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SCIENTIFIC EXTERMINATION OF RATS AND MICE

VERY IMPORTANT TO ALL WHO ARE TROUBLED BY RATS AND MICE

THE RATIN SYSTEM

The rational extermination of Rats and Mice—so highly injurious to material value and health—is a matter of general interest.

The damage and economic loss caused by Rats are very considerable indeed, for the City of New York alone the damage is calculated at \$35,000,000 a year.

Taking another example, assuming that there are at the least 50,000 Rats in St. Croix (at a conservative estimate) it will be seen by a simple calculation that these Rodents must spoil and eat food to the value of \$500.00 a day at 1c. pr. Rat—besides considerable damage to buildings etc.—

In addition hereto the Rats have proved to be the principal agents in the dissemination of both Bubonic Plague and Trichinosis and they play an important part in the spreading of Tuberculosis (also poultry Tuberculosis) as well as foot and mouth disease and other contagious diseases.

Another serious aspect of the rat trouble is their enormous fecundity.

The progeny of one pair of Rats amounts to no fewer than 800 a year—and realizing the great cunning of the rat as well as its migratory habits, it will be evident that no complete extermination of these Rodents will ever be accomplished by means of traps or poisons etc.

Scientists endeavored to discover a preparation which should possess the



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following essential characteristics:

1. Harmless to Human beings and domestic animals.
2. Capable of affecting a whole colony of rats.
3. It should be a good bait—readily eaten and liked by the Rodents.
4. Easy to prepare and use.

A well known Danish Bacteriologist and Scientist discovered a Bacilla in 1903, the culture of which, in the form of a preparation, now well known as "RATIN", is harmless to human beings and domestic animals and has been proven to answer the other requirements.

The bacterial culture "RATIN" causes contagious and mortal disease in rats, and the baits prepared with it are eaten freely even greedily by the rodents, the baits are prepared simply by pouring the Ratin culture over White Bread.

The Ratin bacterial culture is therefore the best, the most reliable and scientific remedy to adopt for the extermination of Rats and Mice,

Further information about "RATIN" can be had at Frederiksted Apothecary Hall.

Musical Service.

Friedensthal Moravian Church

Sunday Evening 27th inst.

7.30 o'clock.

ALL INVITED.

Silver offering at the door.

W. ALLEN.

REPORT

OF
DEPOSITS & WITHDRAWALS
AT

THE NEW ST. CROIX SAVINGS BANK

On Saturday the 19th March. 1921

RECEIVERS:

In Christiansted

A. E. STAKEMANN Trustee.

In Frederiksted

R. E. HIGGINS Trustee.

Balance of deposits to 12th March 1921
\$ 92,311.12

23 Deposits, of which	
11 in Christiansted	\$ 157.60
(2 new)	
12 in Frederiksted	\$ 143.25
(3 new)	
	\$ 300.85

\$ 92,611.97

10 withdrawals of which	
6 in Christiansted	\$ 92.00
4 in Frederiksted	\$ 19.00
	\$ 111.00

Balance of deposits to date \$ 92,500.97
Receivers for Saturday the 26th March 1921

In Christiansted

A. E. STAKEMANN Trustee.

In Frederiksted

R. E. HIGGINS Trustee.

A. E. STAKEMANN.
President.