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PLANTS AND ANIMALS

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The Consciousness Displayed by Plant Life and the Intelligence and Powers of Reason Shown by the Lower Order of Animals.

Dr. Thomas G. Gentry in his book, "Intelligence In Plants and Animals," published by Doubleday, Page & Co., leaves no reason for doubt as to his position in the controversy over the immortality of animals. He says frankly:

I claim not for the lower animals the slightest equality with man. What I claim for them is a equality with man. What I claim for them higher status in creation than is generally attributed to them. I claim for them a future life tributed to them. I claim for them a future life where they will receive a just compensation for the sufferings which so many of them have to undergo in this world. Most of the cruelties which are perpetrated upon animals are due to the habit which man has, in his exalted opinion of self, of considering them as mere automata, without susceptibilities, without reason and without the capacity of a future. " " Not alone are we of the upper walks of being made the possessors of the inner life, but all nature shares it in common with us, and love is its expression and the method of its action. of its action.

What are the characteristics of man which justify, which indeed compel, belief in his immortality? First, his mind, intelligence, spirit-call it what you will. But does man alone possess this precious, this indestructible, spirit? The author emphatically rejects the theory. He asserts that the proofs of the spirit are to be seen in intelligence and in the affec-tions, that animals possess both and that even plants show signs of the former.

Through the darkness of the earth the Through the darkness of the earth the slender radicles of plant's make their way. A stone impedes their progress; they turn to right or left before touching it, follow its outline round in an almost parallel course, but never touching. If a worm burrow or some chink in the ground a few inches away offers a path which need not be forced, the radicle turns abruptly and seeks it out. How turns abruptly and seeks it out. foes this rootlet at once sense and avoid the stone? How conjecture the neighboring but invisible crevice?

There are flesh eating plants, the dro-sera or sundews. Dr. Gentry says of them: "That these plants manifest a comparatively high order of consciousne there can be no question. Try them with insects or rare bits of meat as articles of diet and in a few hours the leaves will have folded around the food and commenced their curious process of assimilation. Mineral substances, such as bits of chalk, magnesia and small pebbles, have no such effect. They seem to ignore these things just as an intelligent animal would if they were placed by its side." Certain minute plants have the power

of locomotion. They will abandon an arid of locomotion. They will abandon at a spot and creep toward moisture. If a poisonous fluid be placed in their path, they will avoid it; if a nourishing substance be placed at one side, they will wander toward it. Other plants change toward it. the position of their branches or leaves to meet or to avoid the sun. Consciousness, then, clearly appears in plant life. "It is to plants," says the author, "what mind is to man and animals, controlling their actions when such are for their well being and good. If mind persists in a future state, then consciousness, which may be considered as mind in plants, must also persist, for it is not likely that the source of all consciousness, which we worship as God, could be unmindful of the least

of his children."
And animals? Among them we do not have to seek painstakingly for evidences of consciousness. All have that, all have intelligence in greater or less degree, many have reasoning power, some have the qualities which we are accustomed to regard as purely human—affection, unselfishness, generosity, magnanimity. Memory is a quality so general in animals that it is needless to recount here instances. Generosity is often shown by birds which feed the offspring of others that have been slain. The author cites several cases where the fledgelings and their sponsor were of different varieties. Magnanimity. Who hasn't seen a big dog gently set aside a snarling terrier which he might annihilate with a grip of the jaw if he would? Sometimes it is shown by brutes

to less magnanimous men.
So, too, of the less admirable qualities so, too, or the less admirable quanties of man—qualities which nevertheless presuppose possession of a mind. The animals have most of them. Malice, pride, jealousy, anger, revenge, have all their exemplifications in the life of dumb brutes. It show have souls to be saved prophance. If they have souls to be saved, perchance they have sins to be expiated as well.

How closely the higher orders of animais approach in intelligence the lower orders of men is clearly shown in this book. For a time the exigencies of theology compelled us to regard this guif as infinite, but one who contrasts the ways of the high bred, well trained house dog with those of some of the more brutalized aborigines will doubt whether the abyss which separates them is so very wide. Animals have some idea of numbers. "The crow has been known to count as far as the number six, and a dog I once had knew as well as I did when Saturday came." There are Australian savages who cannot equal these

"The sense of beauty," continues th author, "which has been declared pe-culiar to men, is inhate in birds. Certain bright colors and certain sounds when in harmony excite in them pleasure as they do in man. \* \* If we are to judge from the hideous ornaments and the equally hideous music admired by most savages it might be urged that their æstheti

faculty was less highly developed than it is in some species of birds."

The author's conclusion may not be shared by all, but all will surely recognize its beauty:

nize its beauty:

When man was placed on this earth, or rather when in the sequence of events, which was brought about by the prescribed scheme of divinty, he appeared upon the earth, he was given control of all the creatures of God's hands to rule them as his judgment seemed best. They were a necessary part of the plan of creation.

Ged gave the man directions concerning them and what they are, and we refer to the domesticated species especially. They have thus been made through man's wise, intelligent and thoughtful selection.

\* \* That they will pass into the future life with him, at least such as have shown their fitness to endure, there can be no doubt in the mind of any one who pauses a few brief moments in the rush and turnfoll of everyday life and considers the matter with all due seriousness. All existence, as we have elsewhere claimed, its unit. All life, like all love, is divine. There can nothing exist that does not contain some sor of development of soul. There is no escape from this assertion. Instead of isolating ourselves them, from the humbler creatures of God's works appeared to the net or everyfax life.

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### TO PREVENT FRAUD

The inspectors who have been appointed by the Dominion Government for the enforcement of the "fruit marks act" in Ontario and Quebec met Professor Robertson, the Government specialist, on Friday and Saturday last, in this city, and received their final instructions. The gentlemen who will be responsible for the enforcement of the act are Alexander McNeill, Walkerville; Elmer Lick, Oshawa ; J. P. Carey, Cobourg ; E. W. Wartman, Kingston, and John Scriver, Hemmingford, Quebec. Those who are to be appointed by the Maritime Provinces will meet at some other point to receive instructions. The act is primarily intended to prevent fraud and not to interfere in any way with

packers or shippers who are carrying on business monestly.

The main purpose of the act is to insure that the name of the packer and address are put on every closed pack-age of fruit, and that the fruit is not pranded as finest, best or extra good unless of a quality that may be designated by these or similar terms. Then the fruit shall not be fraudulently packed by having the package faced by fine specimens while the bactom or middle of the package is filled with inferior fruit. The act will apply alike for fruit for export and for sale on the home market. The inspectors will begin their duties at once, and will begin their duties at once, and while at first they will be occupied perhaps chiefly in giving information regarding the act and its enforcement they will also take action in any cases of evident fraud.

A case came under the notice of Pro-fessor Robertson and the inspectors on Saturday that shows the necessity for an act of such a nature. They open-ed at random in a wholesale warehouse in Toronto, a package of peaches. They were selling as the grower and shipper sent them in. Five large were on the top of the basket, and underneath them were a scrubby culls, about the size of large marbles, and absolutely useless either for table use or for canning. And further such fraud or evident fraud he inspectors are instructed to deal

with severely. Mr. Thomas Russell, one of the largest fruit importers of Glasgow, also had an interview with the inspectors on Saturday, and told them the conditions under which the fruit trade was handled in Scotland. He remarked that most of the fruit from Canada was handled in an bonest manner, and Canadian fruit had the highest reputation there for both quality and packing. Some few men, however, sent inferior fruit over, to the injury of the 111 trade.

SCOTT KEEPS HIS SEAT.

Regina, N. W. T., Sept. 8.—Judgment was given to-day in the west Assiniboia base, allowing the preliminary objections and dismissing the petition with costs. The objections held fatal were: No copy of petition left with the clerk, the filing of the petition and no copy of receipt of deposit of security secured on the re-spondent when the petition was serv-ed. The judge followed the preced-ent set in the Selkirk and Beanharnois case.

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One That Caused a Performance t End In a Riot.

Stage banquets are not invariably mer-Stage banquets are not invariably merry, as witness a very old one—that in "Macbeth," where Banquo is a guest unseen by all but the host, whose ravings at the sight throw everything into disorder and cause the hostess to dismiss the company. There is also an outdoor dinner going on in "As You Like It" when Orlando interrupts. In Shakespeare's time at these stage feasts the performers used as food marchpane, a sort of biscuit, to which one of the servants makes allusion in "Romeo and Juliet," "Good thou, save me a piece of marchpane." thou, save me a piece of marchpane."
The actors grumbled at the constant use of marchpane and would have preferred something substantial.

In the eighteenth century, when the strolling players went more or less mer-rily on foot and were much of the time half starved, real food in the plays was more than welcome. There was a Brit-ish manager who, whenever salaries were considerably in arrears and dissatisfac-tion prevalent, soothed everybody into good humor again by putting up the nau-tical drama, "The Cramond Brig," which calls for a dinner of boiled mutton and turnips. In "The Gentle Shepherd," which used to be given in Scotland, real haggis was introduced. There was also a very elaborate meal in the old farce "No Song, No Supper."

Persons in the audience are not aware, perhaps, that it is difficult to eat on the stage and carry on the dialogue at the same time. Not a little practice is required. The experienced players, however, do it gracefully and well. Before ever, do it gracefully and well. Before an audience one must eat very daintily, else well bred people in front will criti-cise. An actress must also know some-thing about cooking, or at least about the preparation of food. Making bread on the stage is common, and in Robert-son's "Ours" there is a charming scene where Mary Netley runs about in the hut in the Crimea with sleeves rolled up and in her hand the well dusted rolling pin. in her hand the well dusted rolling pin.

She also works out the dough.

Occasionally there is too much drinking. In a play entitled "The Wary Widow," which was acted in 1693, it is said that there was so much whisky punch consumed that all the performers became intoring and

intoxicated.

Mr. Clement Scott, in his memoirs, relates the disastrous experience some years ago in London of Miss Na Nicotina, young woman who made her debut in a play called "Ecarte," The Australian tragedian, Boothroyd Fairclough, was in the cast. The picnic scene was of highly realistic character—genuine hampers from Fortnum & Mason's, Perigord pies, chick-en, truffles and champagne. The repast was of sumptuous character, and the actors and actresses ate and drank heart-The gallery, after awhile, becoming weary of so much feasting without being able to join in it, began to jeer. The champagne continued to flow, and Mise Nicotina displayed the effects of overindulgence. The jeers turned into yells, and presently, when she entered with a green boot on one foot and a yellow boot on the other, the yells became howls, and the lady unwisely attempted a speech. The piece ended in a riot, and the lights were put out.

Most Tattooed Man In France. Languishing in a prison cell in Paris, to which he was relegated the other day for assault and battery, is one August min, an ex-soldier, who claims to be the most tattooed man in France. His body presents an illustrated version of the Dreyfus case, in which the most dramatic episodes in that world famous drama

are reproduced with great skill. His right arm bears the portraits of the officers who testified at the Zola trial, together with a picture of the novelist. On his left arm is the portrait of the late president of the republic, Felix Faure, and other celebrities who figured in connection with the case of the prisoner of Devil's island. Then, beginning with the tragical incident of Dreyfus' degradation in the presence of the troops, scene after scene is unrolled. The spaces between are filled in with flags and allegorical de vices, such as a bleeding heart pierced by a dagger and a boa constrictor crushing a man. In all there are 120 scenes, por-

traits and devices.

This remarkable example of tattooing was performed while Formin was serv ing in a disciplinary battalion at Biribi in Tunis. He claims that the surgeon of his regiment offered him 400 francs for the illustrations on his back, promising to remove the skin without pain and guar anteeing that he would speedily recover and suffer no ill effects from the opera-tion. Formin, however, preferred to keep

Bananas the Breadfruit of the World. Bananas, probably the first fruit ever cultivated, possess all the essentials to the sustenance of life. More people live on bananas than live on wheat. taken as a steady diet, they are cooked, either baked, boiled or fried. The fruit is very nourishing, as it contains so much

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Qualifications of Sea Captains. On some of the foreign steamship lines the captains are naval officers and in the captains are naval officers and in case of war would retain their commands. On the German steamers the officers must serve a year or so in the naval reserve. On the French line each member of the crew must serve for a time on a vessel of war. On the majority of ships, however, the officers are men of the sea who have fought their way up, step by step, entirely by merit and not at all by favor. On the American line even after a man has reached the rank of captain he must pass a rigid examination every five years. examination every five years.

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