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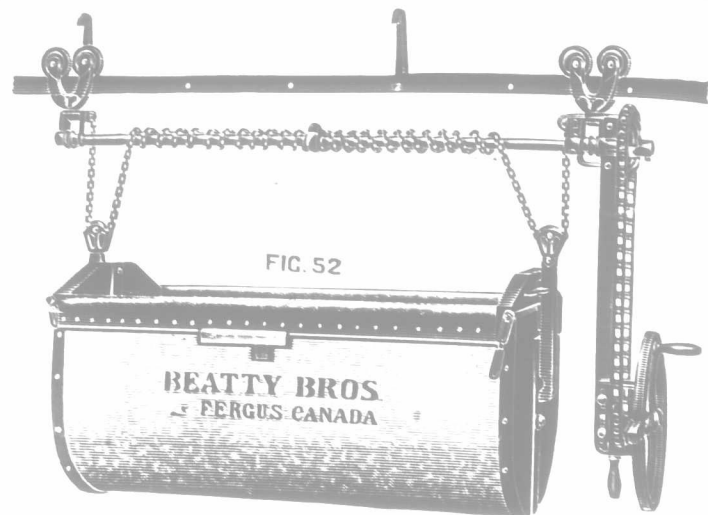
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## "The Winged Wardens."

(Essay by May Byron Crowe, Houston, Texas, awarded first prize in March Contest of Our Dumb Animals.)

"You call them thieves and pillagers; but know

They are the winged wardens of your farms.

Who from the cornfields drive the insidious foe,

And from your harvests keep a hundred harms."

The grave warnings of naturalists, the passage of bird-laws, and the combined efforts of Audubon Societies in every locality seem futile to stop the slaughter of the innocents; for the work of bird extermination still goes on at the ruthless hands of men and boys who continue hunting to death, either for pleasure or profit, these beautiful and harmless denizens of wood and grove.

The destruction of bird life is awful to contemplate, and "has reached a degree of wantonness that threatens to totally exterminate many of the most useful species." And without the help of the birds, crop destruction by insects would menace the inhabitants of the earth with starvation.

In our own country, during the last year alone, the killing of birds caused a crop loss of a billion dollars.

The biological survey has found that thirty-eight species of birds, among which are orioles, nighthawks, and, foremost of all, the swallows, eat boll weevils in great quantities, thus aiding the Southern farmers in their warfare against this destructive pest. Nighthawks, chimney swifts, and killdeer, destroy mosquitoes, and experiments proved that it takes no less than five hundred mosquitoes to provide a meal for one of these birds. Sparrows destroy insects and worms that infest the foliage of trees; and everywhere man's tireless and industrious little bird helpers are foremost in the fight against every phase of insect life that preys upon garden and field.

As "winged wardens" of the nation's agricultural interests, they are indispensable, which fact alone should be their safeguard. And yet, with base ingratitude toward bird and its Maker, men go forth to kill and destroy.

**WOMEN NOT FREE FROM STAIN OF BLOOD.**

But in this unholy warfare against the birds, the gentle hand of woman, whose nature is tenderness and mercy and love, is not free from the stain of blood. The claim that the makers of styles in Paris compel the wearing of birds and plumage on millinery, holds not a shadow of exculpation; for who ever compelled a woman to wear what she would not? "When a woman won't, she won't, you may depend on't."

Alas for humanity! A gun is the first gift bestowed upon a boy as soon as he is large enough to hold one in his hands, and long before teachers reached years of discretion. And not only this, but his elders take delight in teaching him to mark and kill the little flitting fea-



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thered forms in tree or bush, and bring them down, crippled or dying, to gloat over their suffering and death as affording fine sport (?).

Dare they then pray "Thy kingdom come"? His kingdom is a kingdom of love, and no murderer shall be found therein.

One of the chief charms of nature is the birds. Their graceful flight, their flashing wings, their cheerful warbling, make merriment and joy for all who behold and hear. The oriole, the linnet, the cardinal, the mocking bird—all so varied and so charming—"where melodies alone are the interpreters of thought," make glad the heart of nature by their golden notes of joy; asking neither price nor reward excepting the right to live in peace.

**IF ALL BIRDS WERE EXTERMINATED**

Imagine all the birds exterminated. Woods and groves, now jubilant with song, silent and deserted! The thrush, the robin, the meadow lark, and even the twittering sparrow, silenced forever! How dreadful the forest—plunged into silence and gloom! All these sweet-voiced "poets of the air," lent by the all-wise Creator for the pleasure and comfort of man, mute in death! Could any being, however cruel and hardened, contemplate such a possibility without a deep sadness and sense of irreparable loss?

"The boy is father to the man."

Boys, spare the birds! Whenever you kill a harmless singing bird for sport, you not only break the laws of your State, but you quench some beneficent quality in your own nature, and blunt the quickening impulse of human kindness that should be the better part of your being.

Help, protect, and encourage the birds, and study their ways, and find out how interesting they are. They will repay you tenfold.

Mothers, educate your sons in humanity, and teach them to love birds and animals. Do not bring them up to be unthinking, soulless creatures, bent on ruin and destruction, but teach them to think for themselves, and realize the value and importance of preserving these good servants and merry playfellows of man; that the "bravest are the tenderest," and that with all the strength of their manliness they must protect all innocent creatures from harm.

Thus will your work be more enduring and effective than if you gained the coveted right of suffrage, and simply made laws for the protection of these helpless creatures, for what is "graved on the heart" will speak in the life.

"How can I teach your children gentleness?"

And mercy to the weak, and reverence for life, which in its weakness or ex-

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Is still a gleam of God's omnipotence.

When by your deeds, your actions, and your speech, you contradict the very things I teach."