



FIG. 23. BRACKEN-FERN IN THE CURL STAGE.

During this stage, and until the fern uncurls, the frond is extremely brittle, and may be rapidly broken off or eaten by stock.



FIG. 24. BRACKEN-FERN ONE YEAR AFTER THE BURN WHERE NO SEED HAS BEEN SOWN AND NO STOCK ALLOWED ON TO THE AREA.

The fern-fronds are at this stage manufacturing food to be stored in the underground rhizome for next year's growth.

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