

Head medium sized, rather flat, slightly bilobed, of a pale greenish-white color, with a large patch of black on each lobe above and a smaller one below just above mandibles. Mandibles black, with a streak of white on each.

Body above pale greenish-white, semi-transparent, with transverse rows of tubercles of the same color, from which arise tufts of long, fine, silky, white hairs. On second segment the hairs overhang the head, and there are here one or two black ones on each side mixed with the white. A dorsal line of pale green; stigmata pale white, edged very faintly with pale reddish.

Under surface, feet and prolegs of the same color as upper surface.

The larva entered the chrysalis state shortly after its capture, and produced the imago on the 11th of June, 1867.

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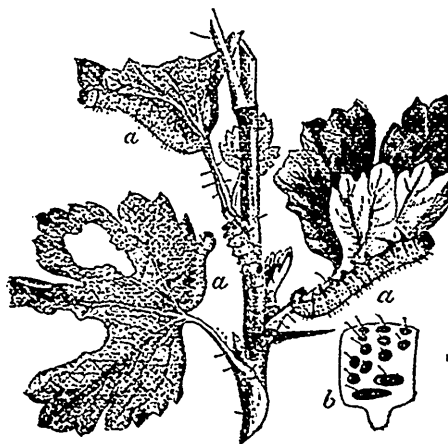
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THE CURRANT WORM IN TROUBLE.

On the 21st of July at a quarter past seven in the evening we were passing around among the currant and gooseberry bushes watching the manipulations of a few of those well known foes, the larva of *Nematus ventricosus*. The accompanying figure will illustrate their appearance and doings; they were

feeding away voraciously with perennial appetites, when a disturber of their peace appeared among them in the shape of a small black ichneumon fly which fastened itself on the body of one of their number, and began to deposit its eggs by means of a sharp ovipositor, dexterously thrust through the skin of its victim, whose jerks and writhings while indicating a very uneasy state, failed to shake off the tormentor. The fly remained some time attached and so intent was



it in fulfilling the instincts of its nature that a capture was made of both fly and larva, by the sudden movement of a pill box, but while endeavouring to transfer them to the inside of a tumbler so that their further operations might be better observed, the fly suddenly escaped and was seen no more; the larva also died before reaching maturity, so that its further history could not at that time be developed.