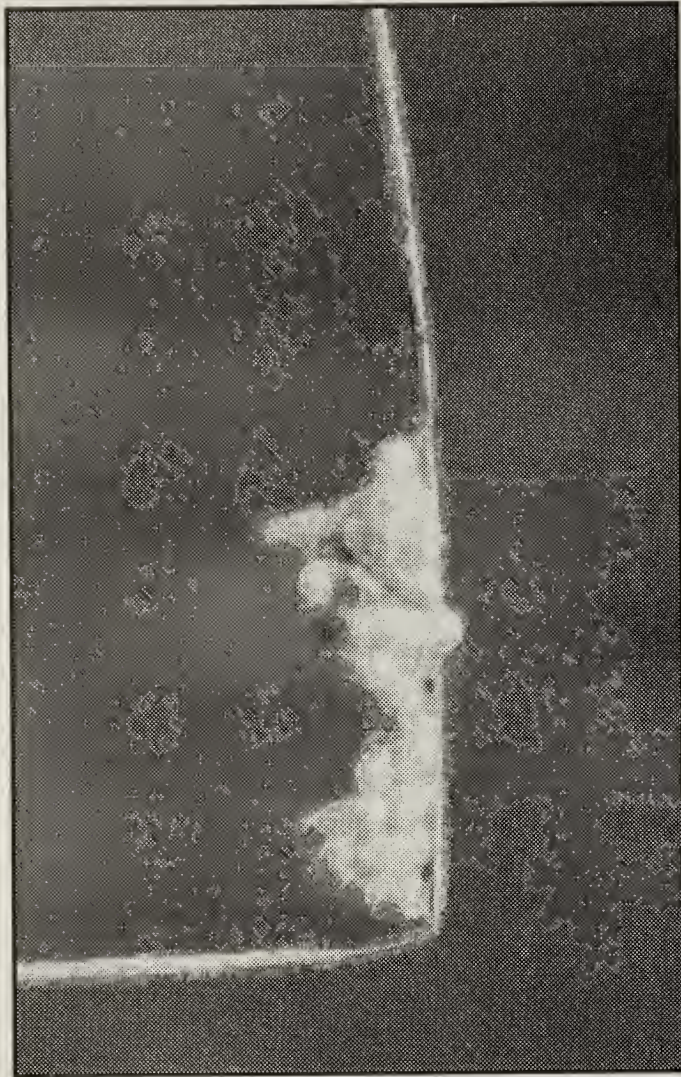
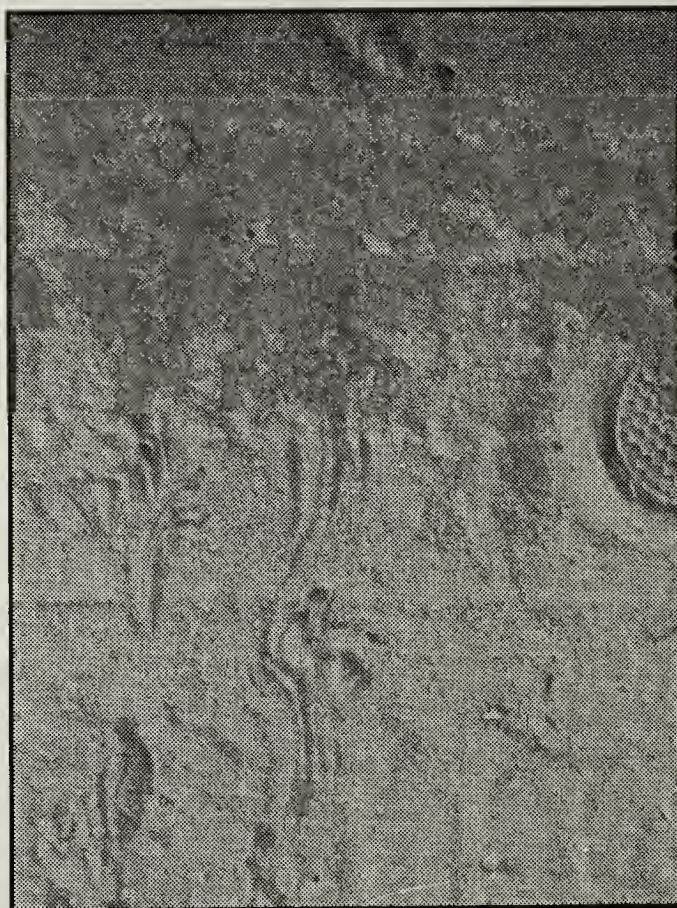


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This photo shows a cluster of 3-mm long cocoons attached to a grass blade. They are oblong in shape with a cottony surface. Some are open at one end and these are empty. This cluster was collected on September 7 in a field near the river bank south of Saskatoon.



Answer for DECEMBER 2000 MYSTERY PHOTO: The track probably belongs to a toad (see page 338 of Olaus J. Murie's *A Field Guide to Animal Tracks* (1974)).



"A sense of history should be the most precious gift of science and of the arts, but I suspect that the grebe, who has neither, knows more history than we do.

His dim primordial brain knows nothing of who won the Battle of Hastings, but it seems to sense who won the battle of time. If the race of men were as old as the race of grebes, we might better grasp the import of his call.

Think what traditions, prides, disdains, and wisdoms even a few self-conscious generations bring to us. What pride of continuity, then, impels this bird who was a grebe eons before there was a man."

Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*, p. 161