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RODENT ROBBERS ARE VILLIANS IN NEW 2-REEL MOTION PICTURE

The prairie dog and his cousin the ground squirrel are featured in a 2-reel motion picture just released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. These "cute little fellows," which scamper to cover in their underground burrows on the approach of visitors and then, curiosity overcoming fear, poke their heads over the edge and play hide and seek with the strangers, are shorn of their cloak of harmlessness and shown up for what they are, the rodent robbers, in the film "Routing Rodent Robbers."

That they are destructive to crops and range forage, that they burrow through dams and dykes, that they cause erosion, and that in many places they bring farmers and ranchers to the point of bankruptcy, are only a few of the charges against them, according to the picture. Uncle Sam is awake to the situation and taking measures to control them on public lands and elsewhere in cooperative work, the picture shows. It is replete with scenes of the great open spaces of the West, where the rodent control crews of the Biological Survey are shown at work. It is loaned by the Office of Motion Pictures, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., to responsible borrowers paying transportation charges.