should be picked up the following morning and destroyed. If left exposed in warm places more than one day, baits will sour, and the resulting acid will gradually transform the barium into a bitter and highly objectionable form. Continue to distribute fresh baits in less quantity each night, repeating those that are eaten freely, and replacing those less relished, by others in the same class until the rats disappear or until no further baits are taken.

In stubborn cases it may become necessary to resort to poisoning in order to dispose of old and cunning rats. This consists in exposing unpoisoned or fresh foods every night until rats take them freely, and then substituting the poisoned baits.

Poison used in poultry coops should be exposed in places inaccessible to chickens, as behind or under boxes, and it should be very wet or of such nature that the rats can not drag it from cover.

Caution-Barium carbonate is a relatively mild poison, but the danger from accidents can not be over emphasized. Keep it out of the reach of children and irresponsible persons and from domestic animals and fowls.

Antidote-Give an emetic consisting of either mustard or salt dissolved in warm water, or induce vomiting by inserting the finger in the back of the throat. Follow vomiting with a liberal dose of Epsom or Glauber salts.

Close all openings which provide entrance for rats, and screen basement windows in buildings that are otherwise rat proof.

In case of greater cleanliness, promptly dispose of garbage and eliminate piles of trash and refuse.

Poison with barium carbonate on farms and dums, in farm structures, warehouses, and other buildings, and, where considered advisable, in dwellings.

Trap systematically all common snap traps when the use of poison is inexpedient.

Fumigate burrows and keep efficient rat dogs to assist in reducing the infestation on farms.

Organize cooperative rat hunts and plan a definite and determined campaign of rat riddance.

Ought To Be Real!

Sam, the chowman, returned from the city with a scarfpin that contained a "diamond" of no usual size. It was the pride of his heart and the envy of his village companions.

His employer asked Sam about it one day:

"Sam, is it a real diamond?"

"Well," said Sam, "if it ain't I've been skun out of half a dollar."

Now that cold weather is here, the matter of a chimney burning out is serious. It is said that the fumes from a handful of salt thrown onto the fire will smother the burning particles in the chimney. But after all, it is better to choose the time to burn the chimney out. Many people make it a habit to burn out the flue after every heavy rain or snow. There is comparatively little danger then. Even a thorough cleaning out before putting up the stove in winter does not always prevent the burning out after the chimney has been in use.

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