

safeguarded by law faithfully administered, are morally justifiable, and should not be prohibited by legislation."

Surely then, the public, when it comes to humanity against mice, rats, guinea-pigs or even dogs, will say humanity overwhelmingly wins.

The role of raw foodstuffs, such as garden vegetables and fruits, is now having consideration in the dissemination of typhoid fever.

In a recent number of the United States Public Health Reports, R. H. Creel records some of his experiences in connection with raising radishes and lettuce on soil infected with the *Bacillus typhosus*.

His experiments go to show that plants will carry up with them in growing, upon the leaves and stems, micro-organisms which were in the soil subsequent to seeding.

It was found that the *Bacillus typhosus*, even where the leaves and stems were free from all apparent adhering particles of dirt, could be recovered from those selfsame leaves and stems; and that neither the natural rainfall nor tap water freed the infected plants from the germs.

Creel draws the conclusion, therefore, that the fertilization of garden soil by human excreta is productive of danger, in that such vegetables as radishes, celery and lettuce, may carry the infection direct to the alimentary tract of the human being.

This will mean additional activities for the health officer and his inspectors, or else it is good-bye to our luscious salads, the appetizing radish and the palatable celery stalk. We will require to know hereafter if these edibles are grown upon ground where night-soil figures as a fertilizing substance.

Hygiene of the mouth, or oral prophylaxis, is rapidly becoming a routine practice in the prevention of disease.

Pharmaceutical houses with keen business instincts are not slow in seizing hold of any new idea which can be turned to practical account; and there are already on the drug and medical markets numerous solutions, tablets and lozenges adapted to the conservation of health through the medium of the buccal cavity.

A British physician, William Hunter, has been especially prominent in this direction of preaching cleanliness of the mouth, and has exhibited a "sticktoitiveness" which is very commendable. Neglect of hygiene of the mouth, in his opinion, results in