

under the glass is seen to be covered with a soft pubescence that makes it more like a downy feather than a hair. Head jet black, base of clypeus and antennæ white; tips of prolegs pale.

On most of the specimens the lower spreading tufts of hairs on the extremities of the body are white, the rest black; but I find some with all the lateral spreading hairs white, and also the lateral pencils on joints 6 to 11. In others the spreading hairs are gray and the lateral pencils black; but these variations are the exception. Each tubercle gives rise to two sets of hairs, a short spreading bristle-like set, and in the centre a pencil of the plumose sort.

July 11 they began to spin, and by the 16th all had disappeared. They produced the imagines from July 28th to 31st, 54 coming out in all, only 6 of which were ♀. Some of the females deposited eggs, which were .025 of an inch in diameter, globular, white, smooth. These were deposited in irregular clusters, some in the roof of the cage and some partly around a twig, but all of them were covered more or less completely by hairs from the last joint of the abdomen of the female. The tufts of whitish hairs found on the tip of the abdomen of this species seems to be for that purpose. After the cluster was completed the female would rub the end of the abdomen all around it and over it, nearly denuding herself of these hairs.

These eggs were watched for a number of days, but as they did not hatch they were not noticed further, it being supposed that they would hibernate. Afterwards it was found they had hatched and the larvæ died. While in confinement the larvæ were fed on *Asclepias tuberosa*, which they ate readily, but they refused to eat *A. purpurascens*.

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PAPERS READ.

The Rev. Mr. Fyles read a paper describing the habits of an insect forming galls upon *Vaccinium canadense*, and exhibited specimens and microscopic drawings of the insect.

Mr. Harrington read an abstract of a paper on the Tenthredinidæ, or saw-flies.