

omnivorous, are annoying, disgusting and troublesome, but still they don't bite the eyelashes off sleeping children here as they do in parts of Brazil, and that is something in their favour.

The Case of *Stephanitis pyrioides*.

It's a long distance from "cherry blossom" land to New Jersey, but the embryonic children of *Pyrioides* managed to make the trip in safety. *Stephanitis pyrioides* lived contentedly in Japan, on an azalea, sipping the sap now and then, watching over her brood, and taking pride in her beautiful, lace-like gauzy wings. Knowing upon the approach of cold weather, that she could not hope to live much longer, she carefully deposited in the leaves of the plant, close to the mid-ribs, tiny, oval eggs and then died contentedly. If this plant had only remained in Japan, all would have been well. But, there arose in New Jersey, a demand for Japanese azaleas, a demand which had to be supplied and so over the Pacific ocean, over the continent of North America, came the azaleas and the unborn children of *Stephanitis*. The inspector was on the watch for these plants and looked carefully over each one, but how was he to know of the tiny eggs hidden in the leaf tissue so effectually and not discoverable without a high-power microscope. He carried only a pocket lens, moreover he couldn't begin to pick off every leaf and tear it apart to see if anything was inside. The plants looked all right and so they were admitted.

And so the babies of *Stephanitis*'s grew up in New Jersey instead of Japan. Needless to say, they increased numerically to such an extent and made such a pest of themselves by sucking the sap out of nice, green, azalea leaves, that many owners of Japanese azaleas are forced every year to go through their gardens and squirt stuff on them with a little brass gun.

The Case of *Cholus forbesii*.

(Pl. XIV, fig. 3).

There lived in the tropical forests of Colombia, an attractive black and white-marked creature, which prowled around, sinking its beak into the leaves and bulbs of wild orchids growing on the trunks of trees, living a care-free life, unknown and unhonoured.