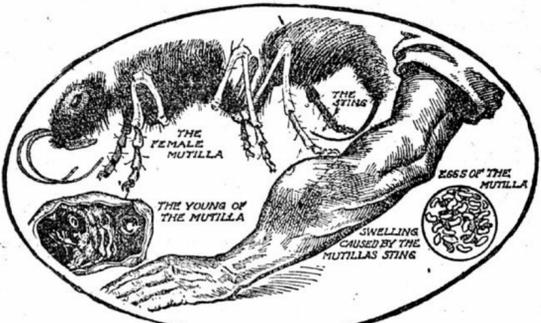


Little, Ant-Like Creature Whose Sting Causes Death



A DEATH-DEALING INSECT AND ITS WORK.

Concealed under the bark of trees, curled up under leaves, and in the grass of groves and woods is an ant-like insect, called the mutilla, whose bite scientists now declare may prove fatal.

It is not improbable that many deaths laid at the door of serpents and other poisonous creatures have been caused by this innocuous looking, unobtrusive little insect, that so much resembles the common ant.

The virulence of its bite was demonstrated a few days ago, when an employee of the Philadelphia forestry department, in applying a band of cotton to the trunk of a tree infested with the insects, was suddenly bitten on the arm. The member began to swell, and two days later his arm was in a frightful condition, various antidotes for poisoning seemingly having no effect.

The most skillful physicians and entomologists of Philadelphia were attracted to the case, and were in constant attendance until the poison was counteracted.

The victim of the sting said that its sensations were not painful, and that it was not until about twenty-four hours after that its effects began to be apparent. Then the swelling, with dull pains shooting up and down the forearm, and there was a sudden rise in temperature, accompanied by sickness at the stomach.

In appearance the insect resembles an ant of the larger species, only that it is hairy and of a brownish black. In a general way it resembles both the bee and the ant, and like the mosquito it is the female who does the stinging. She is larger than the male, and is wingless. The abdomen of the female terminates in a long, narrow tube called the ovipositor, a contrivance with which she places her eggs in a safe place, and which also answers for stinging purposes. When she sinks this deep into the flesh of her victim, she accompanies it with an injection of formic acid, which at once sets up a violent irritation. It is no more nor less than a hypodermic injection of a powerful poison, and the mutilla is the only member of the ant family that can produce it in quantities large enough to cause death in a human being.

These deaths probably do not occur to appear in swarms of millions, and deposited in the larvae of the caterpillar, a member of the ant family, and when the young mutilla is born it begins feeding upon the other insect, which is gradually devoured alive.

NESLER AND CHIPPEWAS SMOKE THE PIPE OF PEACE

Flatmouth, Mah-sa-ga-bah, a Head Man of the Pillagers, and Other Chiefs Discuss the Morris Law and Pledge Anew Their Fealty to the "Great Father" at Washington.

Special to The Journal.

Cass Lake, Minn., Sept. 1.—In a wigwam at the old Leech Lake agency, four miles distant from Washington, a peace pipe council, on the 24th inst., between the head chiefs and tribesmen of the different bands of the Chippewa reservation and C. F. Nesler, representing the secretary of the interior.

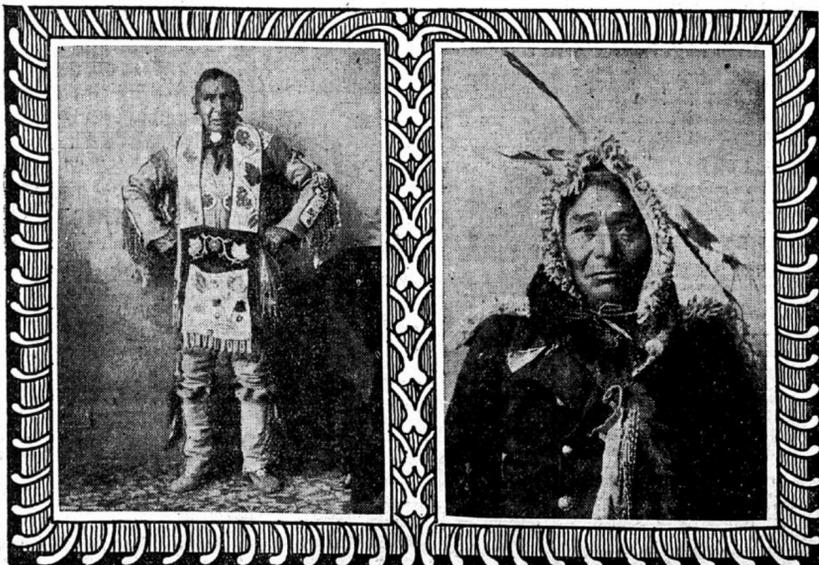
Ever since the passage of the Morris bill, which throws open to settlement the territory known as the Chippewa reservation, there has been a feeling of dissatisfaction among the Indians. This was caused by ignorance of the true conditions of the law. The credulity of the red men was also worked upon by disgruntled white men.

In response to a request Inspector Nesler agreed to meet in council with the Indians at any place they might select. No other white man was present except A. G. Bernard, who helped pass the Morris bill through congress. The interior of the wigwam was bare of furniture except a crude table and chair. The chiefs and head men were all assembled, some in citizens' clothes, and some in Indian costumes consisting of buckskin shirt and pants, heavily beaded, and mocassins, and war bonnets decorated with eagle and other feathers. Not a firearm was to be seen. An Inspector Nesler and Mr. Bernard entered the wigwam, there were a few guttural exclamations of "How, how."

Mr. Nesler lost no time in telling the Indians, through interpreter Bona, that he was prepared to listen to anything they might offer. The pipe was filled, lighted and passed around. Then Chief Flatmouth arose, and through the interpreter said:

"We are pleased to have you with us to-day. We have been told that the Morris bill takes away from our lands, our timber, and our fishing and hunting grounds. If this is so, we are again deceived. When we signed the Rice treaty in 1859 we were told that we should all have eighty acres of land; that the timber would all be sold at a fair price, and the farming lands sold to the white people who would come among us and teach us their ways, so that we could become farmers, and earn our own living, and save the money that was to come from the sale of our timber. Now we are told that nothing of this sort will happen. That

TWO ELOQUENT INDIAN CHIEFS



MA-SA-GA-BAH Chief of the Pillager Tribe

FLATMOUTH Chief of the Leech Lake Indians

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Men's fine cashmere wool hose, in black, tan and **19c** natural, worth 35c...
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er. He said he had always loved the whites and always counseled his people to follow the laws of the country. It pained him, in his old days, to learn of the dissatisfaction that had grown up among their people. All they asked for was their rights. They did not want their lands, which were very dear to them, taken away and for them to have to go away to other places. They wanted white men for neighbors, and would protect them. He wished to live to see the day when his people and the white people would be neighbors and friends. He asked Inspector Nesler to tell the great father at Washington that the hearts of the Indians were in good feeling for them all; that it was but fair and just that they should be protected in their rights.

Wa-da-na-win, another of the head men of the Pillagers, spoke in about the same vein, protesting friendship for the whites and an earnest desire for a continuance of good feeling.

Inspector Nesler, in replying, stated that he had nothing to do with the framing or passage of the act which had now become a law. He was here on business connected with it. The "great father" at Washington and his council were determined to see that the rights of the Indians were fully protected. He said the new law guarded all their rights in a better manner than anything else that had ever been done for them. That it would be almost impossible for anyone to steal the timber, which, when sold, would bring

a good price. They would be allowed to select their allotments before the land was thrown open to white settlement. Those of them who had satisfactory allotments would be allowed to keep them undisturbed, and those who were not satisfactory would be made so by the Indian agent, Major Scott.

Inspector Nesler assured them that it would be the great pleasure for him when he returned to Washington to tell the "great father" of the good feeling of friendship and loyalty existing among the Chippewas of northern Minnesota.

THE ROSE GARDEN

Roses Must Be Cultivated to Attain Perfection in Garden Soil.

The varieties to be planted is of secondary importance to the location of the spot they are to occupy. Given the best of stock and the choicest of kinds, if the conditions are not suitable the returns will be unsatisfactory.

The rose bushes, a master grower says, should be so arranged that the sun will shine upon them from their rise to meridian, and then leave them in shadow and repose. The hardy may preferably be planted in the autumn, the tender in the spring. Set plants of one or two years' growth, and prune before planting, for the shortening of the shoots and roots reduces the number of buds which draw upon the sap, and a more vigorous growth follows. Choose a day when the earth is easily worked and friable, for planting. Place the roots three to six inches under the surface and set deeper in light and dry than in strong and moist soils. Transplanting should occur once in five or six years, but budded and grafted varieties more frequently become impaired; the wood, annually weaker, does not attain that maturity and size necessary to the production of fine flowers. If we carefully remove the plant in this condition we shall find large, suckerlike roots, almost destitute of fibers, which have been burying themselves in the earth each successive year, and removed farther from the reach of nourishment, the bush dwindles and becomes debilitated, which is remedied by replanting in the autumn, cutting off the suckers and pruning the roots.

Roses may be grown to perfection in ordinary garden soil, but they must be cultivated, and the ground thoroughly drained, dug and fertilized, and rendered as porous as possible. In clay loams the use of sand, lime, soot, burnt earth and loose, light vegetable matter, like leaves decayed to mould, will alter the texture and improve the quality. At the time of planting, strong fertilizers are not required, but when the bushes have become established they like rich soil, which should be made light for the delicate rooting kinds, and more tenacious for the robust and hardy, and it would be reasonable that the classes and varieties differing in their nature should have more than one soil, each may receive that which is the most suitable. A knowledge of the several ingredients of the earth in which our bed of roses is planted would afford desirable information, in order that we may apply at the right time the proper kind of fertilizers, and a renewal of the surface soil with old pasture loam every two or three years will supply important elements unobtainable by any other method. The upper earth should be kept light and loose, in order the readily admit those constituents which cause growth, and the soil should be filled with such particles of food in the particular form necessary to unite with the air and water, avoiding the application of more fertilizers in a soluble state than the plants can consume. A critical observer and careful grower might say that the earth should be filled with stimulants in different stages of decomposition, that the plant may, in all conditions of

growth, have plenty of food; to be applied often, in a weak, liquid form, when the plants are growing, and especially flowering. An application of bone and potash acts favorably when the earth is removed from the bushes in the spring. A frequent sprinkling of water at evening adds health to the foliage; but it is best to imitate nature, and wet the earth thoroughly only when dry, withholding water until again needed.

BERNHARDT ON FASHIONS

A chronicler of the modes has been interviewing Mme. Bernhardt in Paris on that perennially interesting topic—"fashions."

"What do I think of the fashions?" she replied to the visitor's first interrogation. "Not very much. I live so completely beyond their tyranny that I never trouble myself about them."

"As regards others, I think the present fashion has made great progress in the direction of independence. When one thinks that in the days of Louis XV, and XVI, a woman was only in the fashion when her nose was the right shape, one can realize what great progress has been made toward independence."

"Fashion ought to be personal, and a woman's dress should be designed to set off only special charm that she may possess or to conceal some defect without any preoccupation as to what other women do. I consider that the best dressed artist from a Parisian point of view is unquestionably Mme. Bernhardt. 'As for myself,' continued Mme. Bernhardt, 'I like beautiful materials and graceful folds; I like my dresses plain and straight in their lines, leaving the body free movement; and I like them long and wrapping.'

Mme. Bernhardt went on in praise of American women, of whose cultivated minds and intelligent independence she said many complimentary things.

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