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Dear Dr. Sabin:

I have read with interest your brief review of the Neurotropic Virus Diseases of Man in the current issue of the Journal of Pediatrics. In it you mention that herpes virus has been demonstrated in human Gasserian ganglia. I should be very grateful if you will send me the reference to this work.

I was pleased with your reference to the potential value of hitherto unused animals in laboratory work, as I am thoroughly convinced that many of our native small mammals, biologically very different from the ordinary laboratory animals, will be found invaluable in some phases of virus research. In this connection, you may be interested in making use of an arrangement by which I have been able to get many of these animals for work during the past two years. I have used considerable numbers of field mice (*Microtus* sp.) deer mice, (*Peromyscus* sp.) bog lemmings, (*Synaptomys* sp.), short tailed shrews (*Blarina* sp. of the order Insectivora), jumping mice (*Zapus* sp.), weasels and other species. The availability of some of these species is seasonal and the supply is somewhat limited but moderate numbers can usually be obtained. In the past I have paid all shipping charges plus fifty cents each for field mice and deer mice, seventy five cents or a dollar each for all of the others except weasels, and for these I pay a dollar and a half. All of these animals have been obtained from a young man who lives in north central Wisconsin, whom I have instructed in the methods of trapping and caring for small mammals. His name and address are, Mr Robert Matlock, Tony, Wisconsin. If you are interested, you may order animals directly from him, or if you prefer I can make the arrangements.

If reprints of your paper in the Journal of Pediatrics are available I should sincerely appreciate receiving one.

Sincerely yours,

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