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(b) An undetermined spider which spins its web across the
throat of the chamber of the pitcher plant, Nepenthes mirabilis.
(c) Dung beetles of the genus Coptodaectyla were very abundant
and a slide was shown of more than 300 congregated at a three
inch long dead fish.
(d) Specimens of the elusive Musgravea antennatus, a poorly
known congener of the Bronze Orange Bug. Taken on wild citrus.

(ii) Phoretic Fly on a Scarab Beetle. At a previous exhibits evening
Monteith and Storey exhibited a "dung" beetle which utilizes leaf material
for brood ball construction (see News Bull, No. 92). Further observations
on this beetle, Cephalodesmius armiger, have revealed that a small
sphaerocerid fly lives in association with the beetle and rides on the back
of the beetle while it forages outside its burrow. The fly apparently breeds
in the stored leaf material in the burrow. Specimens and photographs of
both flies and beetles were displayed.

(ii) Dung Beetles as Pollinators of an Arum Lily. Certain lilies of the
family Araceae (arums) are known to produce a faecal or carrion-like
aroma which attracts beetles and flies as pollinators. This is fairly
well documented overseas and complex mechanisms have been demonstrated
wherely insects are trapped in the lower chamber of the flower until
pollen is shed. In January this year an indigenous arum, Typhonium
brownii, was found flowering at Bald Mountain near Emu Vale. The large
dep deep purple flower of this lily was found to have a strong smell of fresh
faeces and, when opened, the base of one was found to contain no less
than 22 dung beetles of three species (3 Onthophagus pugnax, 18 O. sydneyensis and one indet. Aphodinae). Specimens of the beetles and
the flower were exhibited.

Vote of Thanks: Mr. E. Dahms moved a vote of thanks for those who
had contributed to a most successful evening, this was carried
enthusiastically by members present.

Other Business: The President announced that as Mr. Toop and Ms.
Grant-Taylor were no longer available for organising suppers after the
meeting, two new volunteers were required. He thanked the above for
having done this job for several years and also offered his thanks to
Ms. Cavanaugh and Ms. Turner for having helped out at short notice this
evening.