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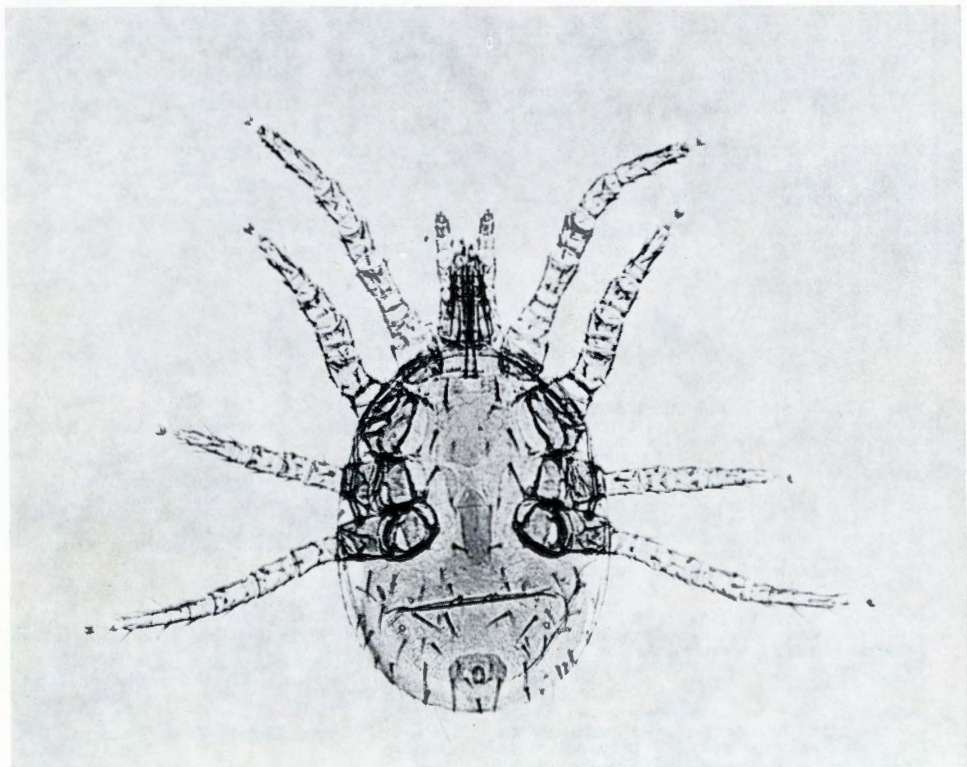
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The mite on the cover this month is the one most commonly found in the nesting material of the field mouse *Peromyscus sp.* Both the larval form and the adult are found in great numbers, an indication that a significant portion of time is spent away from the host but within close proximity whereby they can infect other field mice. Mites are, in general, a very little studied group of animals and as such, much work of a taxonomic nature remains to be done. Their life cycle runs all the way from completely free-living organisms to completely parasitic, both ecto. and endoparasitic, and all of the variations in between the extremes. Mr. Karl Nice, Science Education, The University of Iowa, is doing research in this area, and submitted the cover photo.