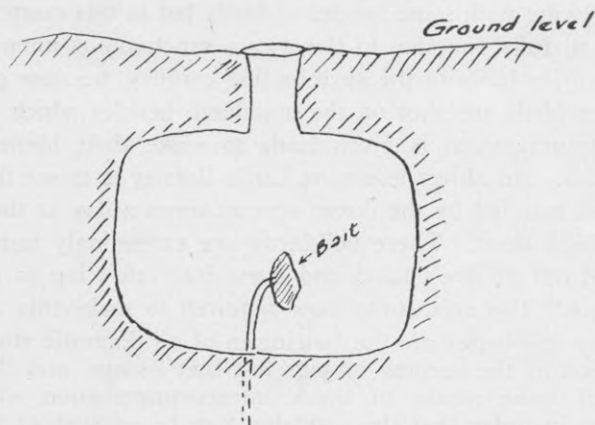


the animal must cross it. A stone or brick may be necessary to accurately direct the weasel's course. Place the whole contrivance in a likely position on a track, alongside a fowlhouse or wall, etc. A weasel runs in a depression for preference. Erect suitable wings at each entrance, and make the inside dark and inviting to such vermin. This trap catches weasels, rats, hedgehogs, and an occasional cat. No birds will enter it, possibly with the exception of kiwi and weka, but those, if present, can be excluded, with the hedgehog, if so desired, by driving a peg or pegs in front of each entrance so as to lessen the aperture.

The Auckland Acclimatisation Society, in a commendable effort to lessen weasels, is offering a bounty of 1/- for tails of weasels killed in their district. Steel traps are cruel instruments and cause pain and suffering, therefore let us be as humane as possible and inspect traps at least twice daily.



MAORI RAT TRAP.

An adaptation of a Maori rat trap is to dig a hole in the ground, making the entrance much smaller than the lower part, and scoop out the hole so as to form a ceiling. Fasten a bait to the end of a piece of fencing wire, and drive the other end into the bottom of the hole. Dogs can be caught in this manner by placing a noose around the entrance, and tying the loose end of the cord to a stake.