

count of the length of time necessary for such an operation, or because of the fact that the roots of the rhododendron were so fine and fibrous and so imbedded in the soil that it would be impossible to separate them and have anything left that would grow.

Some persons say that *Gryllotalpa* will never amount to much in New Jersey, which may be true, but what is to prevent her from being carried to other parts of the United States just as she was brought to New Jersey? Anyhow, she has a bad reputation in Europe.

The Case of *Blaberus discoidalis*.

(Pl. XIV, fig. 1).

Just like *Gryllotalpa*, the large Cockroach, *Blaberus*, came to New Jersey in a boat, but in this case, the boat sailed from a South American port instead of an European one. This boat carried among other things, numerous cases of wild orchids, which were consigned to a New Jersey orchid grower. It is somewhat difficult to determine just when *Blaberus* and his associates crawled into these cases and why they wanted to come to New Jersey. Perhaps they were chasing each other around the boxes while they stood on the dock of a South American port and a few dodged in to hide and were later carried on board. Perhaps they were already on the ship and crawled in the boxes for green food or want of something better to do or in search of amusement. However, these cases of orchids finally stood outside of a greenhouse in New Jersey waiting to be unpacked. This work was done outside so that *Blaberus* could not get into the house and thrive.

The official inspector was there also but *Blaberus* knew naught of inspectors and regulations and when the plant in which he was hiding was picked up, quick as a flash he dropped to the ground and scooted off. The greenhouse man said, "Well he will die just as soon as the weather gets cold, anyhow." Did he? Well, I guess not. Just as if an intelligent roach couldn't find a crack in a greenhouse, large enough to squeeze through. Then the inspector pulled out a little red book and marked down therein, "*Blaberus discoidalis* on orchids from South America." And that is all, except that *Blaberus* and others of his kind are doing very well now in New Jersey greenhouses. Of course, they are almost