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DIRECTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF POISONED GRAIN FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF RICHARDSON'S GROUND SQUIRREL AND THE PRAIRIE DOG.

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FOR RICHARDSON'S GROUND SQUIRREL.

1. Mix one ounce of strychnine alkaloid, powdered, and one ounce of baking soda (1 tablespoonful is close enough) together in dry form.
2. Prepare starch paste, as follows: Dissolve one heaping tablespoonful of dry gloss starch in a little cold water. When thoroughly dissolved add enough water to make three-fourths of a pint. Boil and stir constantly until a clear, thin paste is formed.
3. Now stir the mixture of strychnine and baking soda into the starch while the latter is still hot, stir thoroughly until a creamy mass is formed.
4. Add one-fourth pint of any ordinary syrup, such as corn syrup and stir thoroughly.
5. Add one-eighth of an ounce (1 teaspoonful) of saccharine and one-eighth of an ounce (1 tablespoonful) of glycerine, and again stir thoroughly.
6. Pour this mixture over twenty quarts of good clean oats and stir until every oat kernel is covered with a thin coat of poisoned starch paste. This can be very nicely done in an ordinary wash tub.

One teaspoonful of the poisoned grain is to be placed near each ground squirrel burrow. Place the poison on a clean, hard surface if possible; scattering it a little so that stock will not be tempted to try to eat it. A quart of oats contains 120 teaspoonfuls or enough for that number of burrows.

FOR PRAIRIE DOGS.

For the prairie dog use the same formula except that only twelve quarts of oats are used instead of twenty and at each burrow one tablespoonful instead of one teaspoonful. A quart of oats contains 60 tablespoonfuls, or enough for sixty prairie dog burrows.