

Obstruction on Highway

Q.—The owner of a house abutting on the highway, placed a trap-door in the sidewalk in order to obtain an entrance to his cellar. He never got permission from the council to do this. The hinges of the trap-door projected about an inch above the sidewalk. The house was then purchased by B, who continued to use the trap-door. C, while walking along the sidewalk, stumbled and was hurt. 1. Has C any right to sue B for the damage?—G. D. O.

A.—No. No doubt the trap-door was a nuisance, and the man who originally placed it there could have been sued if he still occupied the property, but B could not be said to be continuing the nuisance, as he had no title to the highway, and strictly speaking, no right to remove it. If, therefore, the accident was not caused during or by reason of B's uses of the trap-door, he would not be liable.

Horse Frightened by Whistle

Q.—I was driving along the road past A's saw mill when the whistle of his steam engine started to blow, and frightened my horse, and he ran away and damaged the buggy. 1. Can I make A pay for repairing it?—M. L. G.

A.—The mere fact that your horse, while being driven along the highway, has been frightened by the whistle is not sufficient to make A responsible for damages resulting from your horse running away. You would have to give some evidence of negligence in the use of the whistle, or perhaps that its use might be expected to cause such an accident, so as to cause it to be a nuisance to the highway.

Rights of Inheritance

Q.—A, who was an illegitimate child, died, leaving a wife but no children. His father and mother are both living. 1. What will become of his estate?—L. McK., Ontario.

A.—His wife will get one-half and the Crown one-half.

Nature About the Farm

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fore him. Can you suggest anything for him besides traps and guns?

Ans.—Gophers and Ground Squirrels are great pests all over the West and are somewhat difficult to deal with on a large scale. The poisoned wheat is efficacious early in spring, when food is scarce, but as the season advances and the natural food of the animals becomes abundant, they are apt to reject the poisoned bait. They can, however, then be destroyed by using bi-sulphide of carbon. Make up some balls about the size of a walnut, from rags or the fibre of old rope, or even fine grass, saturate the ball with bi-sulphide of carbon and push it as far as possible into the burrow of the squirrel, then close the burrow with a sod or some earth; this is best done soon after a rain. Do not pour the bi-sulphide on to the ball until you are ready to put it into the burrow, as it is very volatile. Keep the bi-sulphide carefully away from fire, even that of a pipe or cigar, for the vapor is very explosive. In all other ways it is quite safe to use and handle.

In order to save trouble and avoid wasting material it is as well not to put a dose of bi-sulphide in a burrow, unless a squirrel has been seen to enter it.

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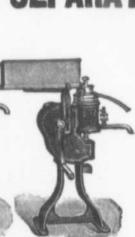
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