



Head-louse. The small figure within the dotted circle shows the natural size.
(After Fletcher).

Last of all the blood-sucking insects, comes the head-louse. This insect is the result of the want of personal cleanliness in man. Rub the infected head with :—

Kerosene or Camphor oil—2 parts.

Olive or Gingelly oil—1 part.

and wash with Carbolic soap or dilute phenyl. Application of warm vinegar is advocated as a sure destructive agent of the eggs of the head-louse.

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The Tiruppur Cattle Show, 1919.

The Fair at Tiruppur was instituted by some pious people of old in connection with the car festival for the Deity there. People from different part of India flock there once a year with the double purpose of worshipping the Deity in the temple and

for buying and selling animals. It was a disappointment to the devotees this year that owing to the faction amongst the managers of the temple the idol was denied the pleasure of being pulled round the streets in a car. But this did not affect the show in the least, which was held on 12th, 13th and 14th June. This was first started by the Government at the suggestion of Lieut.-Col. Gunn, the late Superintendent of the Civil Veterinary Department with a view to encourage pony and cattle breeding in different parts of Southern India. The officers responsible for the Tiruppur show this year worked with great enthusiasm expecting His Excellency the Governor. The route from the railway station to the show ground was decorated with arches and apt aphorisms. The main road never presented a prettier sight with greens and buntings. The painting and the inscription on the last arch were worth noticing. A poor farmer and a pair of bullocks toiling hard at a plough were proclaiming to the public passing under the arch "We pay you all." There were a number of cattle and ponies at the show which were brought from different places. The latter were not well represented and the horse dealers brought in poor specimens even from Ahmadabad. The few ponies worth looking at were the offspring of the Government Stud at Kangayam.

The cattle were well represented, specially the Kangayam bulls and bullocks, so much so, that some pairs fetched as high a price as Rs. 1,200.

There were some typical Kangayam bulls at the show and the College stud bull, Gangan, of the Malabar fame keenly competed.

Only a few cows were brought in for the show though a special prize was offered by His Excellency the Governor. Unfortunately the evil eye is always against this class and amongst the small number that competed Rani and Sakunthala of the

College Farm won quite easily the blue and green ribbons. The prize was given more for the appearance than for the yield. The coveted prize of His Excellency the Governor for the best cow at the market was won by Mr. Ranga Raju's cow of Saidapet Kerry strain. This has been purchased for the Farm and it ought to be an acquisition for the College Dairy.

Out of the prizes allotted for the creations of Viswamitra, the Farm halfbred Delhi buffalos won the first and second prizes. Against their habit, dhobies were punctual on that day with their steeds and one of the donkeys trotted away with the only prize offered for that class. There were only two wool bearing sheep out of the half a dozen that appeared on the show ground. The next class was the arch enemy of the Forest. It was evident from the type represented that sufficient encouragement is not given to goat rearing and breeding. Our Farm friend came out with a yellow ribbon.

There were ploughing demonstrations for the ryots to see and magic lantern lectures for the benefit of the hearers and the spectators. At the appointed time, His Excellency the Governor arrived at the dais erected in the show ground for the occasion. Having introduced himself as a farmer and cattle breeder, His Excellency gave some sound and practical suggestions to the cattle owners and distributed the prizes to the winners. His Excellency evinced great interest in all that he saw at the Show.

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Pulse Beetles (a review).

Bulletin No. 6, Entomological Series, of the Mysore Agricultural Department, by Mr. Kunhikannan, M. A., F. E. S., Senior Assistant Entomologist, Bangalore, treats about the pulse beetles attacking stored pulses. The first part of the Bulletin deals with the