Cause and Effect

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due to	if	therefore	because
for this reason	since	thus	as a result

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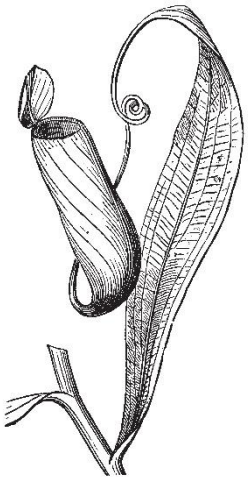

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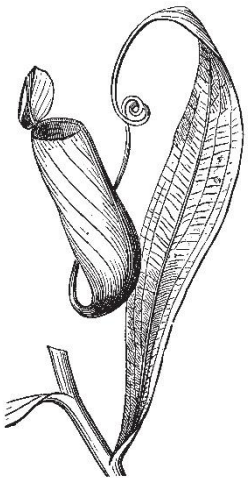

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Sides slippery	Insects slip to bottom
Downward-pointing hairs on opening	Difficult for insects to climb out
Rainwater fill the plant	Plant's digestive juices dilute
Pitcher plants are very popular	The plants are sold in many nurseries