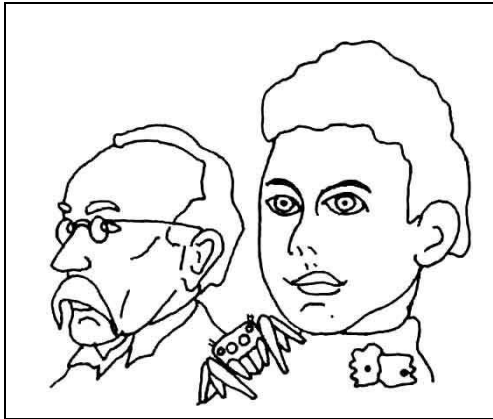


**GEORGE AND ELIZABETH PECKHAM.** David B. Richman

Since the Peckham Society was named for George and Elizabeth Peckham, it seems fitting to present a short biography of these two arachnologists with a complete list of their publications on salticids. The following was gleaned from Muttkowski (1914) and Bonnet (1945): George Williams Peckham was born in Albany, New York on March 23, 1845. His family brought him to Milwaukee in 1853. He received parental consent to join the Union Army in 1863 and became a first lieutenant at the age of 19. After the Civil War he studied law and medicine, receiving both the M.D. and the LL.D. degrees. He decided, however, to pursue a career in teaching biology at East Division High School in Milwaukee. In 1880 George Peckham and Elizabeth Gifford were married. Elizabeth shared his interest in natural history and they published their first paper on the "Attidae" in 1883. George Peckham assumed the role of headmaster at the high school in 1888, and in 1891 he was appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction in Milwaukee.

From 1897 until his retirement in 1910, Dr. Peckham served as director of the Milwaukee Public Library. Between 1883 and 1909, the Peckhams published a total of 25 works on the "Attidae," which are listed below. Apart from the rearing of their three children, there is little doubt that Elizabeth Peckham contributed greatly to the work on jumping spiders. George Peckham died from an attack of angina pectoris in 1914. The details of the life and death of Elizabeth are noticeably lacking in this account, and I would appreciate any information in this regard.

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