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A New Science to Riddle the Country of the Malaise-Gnawing and Annoying Pests.

Feared Extensions of this Breeding Place Sorely Disturb the North Shore of Long Island. How to Determine their Breeding Places and Secure the Ideal Starting Point.

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A FEW years ago, a remarkable device was patented, by which it is claimed that the territory in which a particular pest exists may be determined with considerable accuracy. The method has been described as a new science, and it is now being applied with much success to the extermination of the mosquito and anopheles, which, it is said, are almost entirely free from these pests, while others are being tormented by multiplying swarms. The device consists of a series of long, thin, hard, metal rods, each having a small, pointed end, the other end being rounded. These rods are inserted into the ground in the vicinity of the suspected breeding place, and the points are marked with a number corresponding to the number of rods inserted. The number of mosquitoes attracted to the points is then counted, and the results are compared with the number of mosquitoes attracted to other points, thus determining the relative attractiveness of the points. The method has been found to be highly successful, and it is now being applied to the extermination of the mosquito and anopheles in various parts of the country.

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