

[An Approved Method to Catch Rats] Benjamin Marston

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Ingredients

Cheshire cheese

anise seed oil

oatmeal

Indian berry

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Description

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Transcription

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Set a common wire Trap--Rub y^e way
from the Rat holes to y^e trap with toasted
Cheshire Cheese on wch a few drops of oil
of anniseeds has been dropped--let y^e path
be about four inches wide--Let the trap
be likewise well rubbed wth y^e same--
The Trap to be baited wth a composition made
wth 8 oz rich Cheese 8 oz Oatmeal seven or 8
drops of oil of anniseed 1 oz Indian berries

Annotations

Indian berrie

The OED defines Indian berry as "now rare the fruit of the Asian plant *Anamirta cocculus*."

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