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In 1999, in one of his most influential works on Neotropical Syrphidae, Thompson (1999) named a new genus and two species after Charles P. Alexander and his wife Mabel Margarita. Charles had a great influence on Chris and he always called him “Alex”. Years later, Chris found that this genus [Xela Thompson & Vockeroth, 1999] was a junior homonym of a fossil trilobite from Australia [Xela Jell, 1990] and used the other nickname of Charles P. Alexander, known as “C.P.” among his students, for a replacement name, Cepa Thompson & Vockeroth, 2007.

Fig. 3: Selected species described by F. Christian Thompson. Cepa alex (Thompson, 1999). From the original publication.