

When writing my note on the genus Hillhousia, issued in Bulletin No. 40 (B.S.S.G. Oct. 1968), I forgot to mention the synonymy stated by Ivie (1967) of Tmeticus (= Sciastes, = Eulaira) microtarsus Emerton, from U.S.A., with Hillhousia misera (O.P.-Cambr.). This I then supposed to be correct without any further inquiry.

Since, on the occasion of finding Hillhousia misera in Sweden, Holm in a quite recent paper (1968) synonymyzes with it another of Emerton's species, Tmeticus (= Sciastes, = Eulaira) concaus. This time I have thought it needful to refer to the descriptions published.

According to both Emerton (1882) and Bishop & Crosby (1938), it is obvious that the two American species alluded to are different ones. The drawings for Tmeticus concaus very well agree with Hillhousia misera, especially for the tip of the palpal organ (embolic part and membrane) and the very characteristic paracymbium; such is not the case with Tmeticus microtarsus, and no more as far as its epigyne is concerned. Moreover, Holm "had the opportunity to examine a male (of Tm. concaus) collected by Emerton in Blue Hills, Mass., and could verify a complete accordance with Swedish specimens (of Hillhousia misera)". Thus, the synonymy established by Ivie, if not the result of a mere slip of the pen, is surely to be rejected as a wrong one.

But, at all events, Hillhousia misera is one more species common both to Europe and North America (from New York to Quebec) with Tmeticus concaus as a synonym.

In a recent paper in reference to Halorates reprobus (O.P.-Cambr.) I observed that listing all the places of captures known at a time, for a species, is a very difficult task indeed and that omissions are frequent enough. For once, it is I who overlooked some information concerning Hillhousia misera; in addition to the countries formerly mentioned and to Sweden, this species has in fact been found also in Finland, Czechoslovakia and the Netherlands.

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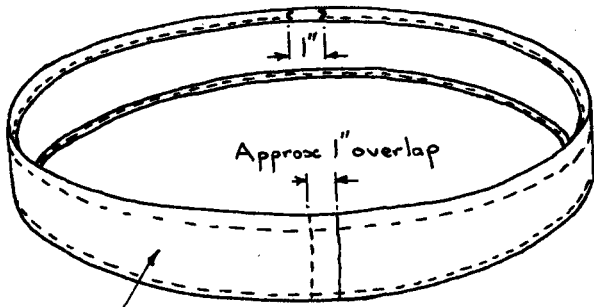


Fig. 1 The canvas skirt

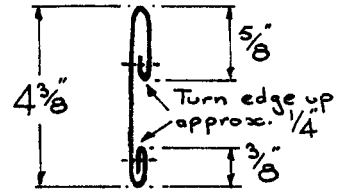


Fig. 2 Skirt hems

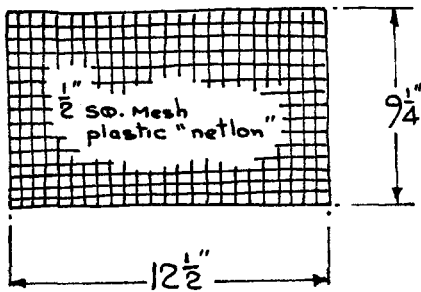


Fig. 3 The base

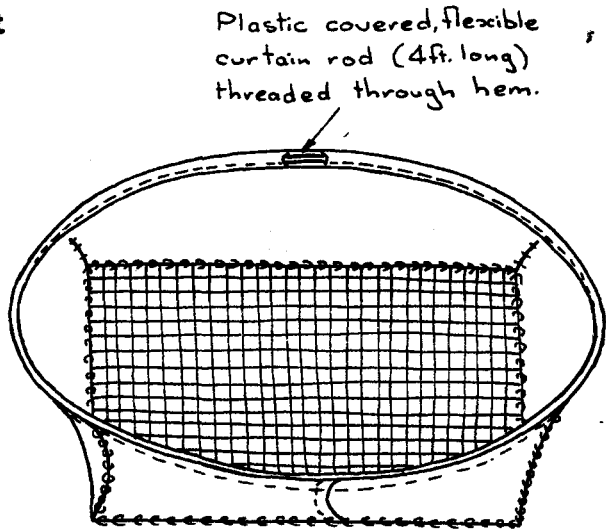


Fig. 4 The completed sieve

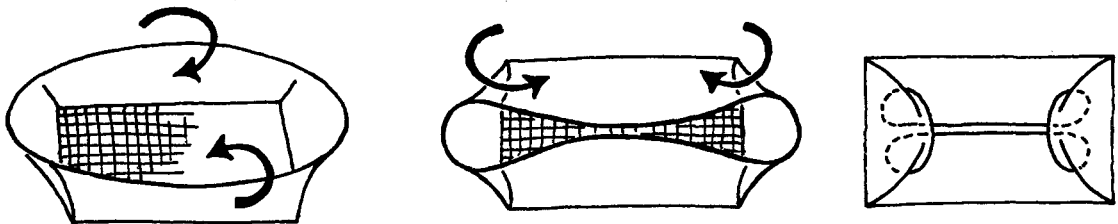


Fig. 5 Folding the sieve