

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Sir, - In reply to yours of recent date, I wish to inform you that we have coming to hand in the near future a supply of mouse traps.

These traps have been in use in the jungles of Aschbidilazooch, and have met with phenomenal success, their catch being 42 alligators, 7 cows, 16 sheep, 29 hons and one mouse. As can be seen by this record the traps are really deadly in action, their total of alligators caught being really astounding.

In action they are simple to use. Bait with a large piece of ambergris, the particular odour of which attracts the lurking game. In a camouflaged position close to the bait is a gunner who keeps up a running patter of hilarious jokes and wisecracks. These so amuse the rodents that they throw back their heads and open their mouths, and simply roar with laughter. The hunter then immediately rushes forward and with a flick of the wrist throws a fistful of Koating's Powder into the gaping jaws of the corpus delicti. This produces a long lingering death at the end of which respiratory action ceases and a lachrymatory effect can be felt in the optics.

Trusting that the above record will meet with your approval.

I am, etc. Ebenezer J. Snodgrass

A FEW DON'TS

(For those Aboard Ship)

Don't worry if you can't find a seat on the ship. A sailor sits on his chest. Why not you?

Don't despair if you are seasick. "Never give up" is a motto that does not apply at sea.

Don't have any half measures at mess. The only decent way to get anything at all is to make straight for what you want - and grab it.

Don't borrow anything you can't pay for - pinch it.

Don't work, - men have been known to die after working.

Don't grieve over your debts - your creditors will do enough of that.

Above all DON'T GROUSE.

- From "The Willochra Wail"  
(Published on board ship, 1916.)

When the bombs fell thick and fast near the British Museum, one skeleton said to another: "If we had any guts, we'd get out of here."

"That sweet little blonde Peggy Pryde

Ate many green apples and died;

The apples fermented

Inside the lamented

And formed cider inside her inside."