

Upton Lovell

SINGULAR CIRCUMSTANCE

A man, in the employ of Mr Raxworthy, at Upton Lovell, Wilts, some months since, put several young rats into a ferret's cage, which were all, except one, quickly deprived of life. The ferret having young ones, this rat followed their example in sucking the mother; and the old ferret immediately lost its natural hostility towards it, and reared it with her young ones, with the same affectionate care. The rat is now full grown, and runs everywhere with the ferrets without either of them doing it injury.

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