

FAWM 2024 – Sherwood Anderson’s “The Egg”

5 vermin and curatives

Vermin infest their youth, and fortunes must be spent for curative powders.

wild animals that are believed to be harmful to crops, farm animals, or game, or which carry disease, e.g. rodents:
killed as vermin or game, the pumas have gone.

parasitic worms or insects: *his clothes are infested with vermin.*

people perceived as despicable and as causing problems for the rest of society:

the vermin who ransacked her house.

Macduff. He has no children. All my pretty ones? *Macbeth* IV.iii.
Did you say all? O hell-kite! All?
What, all my pretty chickens and their dam
At one fell swoop?

all the vermin in the world

all the ills that must be cured

all the endless tribulations to be endured

all the vermin in the world

all my pretty chickens in their youth

all vulnerable to everything, forsooth

i'm so short on patience now I'm long in the tooth

vermin infest all my pretty chickens in their youth

all depends on the curatives

all day long the treatment is durative

all the tiny victories but nothing's purgative

all depends on the curatives

potions, pills, and magic powders

baseless faith in spite of all the doubters

on and on forever, this cruel wheel of ours

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