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Aphidius infests plant lice, but it is too small to be readily seen.

Macrocentrus (Delicate Lace String) is parasitic on codling moth, etc. (Fig. 16.)

CHALCIDS or CHALCIS FLIES.—Small and parasitic. One species infests the cabbage butterfly, and others many troublesome larvæ.

VESPIDÆ or WASPS.—These may be placed among the beneficial insects, as they subsist chiefly upon injurious forms.

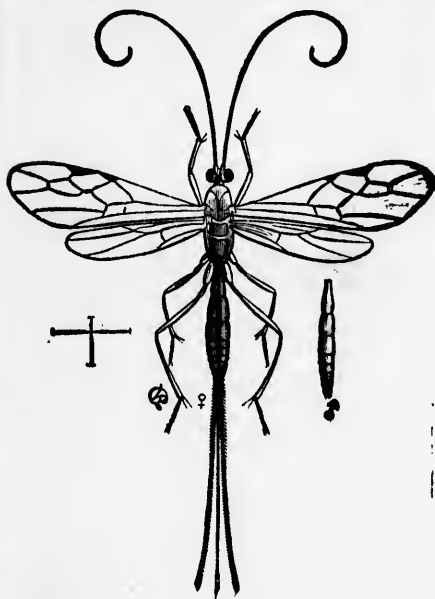


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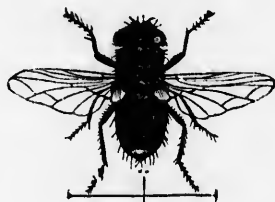


Fig. 18.

DIPTERA (*Flies—Two-winged*).

TACHINIDS.—The Tachina flies are larger than house flies. (Figs. 17 and 18.) As valuable as the Ichneumon for parasitizing caterpillars, grasshoppers, etc. Eggs are laid on the surface of caterpillars, and the larvæ bore inside. Cut worms are especially attacked by them. Many Tachina fly larvæ prey upon saw-fly larvæ. *Eristalis* preys upon aphids. *Pranachus*, with a long tapering abdomen, feeds upon clover midges.