If this change in hydration were the only factor then one would expect to find many more cases of transient opacities, whereas they are a very rare occurrence. The complete answer to these manifestations still eludes us.

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AN UNUSUAL FOREIGN BODY*

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A man aged 45 was seen with a foreign body vertically embedded deep in the substance of the centre of the cornea. He said that whilst travelling at an estimated speed of 40 miles per hour on his motor-cycle he was struck in the eye by a "Daddy long-legs", which he had seen in front of him. An unsuccessful attempt was made to remove this foreign body, and 2 weeks later there was a further unsuccessful attempt at removal. When the patient was seen by myself 6 weeks later the intensive keratitis necessitated a third attempt. The fine limb of the insect could be seen almost touching Descemet's membrane. Under local anaesthesia a vertical cut was made into the deep substance of the cornea with a fine Graefe knife. Slit-lamp examination was made during the operation, the difficulty being that owing to parallax the leg of the insect was not quite in the position in which it appeared to be. The piece of a limb of this insect which was brought out on the parallel edge of the Graefe knife was 3 mm. in length. The keratitis settled immediately, and the visual acuity was 6/6.

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