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TURNER FLIES.

Plague him with flies.—Othello. Flies afford an interesting branch of study and of speculation to the man of science, and the naturalist, and supply equally as well to the philosopher and the poet, much instructive and amusing material wherewith to point a moral and adorn a tale.

Honorable mention is made of flies by Moses, in his early history of the kingdom of Egypt. Aristophanes did not disdain to introduce them into his comedies; Virgil impaled them in his Georgics, and Pliny described them in his natural history.

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We may form some remote idea of the number of flies in existence, if we reflect for a moment, that the diptera or two winged fly is only one, out of an almost countless throng of co-ordinate species, and then reflect furthermore, that there are more than 2000 species of diptera and then, that all the muscivores only constitute but one of these two thousand species.

There is one remarkable trait, however, which all dipterous flydom possess in common; and that trait is, they all imbibe their food by suction, which leads us by a very easy transition to the subject immediately in hand, to-wit: TURNER FLIES.

The following species of flies, which we now proceed to enumerate and describe, though in many respects allied to TURNER FLIES, and bearing various striking marks of close relationship thereto, are nevertheless to be carefully distinguished from these insects.

We enumerate as follows, viz: 1. THE COMMON HOUSE FLY. This domestic and friendly little creature, is too well known to our readers to require any extended notice.

2. THE BLUE BOTTLE FLY. Introduced as an object of comparison in Washington Irving's inimitable story of "The Spectre Bridegroom," more frequently mentioned in ordinary parlance as "the blue tailed fly," a familiar quotation will suggest a point in common with the TURNER FLY, viz: "brush away that blue tailed fly."

3. THE HESSIAN FLY. Most wheat growers have formed its acquaintance. It derives its name from the soldiers of the principality of Hesse, who were hired out by their prince to fight for the highest bidder. Features analogous to the TURNER FLY. Fighting, however, forever barred by the statute of limitations. (See the rule in Bailey's case.)

4. THE DRAGON FLY. Better known to small negroes as "the Snake feeder." To their infantile and superstitious minds, its appearance always indicates the presence of an "ole snake" lurking somewhere in the vicinity. Where's the "ole snake?" Food for reflection on the TURNER FLY.

5. THE WATER FLY. "Ah how the poor world is pestered with such waterflies, diminutives of nature." Thus singeth the bard of Avon in Troilus and Cressid. The Turner build is portly, and the bulge is that of a barrel, and water is never kept in barrels on dry land. "Three glasses of ale per day, and a tickler full of green peach brandy smushed in the violence of gesticulation in the breeches pocket, on the public platform. This is not the TURNER FLY."

6. THE FIRE FLY. Commonly called the "lightning bug;" "And all night long by her fire fly lamp, she paddles her light canoe.— Moore."

7. THE TURNIP FLY. An English writer says in the Entomological Magazine, that the destruction of the hop plant alone in 1825, by this voracious insect, robbed the British Treasury of 126,000 pounds sterling. The TURNER FLY deprecates mild in comparison. That only milks seven hundred a week in the way of public printing.

8. THE GAD FLY. Excites poor overdriven horses and oxen to frenzy by its piercing sting. It deposits its eggs on the tenderer parts of the animal, which it attacks. The unfortunate creature licks the spot to remove the pain, and by this means conveys the eggs into its stomach, where in due process of time the bots emerge from the larva. A practised eye will readily detect a

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TURNER FLY No. 1. Question. How long since you heard of the organization of Ku Klux or White Brotherhood? Answer. I never knew anything of it till the late trial before the courts; (August 1870). "I had no knowledge of it, and none that the outrages were perpetrated."

Question. Did you not say at Graham, last spring, in the Court-house, in a speech, addressing yourself to the negroes: "You see now what you have got for voting this radical ticket; it will be a great deal worse for you if you keep on;" or words to that effect? Answer. I remember making a speech there (May 1870), and said, not to the negroes for I hardly ever made a speech to them, they were not apt to turn out and hear me; I was speaking to the white people and I enumerated the outrages that had been perpetrated throughout the State by the leagues, and then I enumerated the outrages that had been perpetrated by the Ku Klux, and I denounced both, and told them they were the result of secret societies, and that it would bring destruction to any county.

TURNER FLY No. 2. Question. Do you say that you never had any belief or information that such an organization existed before?" (i. e. till the late trial before the courts.) Answer. I never had the least information; never saw a man who told me or intimated to me that he belonged to it.

Question. Have you ever, and if so, when, in your paper, denounced the Ku Klux as an organization? Answer. Always.

Question. Did you ever assume in your paper that such an organization existed? Answer. Did exist?

Question. Did you ever admit in your paper that such an order existed? Answer. I think I have.

Question. When? Answer. I do not now remember the dates.

Question. Was it before or since the trial? Answer. It was before the trial.

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PROBLEM. How much longer will it take Governor Holden to go to Hillsboro, than it will take Josiah Turner, Jr., to go to the Grand Jury in the District of Columbia? Shoo fly.

WEST VIRGINIA.—An election for delegates to the lately ordered Constitutional Convention will be held in West Virginia in October. Members of the Legislature are also to be chosen. The Republicans there have aroused themselves, and will do their utmost to carry the State. They claim it was only their apathy and want of energy which enabled the Democracy to carry the vote on the Convention question.

MARYLAND REPUBLICANS.—The Republican of this State held their State Convention for the purpose of nominating a Candidate for Governor and State officers, in Baltimore, on the 12th inst. Every county was represented except one, Jacob Tome was nominated by acclamation for Governor. Hon. Alexander Randall was nominated for Attorney General, and Lawrence J. Bregle for Comptroller. Resolutions were adopted endorsing

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TURNER FLY No. 1. Question. How long since you heard of the organization of Ku Klux or White Brotherhood? Answer. I never knew anything of it till the late trial before the courts; (August 1870). "I had no knowledge of it, and none that the outrages were perpetrated."

Question. Did you not say at Graham, last spring, in the Court-house, in a speech, addressing yourself to the negroes: "You see now what you have got for voting this radical ticket; it will be a great deal worse for you if you keep on;" or words to that effect? Answer. I remember making a speech there (May 1870), and said, not to the negroes for I hardly ever made a speech to them, they were not apt to turn out and hear me; I was speaking to the white people and I enumerated the outrages that had been perpetrated throughout the State by the leagues, and then I enumerated the outrages that had been perpetrated by the Ku Klux, and I denounced both, and told them they were the result of secret societies, and that it would bring destruction to any county.

TURNER FLY No. 2. Question. Do you say that you never had any belief or information that such an organization existed before?" (i. e. till the late trial before the courts.) Answer. I never had the least information; never saw a man who told me or intimated to me that he belonged to it.

Question. Have you ever, and if so, when, in your paper, denounced the Ku Klux as an organization? Answer. Always.

Question. Did you ever assume