



The perfect female is shown in the above figure, the lines showing the actual size.

This insect will ruin the currant and gooseberry crop, if once it has gained entrance and is allowed to go unmolested. In its perfect state it is a small two-winged fly which lays its eggs on the fruit while it is small. The larvæ enter the fruit yet green and feed on its contents, leaving a small black scar at point of entering. The affected fruit ripens prematurely and shortly decays and drops to the ground, when on opening them a small white grub will be found, about one-third of an inch long.

REMEDIES.

The following remedies have proved effectual where tried in other places: Use one large tablespoonful of powdered white hellebore dissolved in a pailful of water, spraying the bushes just before they bloom and again after the fruit has set.

CURRENT AND GOOSEBERRY SLUG OR WORM.

(*Nematus ventricosus*).



The full-grown worms are about three-fourths of an inch long, and are shewn at (a); (b) gives the position of the black spots upon a magnified joint of the body.