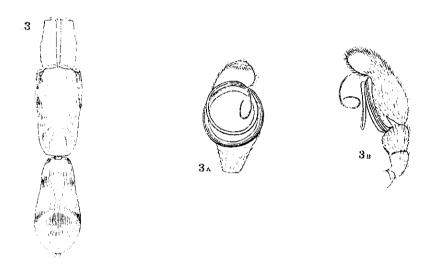
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Myramarachne electrica (Peckham & Peckham, 1892)

SALTICUS ELECTRICUS N. SP.

Pl. I., Fig. 3, male; 3a and 3b, male palpus. 3. Total length, 5.3 mm. Falces, 1.6 mm.



Cephalothorax: Length, 2.6 mm.; width, 1.4 mm. Legs, 4132; femur of first enlarged, 4 and 1 nearly equal.

Tibia I with five pairs, and metatarsus I with two pairs of long slender spines.

Cephalothorax moderately high, with a very slight constriction. Cephalic part a little higher than thoracic. Quadrangle of eyes very little wider than long, a little wider behind than in front, occupying about two-fifths of cephalothorax.

Anterior eyes in a straight row, subtouching; middle barely twice as large as lateral. Second row nearer first than third row. Clypeus only a line. Falces horizontal, robust and flattened above; the outer edges have, about in the middle, a notch and a slight projection; looked at from the side they are slightly thickened near the proximal end. Lip a little longer than wide. Coxæ I separated by width of lip. Sternum long, oval. Pedicle not visible from above. Abdomen cylindrical, with a constriction in front of middle. Tibia of palpus but little more than one-third as long as tarsus.

Color. Cephalothorax dark reddish-brown, excepting the interocular area, which is yellow. Abdomen, in front of the constriction, dark brown; behind it, pale yellowish, with a brown spot above. There are two dark rings around the abdomen, one in front of, and one behind, the constriction. Legs, falces, palpi and under surface medium brown.

Habitat. Madagascar.

The yellowish color of this species distinguishes it from simplex and augustus, which are very dark brown or black. It is, moreover, a much smaller, more delicate spider than simplex. The tibia of the palpus in electricus is but little more than one-third as long as tarsus, while in augustus it is two-thirds as long.