

Kill the Flies or the Flies May Kill the Babies



Flies are a menace to health, because, after walking and feeding upon filth, they often carry upon their feet and tongues the germs or seeds of diseases like dysentery and typhoid fever.

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"Swat the Eggs" Better Than "Swat the Fly"

SWAT the fly" is a good warcry, but it is like locking the stable after the horse is stolen. There is a better one, "Swat the eggs." Probably every magazine and newspaper in the United States printed last season from one to a score of arraignment of the common housefly—the disease breeder, the typhoid fly, the infantile paralysis fly; in a word, the twentieth century pest, an enemy of mankind. "Swat the fly" has become the slogan of the day.

For every fly killed in June there will be 10,000 less in July, 1,000,000 less in August and by September the most ambitious boy, eager to earn the prize for the greatest number of flies killed, couldn't possibly lift the progeny of this single fly which escaped him in the springtime. All very true, but where will all those flies lay their eggs and rear their precious babies? Can we find the nests, can we destroy them by wholesale, the larvae or the eggs? We can, easily and cheaply, and every city with ordinary regulations may become a flyless town. Flies breed in filth, and if you get after those places it will save a lot of swatting later on.

Our government has carried on an extensive experiment with manure piles and the eggs which each female fly deposits therein by the thousand and has found the remedy. It is ordinary borax, one of the commonest and cheapest of minerals, produced in abundance in the United States, and it takes very little to make the fly egg quite worthless as a future fly. Borax costs about 5 cents a pound, and the crude borax mineral, colemanite, considerably less, while three-fifths of a pound sprinkled through ten cubic feet—about eight bushels—of manure will kill 90 per cent of the eggs and maggots of the fly.

Laws Would Do Away With the Pestiferous Fly

IT would appear, from what we know of the life history of the common housefly and from what remedial experimentation has already been carried on, that it is perfectly feasible for cities and towns to so greatly reduce the numbers of these annoying and dangerous insects as to render them of comparatively slight account. The health departments of

most of our cities have the authority to abate nuisances dangerous to health, and it is easy for the health authorities of any city to formulate rules concerning the construction and care of stables and the keeping and disposal of manure which, if enforced, will do away with the housefly nuisance.

Should Start a Co-operative Cleanup

A COMMUNITY campaign against flies should be started early, in the winter if possible. Plans should be made for town improvement along this line. An association could be formed for this purpose, the village divided into districts and one or more members made inspectors in each district. Every town and city should have a food screening ordinance applicable to food kept for sale.

From April 15 to June 30 offer generous prizes to the children bringing in the largest number of living or recently killed houseflies. Work together for a flyless town.

Filth Breeding Place.



The cluster of eggs which will result in 120 full grown flies in the course of ten days usually is laid in a heap of filth. Garbage, manure, almost any kind of refuse heaps, open drains and out-houses are the best breeding places for the flies.

There was a man in our town,
And he was very wise,
He helped to keep the typhoid down,
By swatting all the flies.

Little flies and little children cannot dwell in the same habitation. If the first aren't killed the second probably will be.

Make a renewed effort to fortify your home against the deadly housefly. By doing this you will check all dangers of having typhoid fever invading your home. During warm weather flies desert the garbage cans and filth deposits and invade your home in increasing numbers, just when they are most apt to be reeking with the germs of dangerous diseases.

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