SKIPPERS IN HAMS.

Millions Lost Annually in the Lively Sugar-Cured Pork.

HOW LARVÆ GET UNDER CANVASS.

Their High-Toned Tastes the Principal Cause of Trouble.

PLANTATION DARKIES WHO EAT THEM

"The Conies are a feeble folk, yet they make their houses in the rocks." A Pittsburg amateur entomologist connected with the provision trade has discovered that, not only may sermons be found in stones, books in running brooks, etc., but also interesting information learned from skippers in cheese and hog hams, and the insect that makes them is fully as interesting as the bedbug, and can discount the *cimex lectularius* in the matter of wings.

This savant was drawn out yesterday on the subject, and his first statement was one that is familiar to but very few outside the provision trade, viz: That the loss by heating, coagulation of blood and the ravages of the skipper fly amount to millions of dollars yearly. Though a fear was once expressed that wild animals might increase in Palestine to the detriment of the human population, which was exhorted to multiply to prevent it, the danger to-day is not from wild animals, but from insects, worms, etc. We shudder to hear of an invasion of the army worm or the locust, which leaves nothing green in its wake; and yet, perhaps, 500,000 of our population spend the greater part of their time trying to kill the songsters and other feathered fowl which are our greatest allies in our fight with some of the worst things in the insect world.

BETTER FOR BIRDS THAN MEN.

Of course the insect is a valuable creation in its place; but it was evidently a large part of the purpose of its creation that it should furnish bird food, and if the birds are exterminated the insects may destroy the world—do more harm than those great world-stormers, Alexander, Cæsar, Hannibal, Attilla, Ghengis, Khan, Napoleon, etc.

Our entomologist hadn't ciphered out the name of the particular insect under discussion further than to dub it the skipper fly. It is about one-fourth the size of the common house fly, and it is gamey and pugnacious to the last degree, never ceasing in its contests with one of its species while it is able to get to the scratch; and it doesn't wait for time to be called. The female is armed with a powerful lance, and when she has discovered an aperture even in the canvass covering of a ham enough to admit the point of a cambric needle she thrusts her lance into it and proceeds to deposit her eggs. Each one hatches, if the temperature be high enough, in three days, and three days later is a fully-developed skipper, or maggot. In this state the skipper is very voracious, and as he has nothing to do but eat the world he inhabits, he lives right royally, and probably doesn't ask for eggs with his ham.

ITS COFFIN AND RESURRECTION.

In a few days more he becomes dyspeptic and proceeds to incrust himself in a coffin, in which he remains for a time, when he has a resurrection and comes out of his tomb, if circumstances are favorable, and at once sets up again in business as a skipper fly.

The insect evidently is highly philoprogenitive, for it chooses only sugar-cured hams in which to deposit its larvæ, and this explains what so many people wonder at—why canvassed hams are so much more likely to be infested by skippers than the ordinary salt cured. The skipper has a sweet tooth, and his mother labors to indulge the future appetite of her offspring. If she cannot find sugar-cured hams, she will content herself with salt, but she either is not so prolific in this case, or her larvæ do not hatch or thrive so well on salt-cure alone as when mixed with sugar. Cold weather will kill the fly, but not the larvæ, and attempts to destroy it by the applications of sulphur, Cayenne pepper and steam have all failed. When the eggs are deposited and the meat is frozen before they have time to hatch they remain dormant until a sufficiently high temperature is reached, when they hatch and begin work at once. Persons who buy canvassed hams have noted how particular the canvassers have been to make the covering thick and air-tight. This precaution is absolutely necessary, if they wish to secure the ham from the skipper-fly.

IS IT SO CONSOLING?

There is one consolation in this connection. The skipper is rarely found in any but good hams. It is the same with cheese. In fact, some people who are especially fond of cheese always choose that inhabited by skippers. The skipper itself can scarce be considered anything more than an animated mite of cheese or ham.

It may not be generally known—but such is the case—that the plantation negro of the South is the medium that rids the Northern market of skippered meat. There is a regular demand for it from the South. These people want cheap meat, and are either not afraid of skippers or have some way of eliminating them. It is estimated that the loss by depreciation from skipper ravages amounts to over $2,000,000 a year to provision dealers, and would be much greater were it not for this Southern market.

In the course of the year a great amount of loss is entailed by carelessness, and the loss falls on the most valuable part of the animal, the ham.

PROFITLESS DISLOCATION.

For instance, in slaughtering, the hind leg of a hog is seized by an iron gripper and the animal is frequently jerked up so suddenly as to dislocate the joint. The blood coagulates at the dislocation, and is not drawn out by cutting the pig's throat. A considerable portion of that ham is lost, and it goes South for the sustenance of the "man and brother." This is a case in which brutality does not pay. There is no necessity to jerk the animal up so sharply as to dislocate his thigh. Another source of extensive loss is carelessness in cooling. If the animal heat is not all extracted, the curing process will not reach the bone. The meat may be good enough three-fourths of the way to the bone, but beyond that is tainted. Should a consignment of these hams come back on the dealer's hands, he consigns them to the South, and the "man and brother" again plays the part of consumer.

The skipper is not dangerous to health like the trichinæ, but most people in this latitude prefer hams skipperless.

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He is Very Positively for Powderly in the Barry Imbroglio — The Order of the Knights of Labor Growing.

The expulsion of a number of prominent Knights of Labor has caused quite a sensation in this city. Among the persons who are no longer members of the order are Harry J. Skeffington, James L. Wright, Harry G. Taylor, Victor Drury, Mary Sterling and Lizzie Lucas. Mr. Skeffington was at the head of N. T. A. 226, the shoemakers district, and was very prominent in the order.

The report that General Master Workman Powderly intends to get rid of all objectionable members, and this is the beginning of a movement to expel all members who are opposed to the administration is denied.

John Costello, a member of the General Executive Board, was in the city Saturday, and in speaking of the expulsions, said:

These people expelled themselves. An order was issued that no knight could engage in a movement to build up a new organization while they were connected with the order. By violating this order the persons mentioned have expelled themselves. Fred Turner, the ex-General Treasurer, saved himself from expulsion by resigning before he engaged in the movement. He is no longer a member of the Knights of Labor, but has not been expelled.

There has been a great deal of talk lately about Tom Barry's charges against the administration. I am prepared to put up $500 to prove that his statements are incorrect.

Mr. Castello objected to expressing an opinion on the prohibition movement in this State although Powderly has come out strongly in favor of the constitutional amendment. He is willing, however, to be quoted as saying that he believes that if a law could be passed wiping out the traffic entirely it would greatly benefit the working men of the country. He does not believe that prohibition will prohibit, and said that while in Leavenworth, Kansas, a prohibition State, he could have obtained drinks in 15 places, and he was not seeking any.

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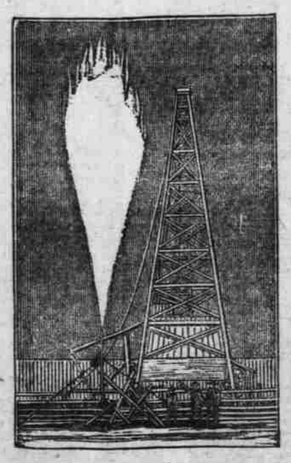

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