



How Administrations work!

Catching an Owl*: As the owl (1) swoops down on the dead rat (2), the jagged vertical piston (3) is pushed down which rotates the toothed wheel (4), which in turn rotates the system of pulleys (5) and (6) as shown, so that as the string (7) moves upwards, it carries the lamp (8) along, causing the lump of butter (9) to melt under the heat and the melted butter is carried down by the chute (10) directly to the head of the owl, forcing it to close its eyes, and catching an owl with its eyes closed is a relatively simple matter indeed.

* Why should an Administration want to catch an owl? For that matter, why should an Administration want to do so many other things?