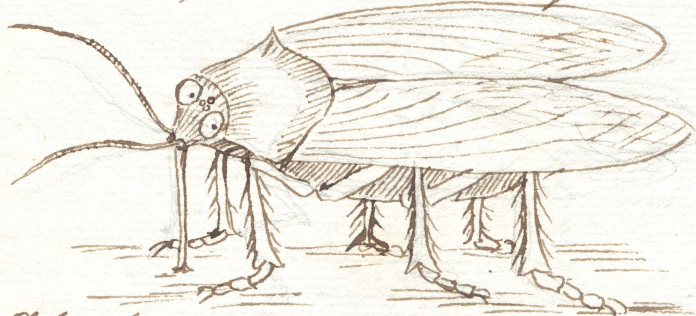


Fern tree leaves to a great thickness these leaves being too much like the bottom of a sieve to make good thatching unless plentifully laid on, they having tried to procure bark but it would not readily strip, had a well dug in the little hill deep enough to dip a Pail down itself clear against we come up, marking out the best road from the Camp to the water & clearing away obstacles — While procuring Fernleaves for the Nerts Mackie caught a curious insect supposed to be a kind of Locust the Eyes are as clear as crystal & the pupil quite black seems to be a fine aperture at the back of the transparent globe of the Eye — between the Eyes are 3 bright circular spots resembling diamonds set in gold, it has a proboscis which it has the power of carrying close to its body and when it drinks it makes use of it as the common flies do — it has a complete cuirass of shell armour as far as the top of the wings its body is like that of a Cockchafer & it has also 6 legs — the wings are nearly transparent and so large the insect altogether resembles a large Moth



The Men mending their shoes in the Evening by the light of their lamp

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Cold raw air in the Gully but having it dry overhead began removing to the new place with all the alacrity the occasion inspired every one took as much as he could carry and continued all day until it became dark, had the Tent Pitched with its back to the Sun & the Tent to the fire & made up some large Fires to dry every thing as much as we could I suppose the distance may be about  $\frac{1}{4}$  Mile from the