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The larva of the mite *Halarachne miroungae*. This is a parasite that feeds on blood and tissues in the nasal cavaties of southern elephant seals; the six-legged larva is the dispersive phase that infects new hosts. Micrograph by Ken Robinson and P.J.A. Pugh (see article beginning page 113).