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injury in comparison. The reasons for the sudden disappearance of this pest are difficult to give. A succession of two or three winters favorable to hibernation probably leads to the unusual increase, and the resulting attack brings the trees into a condition which is probably prejudicial to the insect. With the later summer broods, as pointed out above, the condition of the leaves which have been seriously attacked by the earlier broods is such that the insect becomes markedly less abundant later in the season. The green, succulent foliage of the young spring growth is especially favorable, and when the leaves

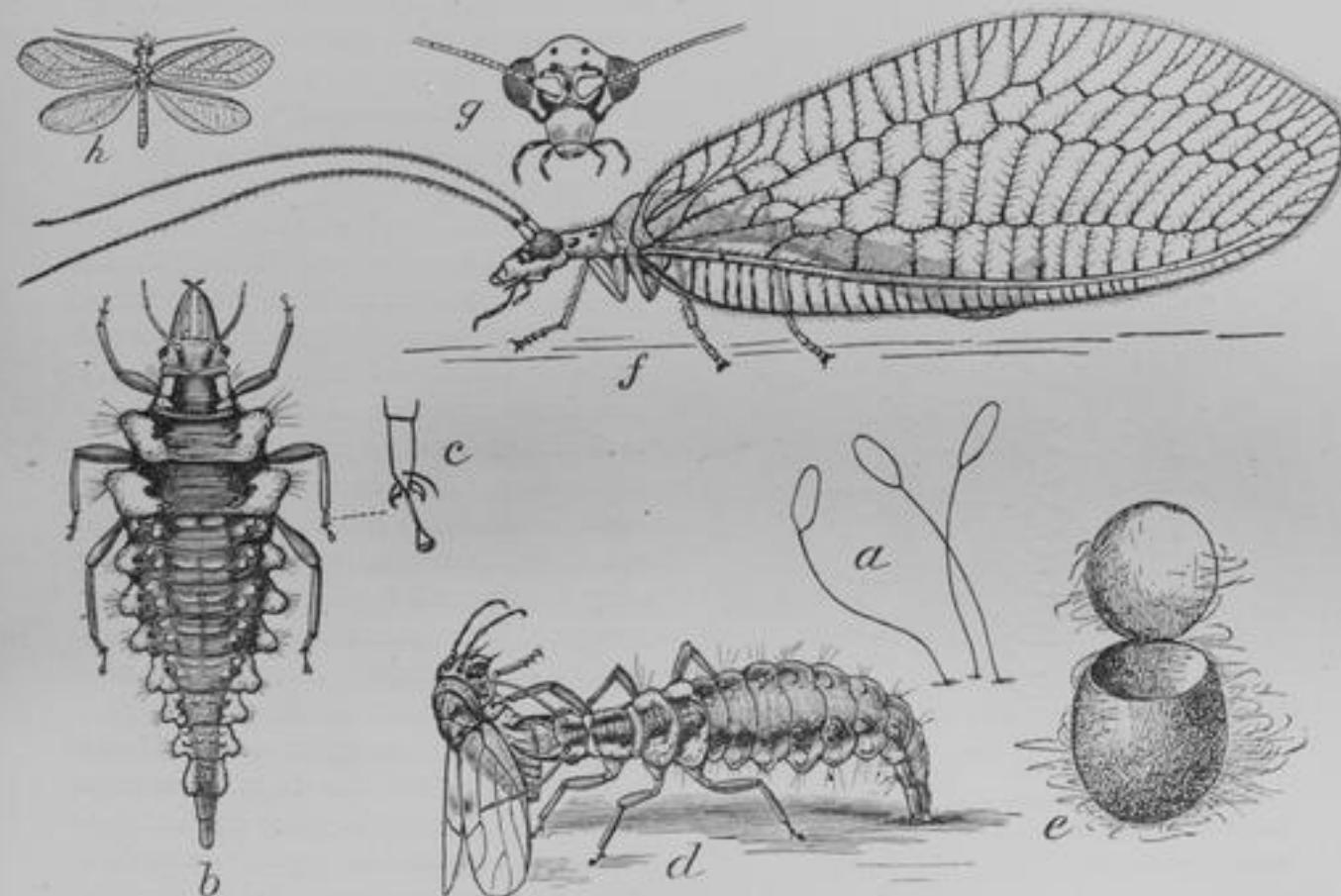


FIG. 4.—*Chrysopa oculata* Say: a, eggs; b, full-grown larva; c, foot of same; d, same devouring a Psylla; e, cocoon; f, adult insect; g, head of same; h, adult, natural size—all enlarged except h (original).

become hardened and mature, and especially dry and innutritious, from having been already sapped of their vitality, they are distasteful and unsuited to the development of the later broods.

The parasitic and predaceous insects also become very efficacious by midsummer, and the time has come when the Maryland invasion will be now