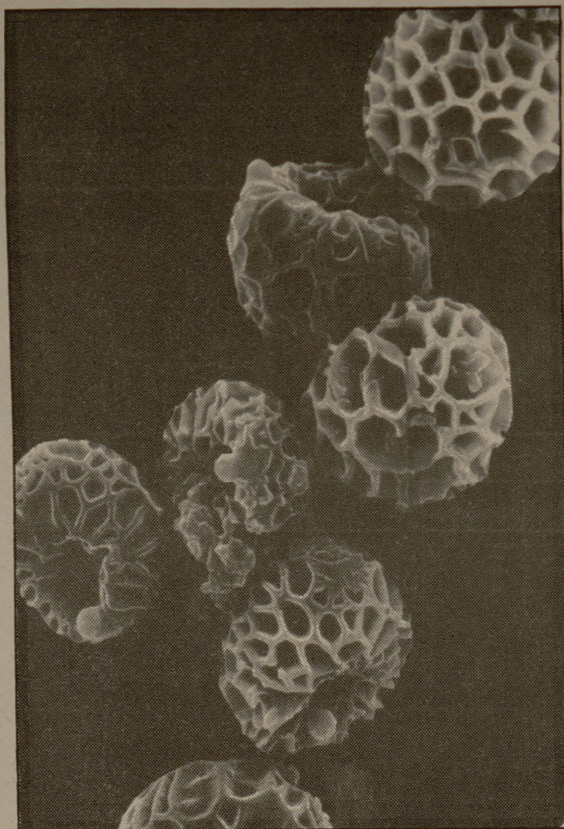


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Electron microscopy opens new worlds for researchers, and opening new worlds is what this issue is all about.

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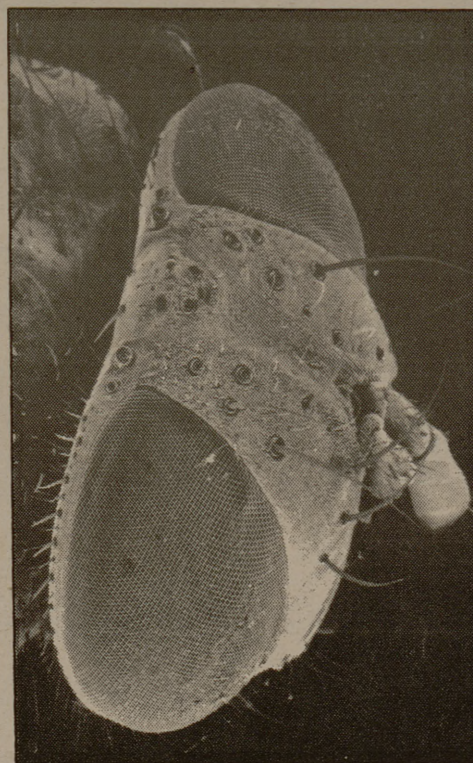
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