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(57) Abstract

A trap for trapping and killing of small animals, like rats and mice is described. It comprises a stand (1), a pivoting clamp means, journaled in the stand around a first axis (5), which clamp means can be strained against the action of a force means (4) like a spring, and which can be released by a releasing means from a first, loaded position, when an animal acts upon the releasing means, so that the clamp means substantially immediately swings, acted upon by the force means, to a second position, where it hits and kills the animal. The clamp means, extending from the first axis (5), is provided with a first (2) and a second (3) arm. A first fastening point (8) of said force means is provided at the end, that is turned from the first axis (5) of the first arm (2), the second fastening point (9) of the force means is provided at the stand. The force line between the two fastening points of the force means runs through or in the vicinity of said first axis (5), so that the force means exerts no or just a minor torque in the direction towards the second position of the clamp means, when the clamp means is in its first position. The trap is primarily characterized in that the releasing means is journaled around the second axis (7) in the stand, forming a first arm portion designed like a cap (6) above a vessel (12) for bait, and a second arm portion (10) acting upon the first arm (2) of the clamp means when the cap (6) is lifted by the animal.

