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A stylized illustration of a rat and mice. The rat is depicted in a vibrant red, stippled texture, appearing to be in motion as it runs across the top and right side of the page. Below the rat, a row of five dark grey, textured sacks is stacked. At the bottom left, a small mouse is visible, and a trail of smaller mice leads towards the sacks. The background is a light, textured grey. The artist's initials 'D.G.K.' are visible in the bottom right corner of the illustration.

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THE RATS AND MICE of our homes and

cities are real pests. These rodents, their habits, and means for their control are discussed in this circular. Brief attention also is given to native white-footed mice and woodrats that often invade cabins in the hills and mountains.

Food and property worth millions of dollars are destroyed or damaged each year by house rats and mice. These pests may also bring serious diseases to man—plague, endemic typhus, and others—either directly or through fleas or mites.

The best control is continuous and community-wide. Quiet day-by-day application of control measures by private citizens and local government officials is far better than a much-publicized “rat week” after which the rodents are left undisturbed.

Exclusion is the surest and most lasting defense against rats and mice. This circular tells how to rat proof buildings, and describes other control methods, such as traps, poisoned baits, gases, and dusts.

Rat poisons are dangerous to people and to livestock. Some gases used in rat control are explosive. Stocks of these materials must be locked up, and certain precautions are necessary in their use. A doctor should be called immediately if accidents occur.

Aid in control may be obtained from any county agricultural commissioner or farm advisor, and in some cities and counties from the health department.

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affecting your own farm operation



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