

or rape, or treason, or burglary; he cannot beg, or rob, or wreck a train, or pick a pocket. As far as crime is concerned, he is condemned to a blameless life.

The main aim in life of every animal, the only aim that counts in the scheme of nature, is the continuation of the race to which it belongs; and to this end, every animal has acquired certain instinctive desires, which prompt it to those modes of action that contribute to this end—desires for courtship, exclusive possession, sexual union, parenthood, and so forth; all depending on, and contributing to, the preservation of the race. But no animal begins its career in full capability of reproducing its kind. A certain time must elapse, during which it is growing to maturity and reaching the reproductive stage. It is essential to the assumption of this stage, that the life of the individual should be preserved until the stage is reached. It is essential to the performance of the reproductive function, that the individual should live until this function is performed. Consequently, a number of other instinctive desires have been acquired, which safeguard the individual, and contribute to the pre-