

Trapping Rats and Mice

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HELP! HELP! There's a mouse! A familiar cry at this time of the year. Husbands — to the rescue.

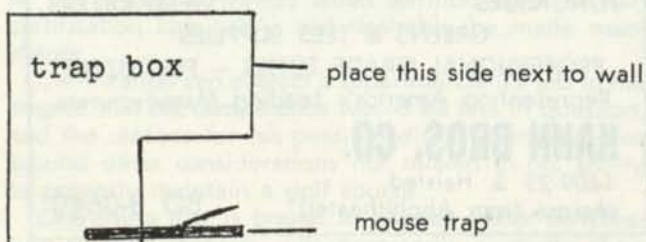
After rodent proofing and sanitation problems have been taken care of an occasional unwanted intruder (Michael Mouse or even more unwanted, Ronald Rat) will enter through an open door, etc. Set a trap. Trapping is a practical way to remove rats and mice. When you stop to think that in Illinois the most common pesticide, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health, that a child under age of 12 years old ingests is rodent baits, we must be careful! Rodent bait ingestions occur oftener in November, December and January than in the other months during the year. This is only normal because when the cold weather arrives, these little animals will be seeking warmth. One of the most effective traps is the snap trap which can be purchased for a very cheap price (about 10¢ each) in most hardware stores, garden centers, farm supplies or exterminators.

Many enticing foods can be used to lure the rodent into the trap — peanut butter, nut meats, doughnuts, cake, fresh crisp fried bacon, cheese, raisins, jam, soft candy (especially gumdrops and milk chocolate), fish, etc. These baits should be fastened to the trap. (For the absent-minded — secure the bait just before setting the trigger or you may be the victim of OWIEEE!)

Trap-shy rodents can be caught by camouflaging the entire trap under a layer of flour, dirt, sawdust, etc. In other words, a light weight material that does not interfere with the mechanical efficiency of the trap.

It is very important to put the trap directly in the path used by the rodents. If you're having difficulty in determining this, sprinkle a light layer of talcum powder, flour or similar type material where you think the rodent is running. Rodents like to run near walls, so check these areas first. Boxes or boards can be used to force the rodent to travel over the trigger. Using two or more traps set close together is an excellent way to get trap-shy rodents. Plenty of traps should be used if you're overrun with the little creatures.

Let's be careful not to injure the children or pets when using traps. We all know how curious they are. In situations where little children or pets will be a problem use a trap box. In other situations such as on rafters or pipes, nail or clamp the traps in place.



Rodents have been living with man probably since the beginning of time. Therefore, they are accustomed to human habits and odors which makes it unnecessary to handle the traps with gloves, etc. Check the traps frequently to be sure the food is fresh and in place and the trigger set to spring.

Let's talk

Rewards of Good Attitude

By Rev. Lee Truman
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Have you ever heard someone say: "The surest way to have friends is to be a success, and then all the friends you need will be right at your elbow."

The other side of the coin is: Be broke or fail and you will know who your real friends are. Part of the price of being famous or rich is to have people who are attracted by fame or money always worming their way closer.

Maybe such persons can be called pleasing parasites. No wealthy person or any known celebrity can be sure of the real intent of those persons who crowd close to them. That's why many self-made men who are at the top are very cautious about friendly advances. They cling to their proven friends.

The surest way not to have close, true friends is to be a rich success, but one of the surest ways to success is to be friendly. In that sentence, and in those two positions, is a great difference in life, living and philosophy.

Clarence Darrow was a great lawyer, and he knew his law. In his latter years he confided to a friend that his knowledge of human nature, especially friendship, helped him in achieving legal victories. He said he won his trials while the jury was being selected.

His primary questioning of the jurors was aimed at establishing friendly contact with each man. Of course his mind was working all the time that he was selecting the jurors as to whether this man would be prejudiced, but he would not accept a man to be a juror until he had received a smile and some overt gesture of friendliness.

After the friendly contact had been established, Darrow knew the jury was on his side for the rest of the trial. He just had to give them a reason to vote for his client. He already had the case won before it went to trial.

In truth, this shows Clarence Darrow knew that friendliness is one of the strongest people-motivating forces in the world. It can determine the difference between success and failure. The truth is that it is not often on ability that a man succeeds or fails but on his relationship to his fellowman.

Andrew Carnegie paid Charles Schwab \$1million a year in salary. Was it because Charles Schwab knew more about steel making than any other man in America?

Nonsense! Many a junior engineer knew more about steel than did Mr. Schwab. What that man had was an ability to deal with people. His secret? "Appreciation and friendliness." His men put forth more effort under approval than under the spirit of criticism.

That works for all of us, in our homes or on our jobs. It makes life a great deal better for all persons concerned. The surest way to success is to work hard, and to treat every man you work with as a friend.

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