

CRIME IN ANIMALS.

KILL, STEAL AND BREAK THEIR OWN LAWS.

Criminals in a Human Sense—A Female Stark and Her Lover Murdered the Former's Husband While at His Daily Labor.

HUMANS commit crime is the contention of Mr. William Ferrero, a distinguished exponent of psychology and the theory of evolution. He also maintains the general proposition that everything one meets with in communities formed by man is also to be found on a smaller scale and in rough outlines among the animal species. Cases of theft are recorded among bees. Buchner in his "Psychic Life of Animals" speaks of thievish bees, which, in order to save themselves the trouble of working, attack well-stocked hives in masses, kill the sentinels and the inhabitants, rob the hives and carry off the provisions. After repeated enterprises of this description they acquire a taste for robbery and violence and form companies of brigand bees.

Sparrows have a habit of stealing swallows' nests. The swallows occasionally retaliate. In one case they have been known to do so by killing the young of the sparrows.

Some pigeons steal straw and other building materials from dove cotes. The thieving pigeons have been observed to be shiftless birds, bad flyers and carriers. They showed the principal characteristic of human thievery—disinclination to work.

Cases of theft have at times been remarked among female dogs, but such cases are almost always influenced by maternal love. Certain dogs which, when in normal condition, are very well behaved and respect their masters' property, begin to steal when they have puppies, and they steal anything that the latter will eat.

Nor is murder wanting among animals; that is to say, not murder such as is caused by the exigencies of the struggle for life; but murder committed under the influence of individual malice or passion. It would be absurd to declare that the hawk which kills a swallow is a criminal, for he is only fighting out his struggle for existence; but, on the other hand, animals which kill others of their own species are guilty of a true criminal act when they do so for any other reason than that of self-defense.

Thus, Karl Vogt, the celebrated German naturalist, has observed a couple of storks that had for several years built their nest in a village near Salsette. One day it was noticed that, when the male was out in search of food, another younger bird began to court the female. At first he was repulsed, then tolerated and welcomed; at last, one morning, the two birds flew away to the field where the husband was hunting for frogs and killed him. According to Brehm, storks often murder the members of the flock which either refuse to follow them at the time of migration or are not able to do so.

Crimes caused by mental alienation or by some psychic troubles are also to be found among the more intelligent species—crimes very much resembling those caused by madness in man. Thus, among elephants there are instances in which individuals are seized with a desire to kill other elephants and men without provocation, whereas, normally, the elephant has an extremely meek and peaceable character. The natives of India call these elephants *hara*, and their morbid state of mind is attributed to the solitude in which they live.

DINING WITH THE PRINCE.

What People May Expect Who Receive an Invitation to His Table.

The prince of Wales' dinner begins punctually at 8:45 p. m., and lasts an hour and ten minutes. Rapid service is a household law, and is quite necessary as the menu is rather extended, though not ostentatiously elaborate. Four or five waiters only are allowed to enter the dining hall. The kitchen is, of course, at some distance, but for the sake of dispatch a serving-room adjoins the dining-hall, and here a little army of assistants supplies the waiters at an instant's notice. Soft, low music is played during the entire hour. The menu card is almost severe in its plainness, having simply a narrow gold border, surmounted by the royal crest, and is always printed in French. The courses are arranged in first and second service. In each course an alternation of china and silver plates is strictly observed; for instance, turtle soup in silver plates and bisque in china plates. For the first course a fillet of trout artistically garnished, upon an oval entree dish of silver, and sole with rich "souc" on a china plate, guests being given choice of either fish. "Cotlettes de volailles" and "chand froids" follow; and then comes haunches of venison on large silver dishes, and saddles of mutton, also on silver. The meats are all previously carved in the serving room. Dainty deserts conclude the bountiful repast.

Education.

I believe it incumbent upon the citizens of the Twentieth century never to rest till congress shall enact laws compelling every child for seven years to be educated at state expense, and at the public schools and nowhere else.—Rev. Claude Robateau.

"Sass for the Goose."

A western baseball team has signed a poet as a pitcher. This tends to even up matters with certain magazines who apparently sign pitchers as poets.—New York Press.

THE HEROIC SYMPHONY.

How Napoleon Ceased to Be the Idol of Beethoven.

A work of art requires no explanation, says the Saturday Review. But the very title Beethoven gave the Heroic Symphony provokes question and there have been many endeavors to explain it. Wagner tried less to explain its meaning than to explain it away. Chained to his one idea, he asserted that Beethoven's hero was not a military hero, but a young man of complete spiritual and physical endowment who passed from mere brute delight to life and his strength through tragic suffering to a high spiritual satisfaction in love; that is to say, he asserted that Beethoven's hero was Parsifal or Siegfried.

Now, this much of Wagner's theory is true, that Beethoven would not worship a mere human butcher any more than he would worship a pork butcher as a hero. On the other hand, Beethoven's hero was undoubtedly a military hero, Napoleon Bonaparte. We know that the symphony was originally dedicated to Napoleon, that the dedication was altered when Napoleon (as Beethoven thought) turned traitor and became emperor; we know that when the news of his death came Beethoven casually remarked that he had already composed the music for that event.

Of what parts, then, of Napoleon's career do the first and last two movements tell? These are questions which can never be answered; and, mere curiosity apart, it so happens that it matters little whether they are answered or not answered, so long as they are not answered altogether wrongly.

We bought the advice to the Enquirer.

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A place, however, so well calculated for the home of the grizzly could not long be without its representative, even if it had to be an animal somewhat less wild and more domestic in its habits. Hogs turned loose in the swamps and morasses soon became so wild that it was dangerous for a person to be caught unaware by one of the patriarchs of the herds that infested the vicinity.

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A MOTORMAN'S LIFE

FULL OF HARDSHIPS, EXPOSURE AND CONSTANT DANGER.

The Great Strain on a Man's Nerves Sufficient in Itself to Wreck Him in a Short Time. The Experience of a Well-known Motorman.

From the Cincinnati, Ohio, Enquirer.

The life of a motorman is not a bed of roses. He is subjected to many hardships especially in the winter when he is exposed to the cold and snow. Even in the summer he must bear the intense heat which beats down upon him. Considerable nerve and self possession is necessary in a good motorman, for the lives and limbs of his passengers are at stake. One of the best known electric motormen in this city is William Frazer, who is at present running a car on the Cumminsville electric line. He is not only well known to his fellow employes but to the people who travel on his car. Mr. Frazer is a young man about twenty-six years of age and resides with his wife and child at 144 Betts Street, Cincinnati, O. About a year ago Mr. Frazer was taken with serious stomach troubles. He bought several kinds of medicine which were recommended to him, but none of them seemed to give him even temporary benefit. An enthusiastic admirer of that famous remedy known as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People told him to try them. Frazer was almost discouraged, but took the advice. To a reporter of the Enquirer he said:

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