

AN UNEXPECTED GUEST

their hind wings, and wondered what the color indicated. An insect-book enlightened us. The blue is the hall-mark of the females of *Papilio turnus*, a butterfly which frequently oviposits upon the leaves of the tulip tree. After we had learned these facts the little woman was very anxious to see the eggs; but although I kept an eye upon these butterfly visitors they seemed



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The Turnus, when not feeding, rests upon a mattress constructed of silk threads

always to alight high among the branches, and it was the first of August before I saw a female settle upon a leaf within reach and remain there for several moments. After her departure I examined the place where she had been, and, to my delight, found a wee green egg. I picked the leaf and placed its stem in a jar of wet sand, then together the little invalid and I rejoiced over our find.

Ten days later we discovered a "bit" of a caterpillar close by the empty shell. It was brown with a white saddle-patch