

ubiquitous house-fly. The mosquito would have a good case in court if it were tried by an impartial jury as it could put in a plea of accidental or unintentional homicide. In its search for food it uses its beak hypodermatically and introduces into its biped victim the *Plasmodium malariae* and that disease that has such a misnomer is set up. The house-fly is hardly responsible for its hairy feet and nature did not restrict it as to the places where it should walk, as it does equally well on the glass of the baby's bottle or on the soldier's biscuit. It could also set up a plea of innocence and show that all its crimes are due to ignorance. Man must, however, look at the matter from the standpoint of self-preservation and put up a "no trespass" sign and if the warning is not heeded the careless dung-bred dipteron must suffer the consequences. When a young man goes to war he is full of the martial spirit and he is willing to be a victim of the bullets of the enemy for the glory and righteousness of his country; but he is much more likely to be put under the sod by the *Plasmodium malariae* or the *Bacillus typhosus*, and there is no doubt but that a knowledge of bacteriology and entomology are of more importance in war times than the question of armament. During the British-Boer war there were said to be at least a hundred thousand men invalided and a Canadian surgeon testified that in many camps the meat hung up could not be seen for house-flies. Think of this many men, all a loss as fighting units, and the great expense to the government for medical attendants, nurses, food and medicines. The United States thought it had a war with Spain and that the States won the victory, but it would be more accurate to state that the United States had a war with the house-fly and suffered awful defeat at the hands (feet) of its little enemy, as the Spaniards only killed about two hundred Americans and the house-fly by its utter carelessness in walking in the latrines and then flying into the mess tents and stealing its meals from the soldiers, made it possible for the *Bacillus typhosus* to make many very ill and kill over four thousand of them. Thus the fly was victorious over a great nation. Fifty thousand men are buried in the neighborhood of the Panama Canal and the little mosquito beat the French to a finish in their efforts to build a great transcontinental water-way. There are about fifty thousand men there now in an effort to accomplish the same object and they will probably be successful as they know the enemy and her power and also know how to prevent her careless ways of getting a meal of blood. Some needless people may not know the importance of this subject and they are slow to learn, and it may be necessary to remind them that war is hell and that in the Crimean War