



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Foxhunting Bill

From Mr Rob Yorke

Sir, Now that we have had the Burns report into the trauma experienced by the fox while hunted (details, June 13; see also letters, June 24, etc), can another expert's report be commissioned into the trauma experienced by animals in slaughterhouses.

Yours etc,
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Nature, red in tooth and claw

From Mr Jeffrey R. Timmis

Sir, Magnus Linklater (Comment June 28) admits that he has never witnessed the slaughter of a newborn lamb by a fox. He is not likely to. It is a very unusual occurrence.

Most newborn lambs found slaughtered are killed by crows. Crow attacks are every bit as awful as those of the fox, as described by Linklater. Carrion crows will also target weak ewes in lamb.

I am not suggesting that a fox will not kill such livestock. It happens, but

Red in tooth and claw

From Mr Rob Yorke

Sir, Jeffery Timmis's suspicion that the fox does not kill as many lambs as we imagine (letter, July 3), highlights the fact that some animals have great PR. Hedgehogs, badgers and squirrels do unspeakable things to other animals but still manage to maintain a good public profile.

I suspect the rat will need an agent when the next Bill for hunting with dogs comes along.

Yours etc,
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July 4.