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stroyed by pouring very hot water copiously into their nests, or by using coal-oil in the same way; a few tablespoonfuls is said to suffice for the destruction of a nest. (5) The burying of a few sliced onions in the nest is said to cause them to abandon their quarters; but if so, they may remove to an equally unsatisfactory position. (6) Carbolic acid and corrosive sublimate are said to be especially poisonous to ants, the latter substance rendering them actually insane, if such an expression may be used of these creatures. Among natural checks may be mentioned the ant-lions (*Myrmecleo*), which dig pits for the capture of the ants, at the bottom of which they lie in wait for their victims, toads, and some species of birds.

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