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ANOTHER SNIPE FLY PEST IN ALASKA. The importance of the biting snipe fly *Symphoromyia atripes* Bigot as a pest is recognized in many parts of subarctic Alaska. It is now necessary to point out that *S. kincaidi* Aldrich is equally important locally in Southeastern Alaska. *Kincaidi* appeared on the wing in one such area, Juneau, on June 22, 1952, a month before the first *atripes* were collected. Like *atripes*, this snipe fly not only bites man readily but repeatedly, since blood is engorged for about 10 per cent of human bites. It enters buildings to bite until blooded; those collected at windows are usually engorged. Attempts to hold these engorged females for oviposition in mosquito cages (foot-square) failed; few flies survived more than a day even when kept in the dark, covered with wet towels and given sugar sops.

Some intensive collecting by sweeping on the run was done in the Sheep Creek area near Juneau in the hope of settling the status of a form of *kincaidi* "with yellow pile all over," thought by Dr. Aldrich to be distinct. None of the yellow form was taken. However, 30 male *kincaidi* were collected, confirming Dr. Aldrich's association of the male which he, with reservations, assigned to *kincaidi*. Strangely enough, no male *atripes* has yet been taken, so far as known, in Alaska. W. C. Frohne, P.H.S., Anchorage, Alaska.