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THE HARVEST MOUSE IN IOWA.

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When the catalogue of the recent mammals of Iowa was compiled, (See Proc. Ia. Ac. Science, Vol. XVII, pps. 211 to 218), no record of the Western Harvest Mouse, (*Reithrodontomys dychei* Allen), could be found for this state, but because they were known to be common in eastern Kansas, they were included as likely to be found in Iowa. In making a study of the fauna of a limited region near Atlantic, I have found them to be abundant there, equalling the common white footed mouse. A few specimens were sent to the Biological Survey at Washington, and in a letter of acknowledgement, Mr. Henshaw said, "We are glad to see the Harvest mouse from that locality, as it fills a gap in its range."

The number of specimens taken by the writer establishes the fact that it is not a chance occurrence, but a regular and abundant inhabitant of southwestern Iowa.

Reports from other parts of the state are also at hand, showing this is a common animal.