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- **cause** Sides slippery
  - **effect** Insects slip to bottom

- **cause** Downward-pointing hairs on opening
  - **effect** Difficult for insects to climb out

- **cause** Rainwater fill the plant
  - **effect** Plant’s digestive juices dilute

- **cause** Pitcher plants are very popular
  - **effect** The plants are sold in many nurseries

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