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District-Studies,
Extermination Predatory Animals.

To Forest Supervisors:

The following directions for preparing and using
poison for coyotes have been strongly recommended to the
Service, and have been adopted in Districts 2 and 3:

Take the necessary quantity of lard, work in
sugar with wooden paddle as long as it will take
without crumbling (Be careful that none of the
ingredients or pellets are touched with the hands
while being prepared or distributed. Bait on
which the slightest human scent can be detected
will be avoided by coyotes); then work into
balls one-half the size of a walnut. Heat an 8-
penny nail and melt a hole in each pellet, using
the head of the nail. Put in strychnine and seal
with hot paddle. One ounce of strychnine is suffi-
cient for 100 baits. Put the pellets in clean
tin boxes with a tight cover and sprinkle well
with granulated sugar. Place around carcasses,
or portions of meat purposely put out.

To keep from killing your dog, take some of
the pellets and instead of strychnine put in
powdered ipecac or tartar emetic and feed the
dog one. There will be no danger of him taking
the poisoned pellets after that.

It is desired that a thorough trial of this be made
at once on each Forest where a hunter is employed, and
the results obtained should be reported to this office
not later than May 1. If any officers on Forests
where no hunter is employed should also try this as an
experiment, the results should be reported in a similar
manner.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) F. A. Silcox,
Acting District Forester.

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