

It has been said, that these insects are often carried away and devoured by ants; but this, Frysch, from whom this description is taken, could never observe. The ants indeed are fond of those trees where there is a great number of those insects; but then it is only to suck the juice which flows from the leaves that have been just wounded. This more particularly happens in the heat of summer, when other moisture is wanting: but he never found them hurting or carrying away any of these insects while alive; nor indeed are they able, for the leaf louse is more than a match for the ant at single combat. Whenever they perceive the ant approaching behind them, they kick back with the hinder feet, and thus drive off the invader, as a horse would a lion.

The three principal and constant enemies to these insects are first, the fire-fly, which lays its eggs where these insects are in greatest number, and which, producing a worm, seizes and devours all the leaf lice that come near it; another enemy is the worm of a peculiar kind of beetle, which destroys them in great numbers; but the most formidable of all enemies, is the ichneumon fly, that seizes upon one of the  
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