

CURIOUS THINGS AROUND US

This page is devoted to the Study of Interesting Insects, Plants, Animals, and Fishes

HARMFUL INSECTS



THE MOSQUITO

You have read about the honey bee and the dragon fly and how they are of help to man. While some insects are our friends, some are our enemies.

The mosquitoes disturb our sleep when they bite us. They may also make us sick. Some mosquitoes spread malaria and other kinds of fever. If you know the story of their life, we can tell how they can be destroyed.

The female mosquito lays her eggs on standing water. The tiny eggs form little rafts. After a day the eggs hatch into the active little animals called wigglers. Watching them, you will notice that the wigglers go to the surface of the water to breathe. If they are prevented from taking in air at the surface of the water, they will die.

It is easy to destroy mosquitoes while they are wigglers. Pouring petroleum on the stagnant water where they live will kill them. Do you know of other ways of killing them?



THE FLY

Another troublesome and offensive insect is the housefly. It lives in dirty places and feeds upon man's food and decayed things or on horse manure. It lays its eggs on these places also where there is plenty of food. The flies increase in number very rapidly.

The feet of the fly have hairs that carry germs. When the fly walks on our food, it leaves the germs on the food. It carries germs of cholera, typhoid, and other dreadful diseases.

Protect yourself from diseases spread by flies by covering your food and destroying the places where they lay their eggs and feed upon.

LITTLE PICK-UPS

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CHIASMODON NIGER

The Chiasmodon Niger lives in the deepest part of the ocean. It has been found that this curious fish prefers to live a mile down in the pitch-black depths of the sea. This fish has a very big elastic stomach. It can swallow other fishes bigger and three times longer than itself.



COMMON SLUG

The Common Slug has 30,000 teeth. It has more than any other living creature in the world. The eyelike object that you see in this illustration is not an eye. It is a hole thru which the Slug breathes.