

emerge again. An examination revealed the spider in a torpid condition with a large cylindrical shaped white egg attached to the under side of its abdomen. This spider was placed in a glass vial and on the 8th had fully recovered its activities. It ate flies readily thereafter and was kept alive until July 15, when being unable to longer resist the sapping of its vitality by the large larva, which the *Pompilus* egg had produced, it died. This *Pompilus* larva had in seven days attained a truly remarkable size and was almost 20 mm. long at the time of the spider's death. It only survived its host, however, for a short time, so that the further stages of its life could not be ascertained. This is but a single example of the many tragedies that occur in, or around, the spiders' homes. Wasps of many kinds roam these sand dunes in large numbers and there is no doubt that spiders form quite a large percentage of their prey. That the spiders in their turn, have found it a profitable hunting ground is equally demonstrated by the large number present in the neighbourhood.

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#### A NOTE ON THE MIGRATION OF THE BARREN GROUND CARIBOU.

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There is perhaps no more curious and interesting phenomenon connected with the wild life of Northwestern Canada than the semi-annual migration of the Caribou, *Rangifer arcticus*. The vast herds of these deer, which summer in the barren lands far to the east of the Mackenzie river, move southward in the late autumn from the treeless barrens of the Arctic slope and seek the shelter of the forested region east of the Slave and Athabasca rivers. The writer traversed both of these rivers and a part of the Mackenzie river during the past summer but neither saw nor heard of any caribou having been observed during the summer. With the coming of winter, however, they appeared east of the Slave river in vast numbers, as the following letter from Inspector K. F. Anderson of the R. N. W. Mounted Police clearly indicates.

R. N. W. M. Police,

Fort Fitzgerald,

December 15, 1917.

E. M. Kindle, Esq.,  
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My dear Mr. Kindle:

There is nothing new here except the Caribou. They are within forty-five miles of this place in tens of thousands and the natives are getting numbers of the animals and will therefore have plenty to eat this winter. The Deer (Caribou) are passing