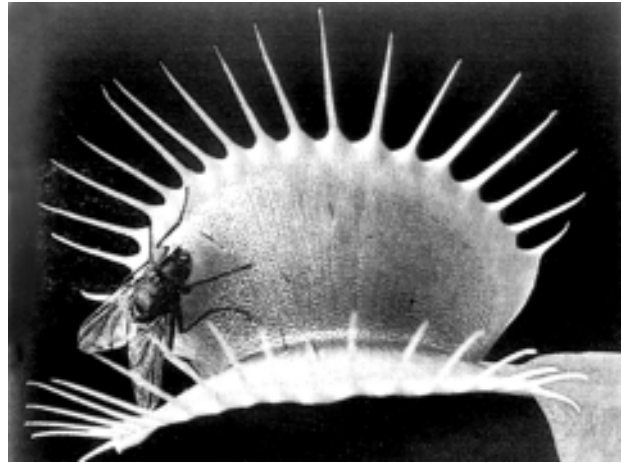


# Predatory plants

Smallish apparently plant raises a thin stem, which ends with white florets. Its rounded leaflets are collected in a small pribasic rosette. Concave in the base and dotted with a number of reddish eyelashes they take part as a guileless bait. The viscid liquid, which is liberated, resembles dew-drops at sunrise. Probably that is the reason for calling this plant drosera (*Drosera rotundifolia*).

The colourless liquid contains different digestive ferments. They break down the proteins and convert them into compounds, which are easy of approach for assimilation by the green carnivour. *Drosera* attracts puny flies and beetles to its leaflets like a magnet. When they get between beaming - spread pappus the insects are unpleasant surprised. Instead of the promised hospitality they find death. The pappus bend, stick into their wings and press them. The biomechanism works at lightning speed - only for parts of the second. In the next moment the insect disappears. The leaflets suck it up with appetite.

When the lunch finishes the papus raise again. The



wind clean the table-blow the rubbish of the desert - the hitine cover at the improvident insect. The plant prepear itself for a new hunt - the pappus become moist from the glittering at the sunshine viscid liquid and wait...

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