

WEB WORM IS AT WORK

HAS BEGUN PREYING UPON THE CITY'S SHADE TREES.

Description of the Insect Pests—How Citizens Can Aid Authorities in Work of Protection.

The insect pests that annually prey upon the shade trees of the national capital are beginning to make their appearance in the middle numbers, and before very long the traces of their depredations will be in evidence all over the city.

The web worm, which is the most common of the three kinds of insects that annually do the greatest amount of damage to the trees of Washington—which constitute one of the city's chief claims to beauty—only one, the fall web worm, appears to have made a good start.

The fall web worm is in itself, however, a serious menace to the city's plant life. It is this caterpillar that was associated with the tussock moth in the depredations of the shade trees of Washington during the summer of 1895.

When the American lawyer reported for duty therefore and started in to settle matters in his thorough, business-like way, my little friend thought that while he might not be of any use, at the same time it would only be proper and courteous for him to offer his services to the distinguished foreigner, who, for the time being, was in the service of his country.

Enforcement of the laws and the preservation of game are always live topics when a party of men interested in hunting and fishing get together.

Mr. James Johnson, a sportsman widely known throughout the country, was at his father's plantation in Mississippi last week and in company with his worthy sire killed 100 ducks in two days.

It is impossible for them to eat such a lot of game, and from what I know of the birds, I believe that the majority of the game is shot by the sportsmen.

How to Destroy the Pests. A bundle of rags wired to the end of a pole and saturated with kerosene makes a good torch for the purpose, or a porous brick wired to a pole and saturated with kerosene has been found to answer the purpose.

Citizens Can Aid Authorities Greatly. As a matter of fact, leaving aside all community methods of protection, a great deal can be done by the citizens of Washington in protecting the trees of the city from the ravages of the web worm.

Cheap Lodging Houses for Poor. Practical steps have been taken to provide cheap lodging houses for the poor in Italy, United States Consul Bruch at Milan, who has made an official report on the subject, says that the "Popolar Hotel," opened in Milan in 1901, has proved a great boon to that class of people who are unable to find a place to stay.

Susceptible England. We possess the largest empire there has ever been and are enormously rich, yet our character, customs, politics, press, commercial methods, manners, literature and "society" are being rapidly transformed by the influence of other nations.

Japanese Iris. Little wonder that the iris, so boldly decorative in outline and bearing a flower of exquisite coloring so marvellously formed, should make its strongest appeal to the artistic Japanese.

Liquor Drinking in Great Britain. United States Consul Knabenshuf at Belfast reports to the Department of Commerce and Labor that the sum spent for intoxicating liquors in Great Britain and Ireland in the calendar year 1904 was \$317,000,000 in round numbers.

The Man Back of the Tunnels. William G. McAdoo is the name of the man who is responsible for this gigantic piece of work, which is being pushed forward so quickly and with such consummate engineering skill that not even the cobble streets of Morton and Greenwicks streets in New York, under which two tubes are being bored, have been disturbed.

Oh, mamma, I know what you mean by sound asleep now. Just listen to papa!

THE WORLD'S GREATEST INTER-URBAN TUNNELS

CONSTRUCTING THE TUNNELS UNDER THE HUDSON RIVER.

When the second company which tackled the tunnels abandoned the work the shield was close to a ledge of rock, which was encountered soon after the McAdoo company took hold.

Examined by a Surgeon. The company's surgeon always examines the employes prior to work, and lets none go into the heading who is not in prime condition. Engineering skill, too, has had a lot to do with this clean record.

Such an accident was that which occurred in the south tunnel near the New Jersey shore when the foreman negligently left the shield doors open, the river bed gave way, and the tunnel was flooded back to the air lock.

Constructing the Tunnels. When the tunnelers finally turn over the system to the men who will equip it for operation about sixteen miles of tube will have been bored, or what amounts to two parallel lines of eight miles each.

Working the Shield. As the shield is pushed forward and the material is excavated, cast-iron lining plates are erected inside the tunnel and within considerable distance of the rear of the shield.

Wonderful New Machinery. In the design of the machinery for carrying out the remaining part of the work, the most modern devices known in tunnel building are being adopted.

Faithful Mother Bird. Three weeks ago a freight car came into the yards at Chillicothe, Ohio, and the railroad men discovered on the floor of the car through which the brake protrudes at the end, toward the top of the car, a robin had built its nest.

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"The most beautiful sight in Washington," was the comment of Commissioner Macfarland as he looked at the group of young school graduates at Convention Hall the other evening.

Certainly one of the most unique sights most any one would say, who was there, for just at that time those on the stage had been presented with the flowers which relatives and friends give to the happy students on graduation.

All at once this expanse, which had been dominated by the quiet contrast of the white dresses and the blue and black suits of the girls, was flooded into a glow of color. As the great masses of flowers were shifted about from hand to hand it suggested the process of the arrangement of some gigantic bouquet.

"The nearest approach to the daily crush at the New York end of the Brooklyn bridge that I have seen in this city," remarked a visitor to a Star reporter, "occurs at the Rock creek railroad loop every evening when the weather is hot. There is the same mass of humanity, the same scramble and the same mad get-there-any-way-the-earliest-the-best."

Every one knows the difference that a letter or a punctuation mark will sometimes make in the appearance of a document of any sort, but there are always new examples of the fact turning up.

One just now in front of a small grocery store in Georgetown. Of course during the sort of weather Washington has been enjoying recently it is the part of wisdom for green grocers and dealers of that sort to keep their perishable goods on ice.

"Fresh Fish Reading." "What is the small boy—it could not have been any one but a small boy—came along with a lead pencil and added an 's' to the word 'side'."

"Oh, nothing at all," remarked the other correspondent. "The just can't find the foot rail, that's all."

"And now the girls are wondering whether foot rails are usually at the bottom of soda fountain counters."

Secretary Wilson of the board of charities about eight months ago took a poor, half-demented colored man from Washington to the home of his relatives in Mississippi.

"The other day Secretary Wilson received a letter from the former ward of the board. The communicant stated that the colored man had been working on a farm down in Mississippi, and continued as follows:

"I wish you would send me a couple sacks of clothes, a barrel of potatoes, three sacks of flour, a butt of chewing tobacco and a five-gallon jug of whiskey. I am needing the things, especially the whiskey. If you can't send the other things, send the whiskey, and if you can't send me five gallons, maybe I can get along with a gallon. Hoping you will send me the things, I remain very truly yours, Jim."

"P. S.—Don't forget the whiskey."

"It's don't do underestimate the mental capacity of the men that the republics of South America have gathered into their official families," declared a globe trotter who was observing the joint army and navy maneuvers at Old Point last week.

A NATURAL INFERENCE. From Punch.

