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**Mole hunting**

John Burnside provides an overdue defence of the persecuted mole (Nature, 9 September). This harmless and beneficial animal is killed without pity by those proud of their perfect lawns. With no protection under cruelty to animals laws, mole catchers pursue their grisly trade with impunity. The barbaric abuse of moles is a stain on this supposedly animal-loving country.

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- 1p 37 Which of the following becomes clear about moles in this letter?
- A Protecting them legally is window dressing.
  - B They are the preferred prey of the British gentry.
  - C They can be exterminated without condemnation.
  - D Trapping them has become a national pastime.