CAPTURING RODENTS.

RAT CATCHING AS A SHORT AND LUCRATIVE BUSINESS.

How a Mr. Lathan Captures the Desperate Rats at Fifty Cents a Head—His Trade a Profitable One—Some of the Rat Methods of Killing and of the Rats Themselves.

There are few St. Louisans who know that an enterprising man is engaged here in the rat business. And yet there have been quite a number of rats killed in this city during the past year. Yes, in Southern rat small, fat, a good-sized rat, and that after quite numerous attempts to exterminate the rodents. Rats are very numerous in the Pass Christian and Biloxi districts. Rats are numerous in Galveston, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Houston, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and all places in the Texas and Indian Territories, yet they generally manage to keep down the rats in the Western part of the state. In regard to the extermination of rats in this locality I interviewed Mr. Lathan, who is the only man in the Western part of the state. In regard to the extermination of rats in this locality I interviewed Mr. Lathan, who is the only man in the Western part of the state. In regard to the extermination of rats in this locality I interviewed Mr. Lathan, who is the only man in the Western part of the state.

Mr. Lathan is a man of the middle age, of medium height, and of a very quiet disposition. He is a man of few words, and he does not like to talk much about his business. He says that he has been in the business for a number of years, and that he has killed many thousands of rats. He says that he has never had any difficulty in getting rid of them, and that he has never had any difficulty in getting rid of them. He says that he has never had any difficulty in getting rid of them. He says that he has never had any difficulty in getting rid of them. He says