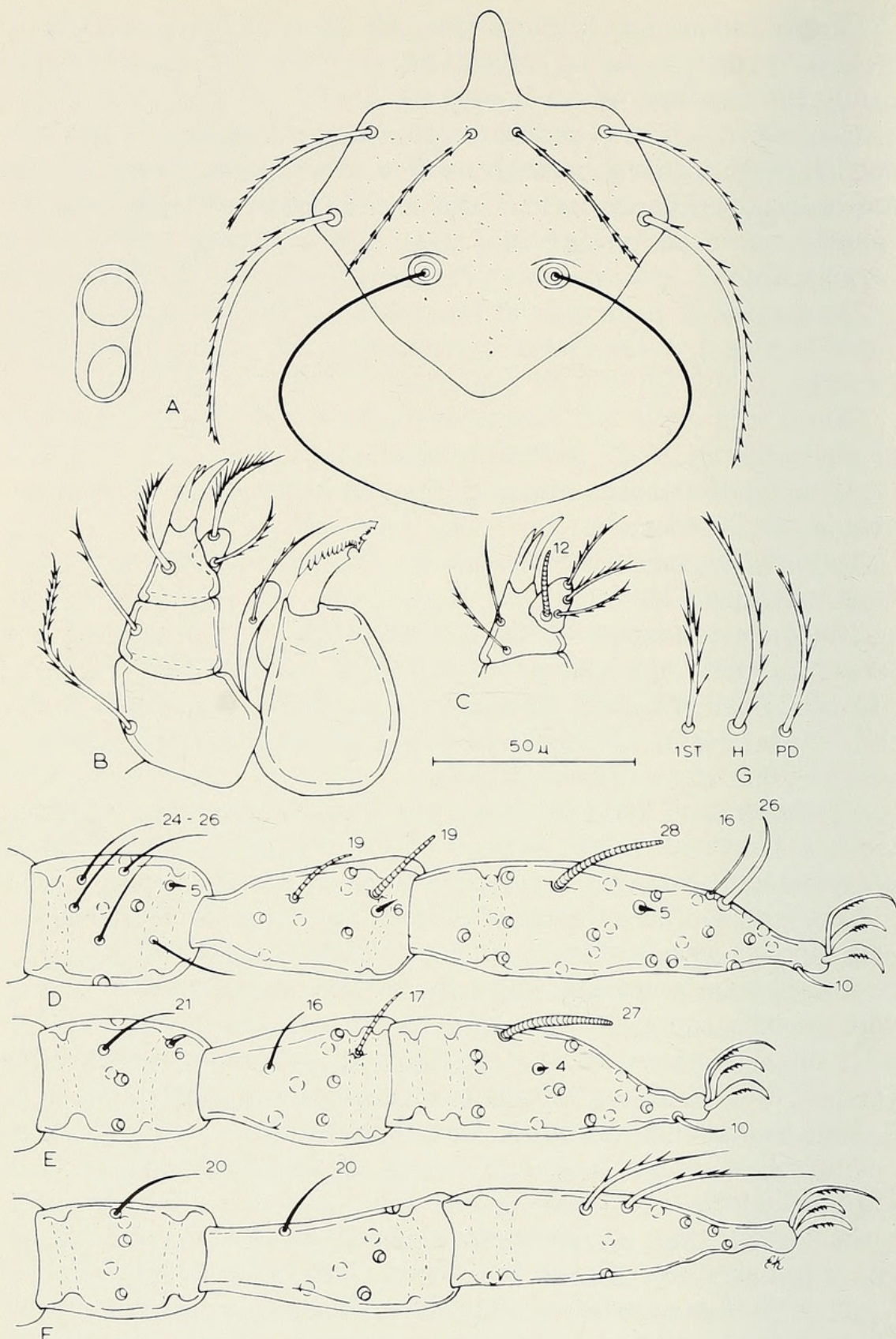


Figure 2. *Hannemania monticola*, n. sp. A. Scutum and eyes. B. Dorsal view of gnathosoma. C. Ventral aspect of palpotibia and tarsus. D. Leg I; genu, tibia and tarsus with nude setae and bases of branched setae, with measurements in microns. E. Leg II. F. Leg III. G. Representative body setae; 1ST, first sternal, H, humeral, PD, posterior dorsal.

The specific name of *H. monticola* alludes to the type locality which is high in the Sierra Madre Occidental.

Specimens examined (46). — DURANGO: 23.5 km SW Buenos Aires (75 km W El Salto), 10 June 1963, *Tomodactylus saxatilis* (24); 64.7 km W El Salto, 30 June 1967, *Hyla eximia* (2); 1.6 km W Buenos Aires (53 km W El Salto), 5 July 1962, 8 *H. eximia* (17), 18 Aug. 1963, *Ambystoma rosaceum* (1); 3.5 km W La Ciudad, 21 Aug. 1968, *H. eximia* (2).

***Hannemania saxicola*, new species**

Figure 3

Types. — Holotype and 7 paratypes from 23.5 km SW Buenos Aires (75 km W El Salto), Durango, Mexico, from *Tomodactylus saxatilis* Webb, original number DGM630610M-4, collected 10 June 1963 by D. G. Marqua and P. H. Sullivan.

Diagnosis. — Larva, similar to *Hannemania eltoni* in having 8-10 genualae I and legs II and III with 4-7 genualae, but differing from *H. eltoni* in having PL long (71-84, *H. eltoni* 45-50), leg III with 1-3 femoralae (few *H. eltoni* with femoralae III) and parasubterminala I branched (nude in *H. eltoni*).

Description of holotype (all measurements in microns). — Body: Fully engorged, 1736 by 1230, color in life orange; eyes 2/2, equal, ocular plate present.

Dorsal setal formula 2-4-8-8 + 23, total 45. Measurements: Humeral seta 66, seta of first posthumeral row 50-57, posterior dorsal seta 58-62.

Approximately 62 ventral setae. Measurements: Sternal seta 50, posterior dorsal seta 37-43.

Scutum: Punctate, anteromedian projection without puncta; widest between PL's being slightly longer than wide, sensilla filiform.

Scutal measurements of holotype (with mean and extremes of the 7 paratypes in parentheses unless otherwise noted): AW 54 (54, 51-58, 6), PW 74 (76, 74-84, 4), SB 28 (30, 28-34, 5), ASB 69 (70, 67-74, 3), PSB 27 (29, 27-32, 4), AP 24 (24, 22-28, 5), AM 45 (48, 44-54, 6), AL 47 (51, 47-54, 6), PL 75 (79, 71-84, 6), S — (97-105, 2).

Gnathosoma: Cheliceral base and capitular sternum punctate. Galeala branched. Palpal formula B/B/BNB; palpal tarsus with 5 branched setae, and tarsala (15); palpotibial claw trifurcate.

Legs with specialized setae as follows: Leg I, with 10 (6-10) genualae and microgenuala; 2 tibialae and microtibiala; tarsus with tarsala, 29 (30, 27-33), microtarsala, subterminala, parasubterminala branched

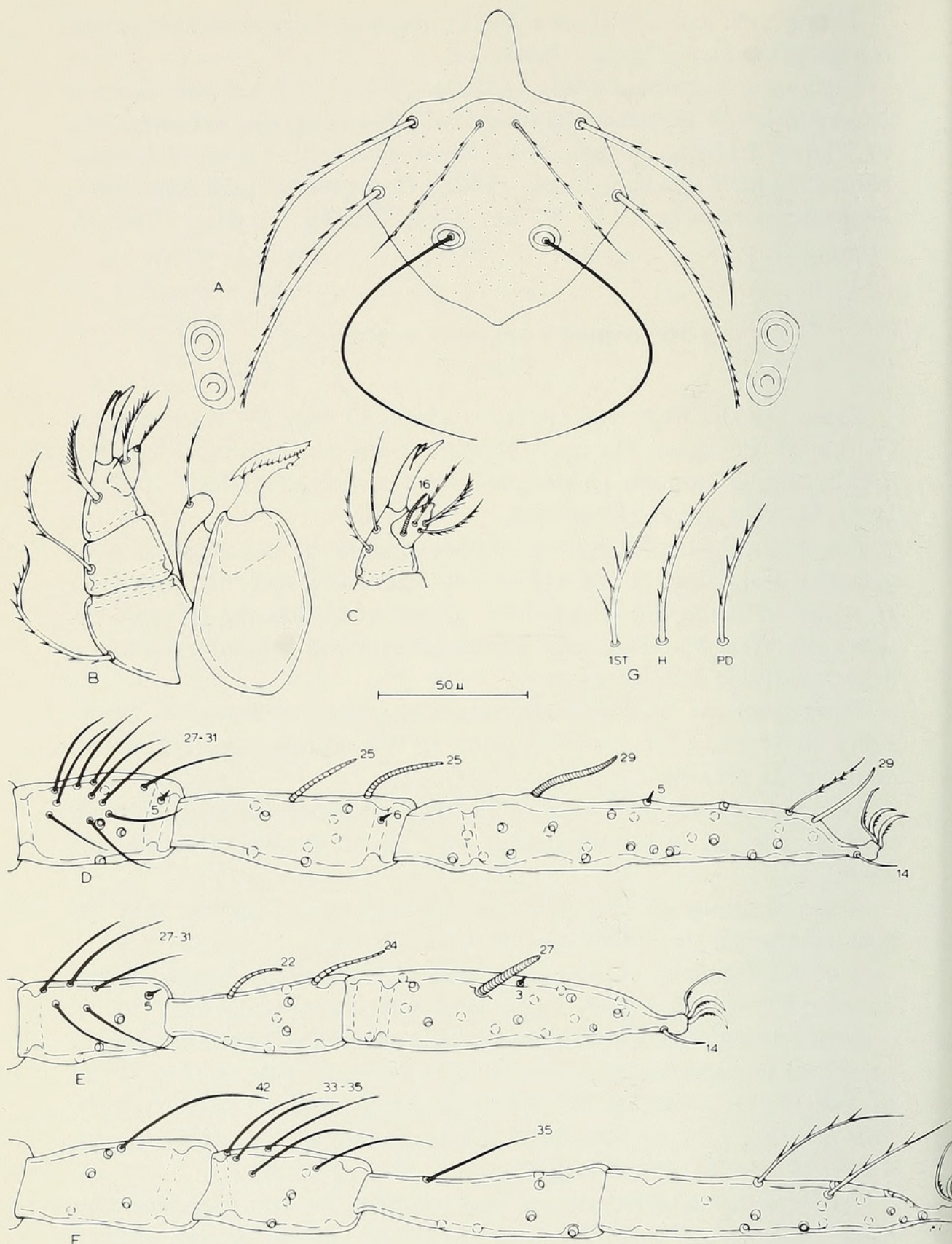


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and pretarsala. Leg II, with 5 (3-5) genualae; 2 tibialae; tarsala, 28 (28.3, 27-29), microtarsala and pretarsala. Leg III, coxa with one branched seta; one femorala (one paratype with 3); 8 (5-9) genualae; tibiala. All legs with six punctate segments with 2 claws and clawlike empodium with onychotriches.

Leg measurements: I, 446 (381-465); II, 372 (350-394); III, 403 (301-419); total, 1221 (1032-1278).

Ecological notes. — *Hannemania saxicola* was found in association with 24 specimens of *H. monticola* on the type host, *Tomodactylus saxatilis*, which has been found in rocky areas of the Mixed-Tropical habitat (Webb, 1962). The specific name *H. saxicola* was derived from the specific name of the type host, which refers to the known host habitat.

Taxonomic notes. — The presence of at least one femorala on leg III is a diagnostic character of *H. saxicola*. Loomis (1956) found that *H. eltoni*, a similar species, only occasionally had a femorala on one leg III, and the femorala presumably replaced a branched seta as three rather than the normal four branched setae were present. In *H. saxicola* the femorala on leg III does not replace a branched seta as there are the normal four branched setae on femur III.

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