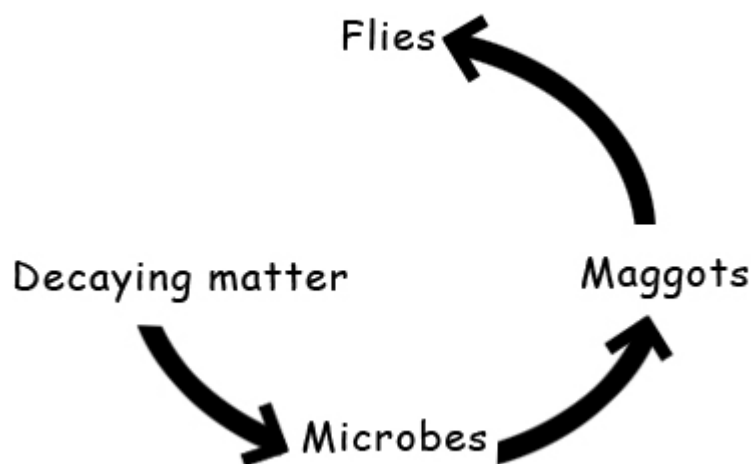


Félix-Archimède Pouchet (26 August 1800 - 6 December 1872) Born in Rouen, France .

From 1828 he was Director of the Roen Museum of Natural History. Later, in 1838, he became Professor at the school of Medicine at Rouen. He publishes his major medical work in 1859. He ridiculed Pasteur's Germ Theory.

His ideas: Spontaneous Generation

Pouchet believed that the micro-organisms you could see wriggling under the microscope were the **result** of decay not the cause of it. The decaying matter turns into living organisms. Even earlier versions suggested that flies and maggots that were seen on decaying matter were created by it.



The Contest - You are asked to meet with M Pouchet at the Institute of scientific Research in Paris. Unfortunately M Pasteur is unable to attend as he has caught something from his open test tubes. You are asked to stand in for the great scientist. How will you convince the man that he is a dinosaur.

Convincing M. Pouchet

M Pouchet, I am afraid there is no validity in the theory of Spontaneous generation and let me explain why, based on the experiments of my chief and mentor, M Pasteur. Firstly, ....