

**SOME PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS ON THE
HYMENOPTERAN PARASITE, *TETRASTICHUS HAGENOWII* RATZ, A POSSIBLE AGENT FOR THE
BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF THE COCKROACH**

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Biological control of the cockroach, *Periplaneta americana* L. is being attempted. Colonies of the cockroach yielding sufficient oothecae and of the Hymenopteran parasite of oothecae, *Tetrastichus hagenowii* Ratz, were set up.

Laboratory observations on the parasite have shown

- (a) a preponderance of females
- (b) an avoidance of super parasitization.
- and (c) a high fecundity,

indicating that this parasite is likely to be a successful agent for biological control.

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