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## EDITORIAL

ENGLISH - SPARROW NUISANCE
The article on the English sparrow, published in the Farm Department of The Farmer s Advocate" for Novemberty subscriber, who seems to think the sparrow does more good than harm, or, at any rate, that it should be spared on sent mental and humanitarian grouns. Our sympat.y goes out freely to all creatures of the earth and air, except snakes, rodents and vermin. We can even feel interested in the dingy sparrow. Undoubt edly, it performs a valuable service as a sca puss of yards and streets, just as our friend, the pusi cat, helps to reduce the rain as having too much But there is such a thing as When cats multi or too many-hey reduce the make of butter, and ply unduly they to some other things to which they have questionable title. So with sparrows. Their prolificacy is responsible for an undesirable excess of their kind, which, hovering about the farm buildings and crops, befouling roofs sometimes fodder, and helping themselves grain, prove a filthy and expensiven of a single has been calculated that the progenlested, in ten osir of sparrows might, billion. Their commonyears amount to over 275 billon. y-credited penchant point against them, while the recently-voiced point against they may a means of spreading suspicontagion of foot-and-mouth disease, will also tend to increase their unpopularity
It really seems neccssary that something should be done to lessen their numbers, and the offering of prizes to school children for the is probably sparrows' eggs, while it seems cruel, is effective no more cruel, and might prove ween tried. than some other pla, the East Pictou Council Down in Nova sade some progress in exterminatof Women has made slant, ragwort, which causes ing the notorious pisease, by offering prizes to the Pictou Catle and there is something to be said school thy this method in combating th in farrow nuisance. True, there is considerable to sparrow nuisance. for instance, the danger of children securing a considerable proportion of ther birds' eggs, and developing bird-nesting pro thersities in the juvenile mind. Let us hear the mind of our readers as to the prudence of the suggestion.

TAFT DEFINES PROTECTION
President-elect 'Taft, of the United States, give he following definition of the measure of protec ion called for by the platiorm or the party:
." It will take the difference between the cost of production here and the cost of whether of the farm, the factory, or the mine, an difference impose a customs dury equat That cost of producin the cost of productionst of three elements-the tion is made up al cost of labor, and the manucost of materia, or interest on capital. Taking facturer's profit, or intere the measure by which that difference, the lepublican party words, it has pledged itself the tariff. Anery industry, and to give every ore of to protect every protection the same incasure of .iry heayy. The disease occurs chiefly in cattle .""This sounde

