

Practical Pointers for Hunters and Trappers
Methods of Fastening Traps--Hints on Stretching and Shipping

(By Robert G. Hodgson.)

No matter what method you pursue in trapping, one thing is sure, you will have to fasten your trap to some object to keep the intended victim from running away with it. For this reason, I shall deal with the various methods of fastening, each being adapted for its special purpose.

Most traps are equipped with staples on the trap chain ring as a means of fastening, by driving this into the first hole of the chain ring set. This method of fastening is practically the same in results, at least, as the method of using a wire or rope.

There are several forms of "clogs" or "drags," but they all answer the same purpose, namely, retard gradually the animal's progress, and are not a stationary form of fastening. The two and three prong iron drag can be secured with the larger sized traps; they are made of iron and are practically indestructible.

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the trap chain is fastened to the end of the pole. When the animal is caught its struggles to release itself unhook the pole from the stake spring back into the air, carrying trap and animal with it, where the animal will soon die, and is impossible to free itself, and is impossible to free itself, and is impossible to free itself.

A better method than this, therefore, is the balance pole, which works in all kinds of weather, and regardless of the length of time it has been "set." Take a pole and fasten it to the side of a tree near your trap, fastening it to the tree by means of a rope.

Aside from the fact of these methods recommended having the advantage of making it impossible for the animals to get free by pulling out or amputating their imprisoned legs, and that the predatory animals cannot set a chance at them, there is the humane side of the question to consider.

The instructions on casing is considered standard by all large fur firms. However, some firms have other ideas as to how furs should be prepared, and if you send regularly prepared furs you will pay to have them prepared here.

Never use preparations of any kind on your furs, nor attempt to tan them, thinking that you will secure higher prices for this reason. You will only succeed in lessening the value of the hide.

Never hang your skins in the sun or near a fire to dry; rather hang them in a cool, airy place, free from dust. If you use wire stretchers, there is a hook on them to hang them up with.

In stretching skins, they should never be overstretched nor should they be understretched. One is as detrimental to good prices as the other, and there is quite a knack in having the hide stretched just the right amount.

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The above method is for aquatic animals, of course, and while the clogs can be used for all land animals at certain times, you may want a method where you know there is no possibility of the animals escaping, and where no other animals can reach and destroy the valuable pelt.

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Usually a small hide, such as a mink or muskrat, will be completely cured in three days; a easel will dry in a little over a day. Much will depend on the weather, and how much fat and superfluous fat is left on the hide.

We will presume you have the hides all dried and ready for the market. All that now remains is to pick out the fur house you are going to ship to, pack the hides and send them.

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WILSON'S CALL FOR THE LEAGUE

First Step to Ideal Concert of Nations.

New Era in International Co-operation.

Washington Despatch—Assembly of the Council of the League of Nations in Paris next Friday will mark the beginning of a new era in international co-operation and the first great step towards the local concert of nations, President Wilson declared in issuing the call for the meeting, as provided by the treaty of Versailles. The text of the call was made public here to-night. It reads:

"In compliance with article five of the covenant of the League of Nations, which went into effect at the same time as the treaty of Versailles of June 28, 1919, of which it is a part, the President of the United States acting on behalf of those nations which have deposited their instruments of ratification in Paris as certified in a process verbal drawn up by the French Government, dated January 10, 1920, has the honor to inform the Government that the first meeting of the Council of the League of Nations will be held in Paris, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Friday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m.

"The President feels that it is unnecessary for him to point out the deep significance attached to this meeting or the importance which it must assume in the eyes of the world. It will mark the beginning of a new era in international co-operation and the first great step towards the ideal concert of nations into being as a living force, devoted to the task of assisting the peoples of all countries in their desire for peace, prosperity and happiness. The President is convinced that its progress will accord with the noble purpose to which it is dedicated."

TAKE NOTHING FOR SCAPA FLOW

U. S. Waives Claim to Share of Indemnity.

How Turkey Can Get German Goods.

Paris Cable — In the Supreme Council today, Hugh C. Wallace, the American Ambassador, raised the question whether the Council intended to maintain the percentages previously adopted for the distribution among the Allied and associated powers of the tonnage to be given up by Germany as reparation for the Scapa Flow scuttling.

Receiving an answer in the affirmative, Ambassador Wallace informed the council, that the United States, in that case waived its claim to any part of this tonnage.

The subject of the demand by Turkey for a decision regarding the prohibition of business relations between her and the Central Powers was taken up, and it was decided that German goods might be sent to Turkey, but only through third parties.

This probably was the last meeting of the Supreme Council, as at present organized. It is not likely to meet again unless the premier's delay action upon the proposed Ambassadorial Committee.

MENACE OF ANOTHER WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST NOW

Russian Soviets Have Secured the Mastery of the Whole of European Russia—British War Chief Hurriedly Called to Paris By Lloyd George.

London, Jan. 15.—Before peace with Germany is a week old the British public has been brought up sharply against the possibility of another war. Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for War; Walter Hume Long, First Lord of the Admiralty; Baron Beatty, commander of the Grand Fleet, and Field Marshal Sir Henry H. Wilson, Chief of the Imperial staff, left Lon-

don to-night, having been hurriedly summoned to Paris for a consultation with Premier Lloyd George and other British officials there on important military and naval matters.

This summons is inevitably connected in the public mind with the semi-official statement published today calling attention to the threatening situation in the middle East as a result of Bolshevik military successes, which have given the Soviets virtual mastery of the whole of European Russia, for, although it is not yet confirmed that they have entered Odessa, it is believed it cannot be long before they are in full possession of these coast regions.

By their victories the Bolsheviks have secured command of enormous supplies of food, raw materials, coal and rolling stock and other means of transport which they formerly were in need of.

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