THE LARVAL TROMBICULID MITES (CHIGGERS)
OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

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Examination of chiggers (larval Trombiculidae) of the
Philippine Islands in the collection of the B.P. Bishop
Museum, Honolulu, is currently being undertaken. The
collection history, importance of chiggers, study methodology,
and host species for Leyte Island are presented. Host species
include Rattus spp. and other small mammals, bats, birds, and
lizards. Preliminary identification of trombiculids to genus
include Ascoschoengastia, Chiroptella, Euschoengastia,
Walchia, Walchiella, and Whartonia. Any new entities found in
this collection will be described to the appropriate taxonomic
level.

*ABSTRACT