

CERTAIN ANIMALS AND INSECTS LOVERS OF MUSIC

The extraordinary musical sensitiveness of spiders has several times been proved. Everyone has heard of Pellisson's spider. Consoler of the unfortunate prisoner, it perished because it listened too closely to the captive's violin. The jailer saw it and crushed it brutally.

Gretry, the composer, speaks of a favorite spider which descended along its thread upon his piano as soon as he played it. When giving recitals at Brussels Rubenstein saw a large spider issue from the floor of the platform and listen to the music. He gave three concerts at the same hall and on each occasion the spider appeared.

Insects in general, though less sensitive to music, do not object to it. Fishes betray little or no interest in music. Everybody, on the other hand probably knows that music is often used in order to attract snakes from their hiding places.

The Indians catch iguanas in that manner, and there is an experiment that we all can make to demonstrate the truth of the matter. If a violin or piano is played wherever there is a lizard visible, the lizard will stop and listen with obvious pleasure as long as the music lasts.

Horses are particularly sensitive to music. Guenoe, who carefully studied the matter, quotes the following curious fact: "In 1892 the fifty-eighth regiment of infantry was making a military test march when the music struck up. The young horse of Capt. De-R. hastened forward and placed itself, in spite of its rider, behind the last rank of the musicians. Then it followed peacefully, giving obvious signs of pleasure. When the music ceased the captain was able to resume his place at the head of his company, but the band struck up again, and the horse, notwithstanding the efforts of Capt. De-R., galloped ahead and once more placed itself behind the musicians. This happened every time the band played."

Lions have been found to listen with marked joy to the piano. They appreciate the top notes and the medium, but roar terribly when the bass keys are struck loudly.

The writer knows of a dog that will listen intently and silently to all melodies, but displays every symptom of pain and agony at the sound of a chromatic scale. The dog becomes quiet as soon as the melody is again taken up. It is only the succession of semi-tones which makes so extraordinary an impression upon it. I know of another dog which is fond of organ music, but wails terribly as soon as the Vox Celeste stop is used.

If one wished to make serious experiments in musical psychology the dog would no doubt prove the most interesting study, and the monkey, too, would be fascinating. Darwin mentions a gibbon which was able to sing a complete octave, and it is known that black chimpanzees will gather to the number of from twenty to fifty and form a kind of orchestra, beating pieces of hollow wood with sticks for their own pleasure.—La Revue.

August

The copper sun in the glaring sky
Makes hand and heart grow weary;
The thin red line in the tube climbs high

And love and life seem dreary;
What can we do but lounge and lie—
And wish we were with Peary?
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mr. N. C. Pettit is now mayor of Waldo, and it is said that he makes a good one.

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THE ECONOMIC BASIS OF TEETOTALISM

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The results of an actual inquiry in Great Britain are given to show that the elimination of the excessive consumption of alcohol in that country would increase its labor output by more than \$2,000,000,000 a year, while a similar study of statistics in the United States indicates an increased productivity for the abstaining man as compared with the user of large quantities of alcohol stimulants of nearly fifty per cent. That is, other things being equal, the man who "cuts out" the alcohol may reasonably expect when he dies to be worth twice as much as the heavy drinker. Another inquiry among more than 6000 employers showed that thirty-one out of thirty-two reasons for forbidding or discouraging the use of alcohol among their employes on economic grounds—a better quality of work, fewer accidents, and so on.

As a result of these figures the conclusion is drawn that the reason for the present anti-drink movement, as contrasted to former prohibition waves or temperance crusades, depends upon the answer to the great American question, "Does it pay?"

THE TRUSTS AND THE FORESTS

A lumber trust, with an entirely new plan of campaign, is bulletined from St. Louis. The new company is to have a capital stock of \$300,000,000 and is backed by Weyerhaeuser, the lumber king, who has taken the novel position of offering the services of the new combine to the government in aiding the movement to preserve the country's forests. Heretofore the lumber combines have apparently had but the one thought in view, and that was to denude the timber tracts of the nation as rapidly as possible and get the lumber turned into cash. The new combine proposes to place a limit on the output, prohibit the cutting of timber of small size and to provide for a systematic replanting of forest grounds that have been cut over.

The lumber barons realize that there will be little lumber in the country in the next twenty years unless something is done, and done promptly, to protect the forest reserves and the other sources of lumber supply. Accordingly, these men have volunteered their assistance in the work of forest preservation.—Omaha Bee.

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THE TREATMENT OF CRIMINALS

Mrs. W. H. Felton, of Georgia, Stirs One's Blood in Her Arraignment of the Cruelties Inflicted.

If there is a question in Georgia which is engaging the thought of the entire citizenship today, it is the treatment of criminals and the best way to manage convicts. The best rational method for the state to pursue and how best accomplished is the question of the hour.

When a man commits a crime it is committed against society. The state claims the right to punish. To punish the criminal the state deprives the criminal of liberty and assumes control of his person.

It does this upon the broad idea that the criminal shall not be allowed to commit other or more depredations on law-abiding citizens.

After the criminal has lost his liberty he is not to be treated like a brute. Civilization demands that the criminal shall have the right to be restored to citizenship or at least given his freedom, when his term of service expires, and that he shall not be maltreated by those who are deputized by the state to control him. Nothing can be clearer than this position.

The state of Georgia cannot sink its known responsibility under any plea or pretense. The responsibility is the first call, and when the former method of leasing was changed some years ago three well known and Christian gentlemen were selected and this prison commission in Georgia was instructed to see and know, and compel all guards, wardens, superintendents and lessees to treat the convicts as if they were still human beings. While the papers are filled with the enormities and cruelties of these underlings in office we must never lose sight of the fact that the state of Georgia did a noble and self-sacrificing act when it went to the top of society and picked out guardians who were pledged by every interest in life to see and know and compel humane treatment of these unhappy and despised convicts.

Defects in the correction of these convicts are so glaring, neglect and incompetency are so apparent that the people of Georgia are determined in a whirlwind of righteous indignation to abolish the entire present system of managing convicts in the state of Georgia. They are justly indignant that these very intelligent and dignified gentlemen drew their salaries and turned the whole business over to the warden, who has apparently been pulling money into his own pockets from every quarter, but the fact still remains that grafting has been going on continually right under the eyes of the prison commission. They are already convicted of indifference if not incompetency. Put the blame where it justly belongs, and let the world see and know that there was an honest effort to place the convicts in capable and trustworthy hands.

Society generally deals with the convict question in one of two ways; from revenge, or in the cheapest way. After the convicts are loaded with chains, the idea is to make them suffer an eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth, or they are turned over to irresponsible people and then forgotten.

It is well known that such methods, instead of humanizing criminals, creates and propagates crime. "No good result will ever take place until we deal with the criminal and not with the crime."

The defect in criminal law lies in the fact that it is the criminal we are after, not the crime. That 16-year-old white boy who was convicted of stealing two small cans of potted ham, each valued at 8 cents, and sent to the horrible prison camp, should have had attention and care from the prison commissioners. And when he was beaten to death by an employe of the prison commission for the offense of throwing a cup of hot coffee on a trespassing hog (belonging to the brutal guard who was raising hogs at the state's expense), every citizen of Georgia understands that the criminal had no attention, and the brutal whipping boss went scot free. He should today be indicted for murder and sentenced by the courts to the same prison pen and would then be inadequately punished for his offense.

The crime committed by that poor boy was not considered at all; it was the criminal that the whipping boss was after. When the state, through its judicial authority, sent that poor boy to such a hell on earth, it was not the crime—but the criminal, which was in sight.

An old offender who had been

caught in high-handed robbery could not have been more despised or maltreated. A human judge would have made the sentence different, and the prison commission was at liberty to place that 16-year-old boy in a different location. Alas!

And because Georgia has been conducting a convict system to create more criminals for hire and because the lessees are standing open-handed for all the criminals they can sub-let at \$30, \$40 and \$50 per month, Georgia has been adding to the number of convicts for the most unworthy reasons and the lessees have been grabbing at them from the basest of all motives—greed for unholly money gain.

If that young boy, for his first offense, must be chained night and day to ruffians and veterans in crime, what could we expect him to be after he left that prison camp?

It would have been merciful to have shot him from the judge's bench! The prison commission would have been more humane if they had chained him like a dog to the old cannon on the capitol grounds night and day. He would have fared better with the Comanche Indians or the Hottentots or African cannibals, for his life was taken at last! Nothing more brutal can be imagined than the death he died with his flesh lacerated and fairly beaten to a pulp under a brutal strap!

Sentence should be passed, and a line of treatment prescribed that looks to the criminal as well as the crime. The juries should be governed by common sense and not by prejudice or passion.

But some will say: "Georgia instituted a prison farm to be able to separate the young and infirm from the general camps." Yes, we see the good intention of the state and we know it has been made ineffective by negligence and incompetency. The treatment of criminals is the question of the day.

"Land without people makes the wilderness;

People without land makes the mob." There is no civilization like land ownership. After a man gets a home of his own he wants to keep it, and as a general rule he proposes to keep it by paying taxes and behaving himself.

It runs into renting property because you are reasonably sure of keeping a renter after he plants a crop, or his garden. It is the possession, ownership, attachment and sympathy that goes with this ownership which engenders civilization and promotes the growth of communities.

In overcrowded places where landlords are few and tenants are many we invariably find the mob spirit. There is evident dread of the foreign emigrant, because he was born with the hate toward landlords, who owned all the land, and he drew it into his nature through his mother's milk. Where land is easily obtained it is not valued so highly. When it is almost worth its weight in gold, it stirs up the minds of those who begrudge the ownership—hence mobs.

With love of the land we live in, peace and plenty go hand in hand, because the patriot has a pledge to peace in the title deeds to his homestead. When he deliberately forsakes his own home the unrest within him has approached madness, or the depths of despair.

It was the wilderness life-pioneer life which fostered the independent spirit of our American forefathers. They were monarchs of all they surveyed, and it begot within them courage and self-reliance. Therefore it is better to have the wilderness than the mob, just as it is better to have peace of mind than turmoil and unrest.

In 1893-94 I scanned the census reports of Chicago, Ill. With a million inhabitants, only 250,000 were American born, the rest, the three-quarter million, were of foreign nationalities. I was not surprised to find sympathy with Haymarket anarchists.

When the Chicago exposition was in full blast, there was a stationed policeman nearly every rod in distance. They were uniformed, wore metal badges and certainly it was the most orderly city to handle crowds I ever saw. But Chicago will need policemen all the time and everywhere so long as that horde of people, born across the water have no land and no patriotic self-denial. "People without land makes the mob."—Mrs. W. H. Felton, in Atlanta Journal.

SOCIALISTS

CALL FOR COUNTY CONVENTION

A call has been issued to all Socialists and their sympathizers, residing in Marion county, to meet in convention in Ocala, 10 a. m. at the court house, on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1908 for the purpose of organizing, and nominating a county ticket. 7-10-4t. By order of committee.

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