

by disease germs. A few flies that live over winter in the house or stable come out in the spring. The female lays her eggs in manure or in some decaying animal or vegetable matter. She will also lay her eggs in fresh meat or in open wounds.

In twenty-four hours the maggot stage is begun. This stage lasts about one week, the skin on the larva then hardens and turns brown forming a coat for the pupa. It remains in the pupa stage for about a week and then emerges as a fly.

Much sickness is occasioned by the spread of disease germs through the fly. The large death loss from typhoid fever among the soldiers of the Spanish-American war was doubtless occasioned through the spread of typhoid germs by flies. It is to be hoped that scientists may discover some means of ridding us of this pest, but till such a time all should lessen the evil by excluding the fly from the home and by destroying their breeding places as much as possible. The house and all places where food is kept should be screened and the flies excluded.

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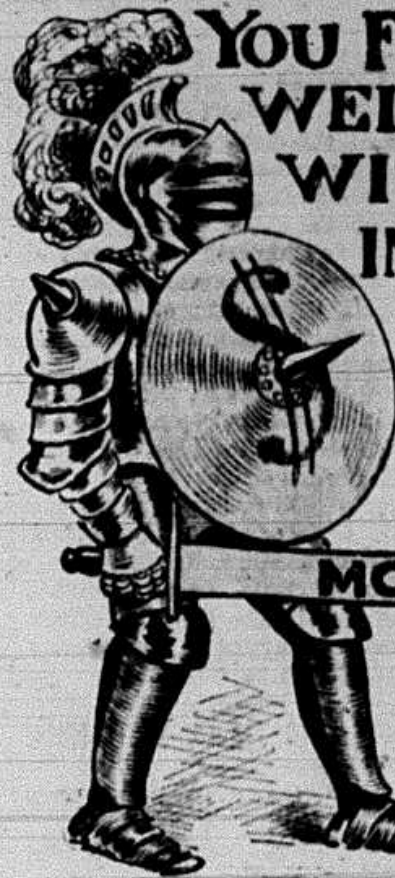
A fly's body is made up of three parts. The head, the thorax and the abdomen. It has six legs and a pair of wings. The body of the fly is covered with fine hairs and its legs are covered with bristles which carry all kinds of filth. The fly has two eyes which are made up of thousands of little eyes. The most common carrier of disease germs is the fly. The fly will light on some decaying substance and next alight on some person and is liable to give him typhoid or scarlet fever. Flies carry bacteria on their legs and bodies and when they light on some food or light on persons they leave a great many disease germs. In all cases of contagious diseases flies should be kept out of the room where the sick person is. If flies should get into such rooms they would light on the sick person and then fly away and light on some other person and give him the

disease. Flies hatch from eggs which are laid in some decaying substance. When the young flies hatch they are white and worm like and are called maggots. There would be no flies if there were no garbage heaps and other collections of decaying substances for them to feed on. So there are a good many reasons

why you should kill the fly.

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Five thousand suffragettes paraded in Chicago in a heavy rain. This, though, by no means signifies that they would go to the polls and vote under like conditions.



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