

of unqualified appreciation. The writers would stress that the annual loss to this country through the damage wrought by insect pests is estimated at several million pounds, and that unquestionably the

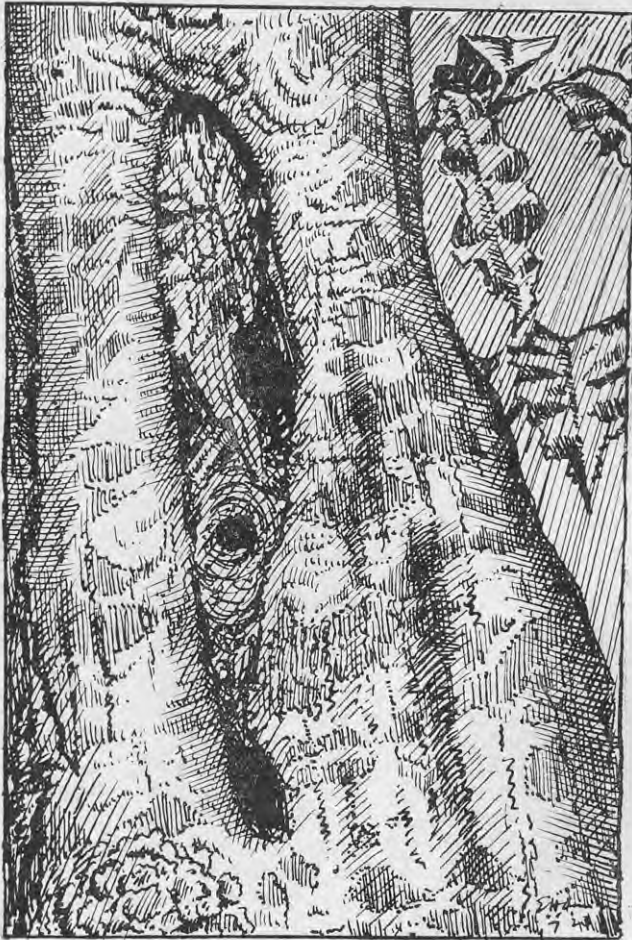


FIG. 3. NEST OF RIFLEMAN IN KAMAHI (*WEINMANNIA RACEMOSA*) TRUNK.

[Drawing by E. H. Atkinson.]

greatest factor in the prevention of the increase of that damage to an extreme extent is the activity of bird-life, and particularly of such specialized insect-hunters as those just described.

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