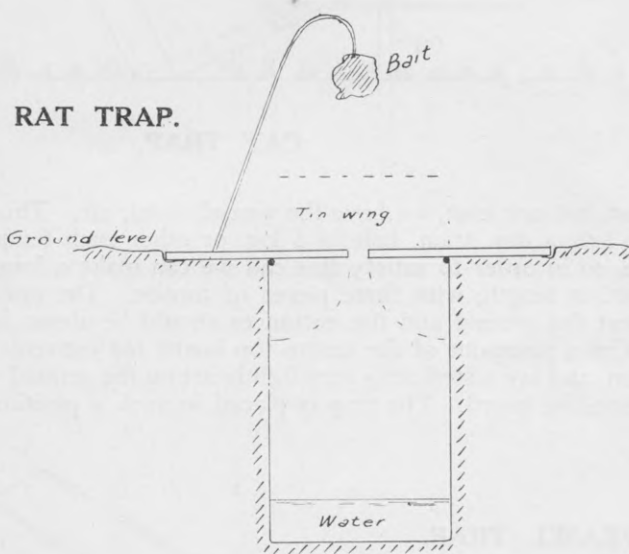


Put a few inches of water in the bottom if you wish to kill, but where wekas and kiwis are present this is not advisable. Bury the trap in a likely position up to the rim of the tin, having hinged a broken bridge of tin to this. Hang the bait over the centre on the end of a bit of fencing wire, one end of which is planted in the ground alongside the trap, and the other bent over towards the centre of trap, but just out of reach of rats. Put wings of tin or netting to lead the rats across the bridge and tin alongside each side of the trap to prevent the animal springing off. The essential is that the bridge must give no movement when first stepped on. This trap can, of course, be made any size with other material for other animals.



*Vertical Section*

Now we come to Mr. Cat. Make a crate 2ft. 6in. by 2ft. 6in. by 1ft. 6in. high, which should have a batten running along the centre of the top to rest trip stick on, and cover with wire netting, also the ground where it is to stand. Cut the heads off two 4-inch nails, and drive these into the two back legs as it were. They will act as hinges. The trip stick is merely the old style of thing most of us have used as boys to catch sparrows in a brick trap. Tie the bait on, which can be fresh or cooked meat, a fish head or salmon tin. Shoot the cat in the head with a pea rifle and it never knows what struck it.