A SHOWER OF RATS.

Many of the New Orleans dwellers have a terrible preoccupation with rats. The incessant scurrying and scuffling which takes place beneath their doors and windows is so pronounced as to be almost unbearable. The rats multiply with unprecedented rapidity, and the infestation is so widespread that there is hardly a house in the city where they are not a serious nuisance. The control of rats is a problem that has been studied and debated for many years, but little progress has been made in solving it. The rats are intelligent, adaptable, and highly skilled in finding food and shelter. They are also prolific breeders, with the female giving birth to up to ten young at a time. The solution to the rat problem is likely to be a complex and costly undertaking, requiring a coordinated effort by the city and residents alike.