A Sly Old Rat.

[Providence Journal]

Two or three mornings ago one of our citizens missed five of his young chickens. Lifting a board near the abode of the chickens he scared a large rat away, and found the missing chickens, dead and partially eaten. He found, also, a nest of thirteen active, healthy little rats, only a day or two old. He took them away, determined that they should not grow up to kill his chickens. He disposed of four of them by feeding them to the cat, and saved the rest for some purpose, he did not know for what. He happened to be speaking of the matter to a friend, when the latter suggested that he put the little rats into a box and put them into a rat trap where the old rat would find them, and if the trap were nicely baited he could capture the old rat, and thus destroy the family. He thought that a good idea and tried it. The next morning he found the trap sprung and the old rat therein. He rushed to the trap, satisfied with the result of his experiment. The old rat saw him coming, and, putting forth extra effort, succeeded in escaping from the trap. Then he looked for the little ones, thinking he would set the trap again in the same way, when he discovered that the old rat had carefully removed the little ones to a place of safety before running any risk itself, and now had gone to join them.

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"You didn't go out of your own account?"

"Not by a tarnal sight."

"Then how did you get out?"

"Why, gosh it all, he kicked me out."

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"No, I'll be shrunk if he did. He used his foot."

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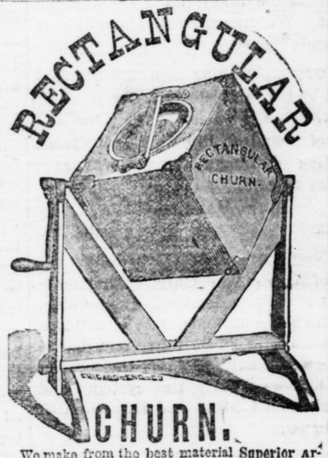

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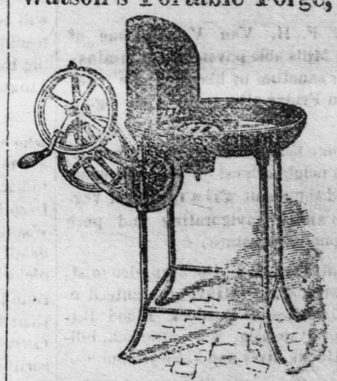
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