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The Humane Society.

Mr. R. J. O'Houlon of Milwaukee, in discussing the work of the Humane Society, said:

"This work for humane reform is a movement for the great cause of humanity. Whether we view it from the limited and biased standpoint of human interest in human-kind or from the more noble and unselfish position that all sentient beings belong to a common creation and share in the common blessings, enjoy the common rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness accorded to its nature, it matters not to us except in the degree of refining influence which the cultivation of habits of kindness, mercy and sympathy and love for those creatures of the lower creation has upon ourselves as human beings.

"The general duty of man to the lower orders of life is a great one. We all agree that man is the master of all creation and all animal life is subject unto him as servant.

"This is because man is possessed of intelligence higher in degree than all other created things. In man's exercise he must recognize the responsibility of protection of these servants which accompanies this authority. The relation between man and beast is not wholly for the welfare of the former. It is readily conceded that man is the sovereign and the lower creations the subjects. Then it must also be conceded that as sovereign man is appointed to benefit his subjects in the

use of his sovereign power, to help, not to retard; to lift up, not to cast down; to heal wounds, not to inflict them, to lighten burdens, not to make them more heavy; to assuage suffering, not to aggravate it; to set at liberty, not to imprison; to increase happiness, not bring misery.

"Humane societies, in the name of humanity, have protested against cruelty everywhere. They maintain that if the necessities of men demand the services of the lower order, these services shall be exacted in the spirit of justice, of kindness and of mercy, without oppression, without suffering and without cruelty; that consumed as food by men, the way to, and the environments of the sacrificial altar shall be divested of all unnecessary suffering and of every needless terror. Men are coming to realize that the obligation is upon them to treat with considerate kindness, justice and mercy, sentient life wherever it is found.

"Not less than 100,000 humane societies, including branches, exist on earth today. They are arresting the spirit of cruelty, breathing the spirit of justice into law, and teaching humanity to the coming generations. The consciences of men, to whom are given dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, the cattle and every living thing that moveth upon the earth, are waking to the fact that in man's dominion over the lower animals mean government of justice, mercy and truth.

"Humane societies wherever established and maintained, have not only discovered great necessity for their existence, but are slowly constructing foundations for future usefulness. Where societies are led by men and women interested in the work, and not overshadowed by timid, inert, fossilized, charitable ornaments, the work has made commendable progress.

"Cruelty abounds everywhere, and

not one-third of our land is under the influence of humane societies. In many sections of our country there are no laws preventing cruelty to animals and in many communities where good laws appear on the statute books they are not enforced. What is needed in each and every community, no matter how select and cultured it may be, is an organization, composed of virtuous, intelligent, courageous men and women to secure and enforce laws that will insure justice and mercy to every living creature. Were the teachings of this society incorporated into the lives of our children the next generation would put an end forever to the bloody wars between civilized nations. I sincerely hope we may organize at least a dozen societies in this state within the next six weeks, to the credit of each community and the welfare of the state."

Easily Earned.

An election petition was being tried, and a witness was called to prove "bribery."

"One of the gentlemen says to me, 'Hodge, you must vote for the Tories,'" said the witness.

"And what did you answer to that?" asked the counsel.

"Well, says I, 'How much?'"

"And what did the agent say?"

"He didn't say nothin'. The other gentleman comes to me, and says, 'You must vote for the liberals, Hodge.'"

"And what did you answer?"

"I said, 'How much?' So he arst me what t'other gentleman offered, and I told him 5 shillings."

"And what did the liberal agent do?"

"He gave me 10."

Counsel sits down triumphant, and up starts the other side.

"Did you vote for the liberals?"

"No."
"Did you vote for the Tories?"
"No. I ain't got a vote!"—London Spare Moments.

What is "Nothing."

An old Scottish farmer, being elected a member of the local school board, visited the school, and tested the intelligence of the class by his questions. The first inquiry was:

"Noo, boys, can any o' you tell me what naething is?"

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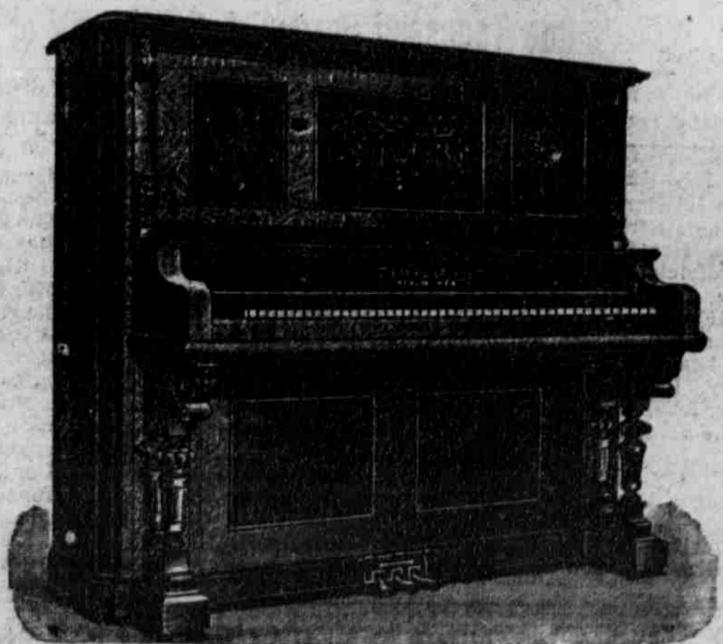
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