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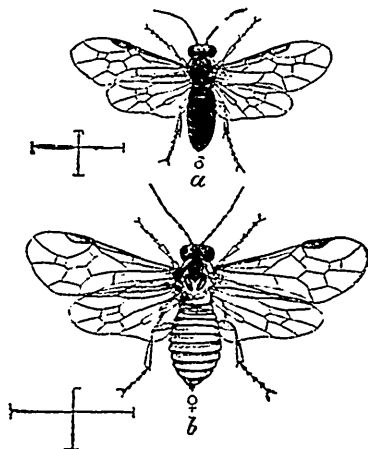
THE IMPORTED CURRANT SAW-FLY—(*NEMATUS RIBESII*, Scop.).

FIG. 7.

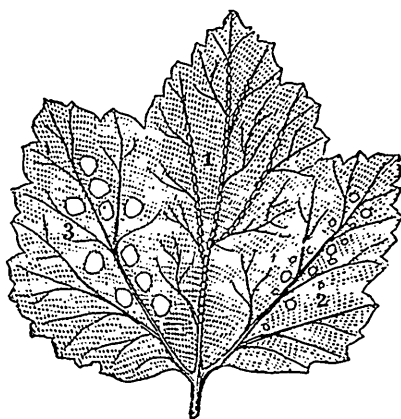


FIG. 8.

Amongst insects which every year make their presence noticeably apparent by their injuries, and thus win the distinction of being "First-class Pests" to the fruit-grower, not one, perhaps, is better known, nor, when not checked in its operations, more annoying, than the currant worm, the larval state of the imported currant saw-fly, *Nematus Ribesii*, Scop. (= *N. ventricosus*, Klug).

This is a European insect, which, although it has only been noticed in America for thirty years, has already spread over a large proportion of the settled parts. Early in the spring when the buds are bursting upon the currant and gooseberry bushes, active yellowish four-winged flies will be seen flying around the bushes or crawling over the unfolding leaves. These are the parents of the currant worms. The two sexes differ a good deal in appearance. At Fig. 7, they are both represented enlarged. The hairlines at the sides show their natural sizes. The male is shown at *a*. It is slightly the smaller, and is much darker in color. The head and thorax are almost black, with some dull yellow spots. The abdomen is dark above but yellow beneath and at the tip. The wings are glossy