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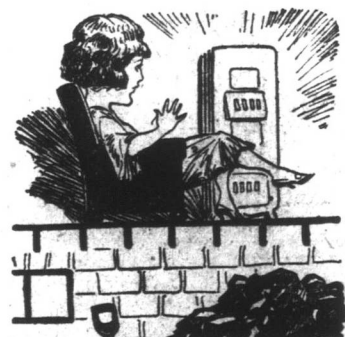
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### Mrs. Gosling is Indignant

WORDS WITHOUT REASON.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir—One does not usually take any notice of anonymous criticism, but you have seen fit to give the assis of your editorial column to an utterly unreasonable, unwarrantable, and unprovoked attack upon the humane work which some of us who sympathize with animal suffering, have been trying to accomplish here, and therefore, I think it necessary to reply, if only for the purpose of refuting the mistakes and misrepresentations in which your article abounds. Its very name, "Animals versus Children," is false. Never in the history of humane work in this country, has there been any attempt to place animals on a par with suffering humanity, nor any suggestion of alleviating the miseries of the one, while neglecting those of the other. Your references to Child Welfare are singularly infelicitous, inasmuch as the Child Welfare Movement was inaugurated and set going by my husband, at the cost of much time and money, and it is a work with which I have been closely connected ever since its inception. I do not wish to refer to work which I have done, and am doing for the poor children of the country, but for the work at which your sneers are chiefly directed. I have to say, that for some years I have periodically visited many of the city schools in the interests of humane education, feeling certain that the teaching of kindness to animals would have a beneficial effect upon the character of the child, as well as both for children and animals I have endeavored to do as much as my time and means would allow. May I ask what you have ever done for either children or animals, that you arrogate to yourself the right to sit in judgment upon others? Also, permit me to point out to you, that you entirely misunderstood the nature and scope of a Home of Rest for horses and other animals. It is not, as you describe, an institution for preserving "disabled and diseased horses," when of no further "practical utility," but is intended for quite different purposes. One is to afford treatment (by a Veterinary Surgeon) for sick and injured horses and other animals; another, to give a horse that is run down or worn out the rest and proper food that will enable him to recuperate, and get into fit condition for going back to work again. Such an institution maintains a free clinic, and is of inestimable benefit to the poor man who cannot afford to get proper treatment for his horse. Many towns no larger than St. John's support work of this kind, and Homes of Rest for Horses and Other Animals are to be found in most parts of the civilized world. From the whole tenor of your editorial, one would infer that you disapprove entirely of any humanitarian efforts for the relief of animal suffering. If this is your position, I hope and trust that you occupy it quite alone.

Yours truly,  
A. N. GOSLING.

Dec. 8, 1922.

(We give space to the above communication, if only for the purpose of showing that there is a class of ultra faddists in this city, who cannot stand honest criticism. With the motives which prompt Mrs. Gosling to write in the strain this good lady chooses to adopt we have no quarrel. If she desires to finance a "rest camp for diseased horses" she is perfectly welcome to do it. Humanitarian motives are not always sought in such instances. More often it is notoriety. If it is deemed advisable the subject may be referred to editorially again. The petty jibe of Mrs. Gosling as to what we have done, compared to her own tremendous efforts to alleviate present human suffering in the city, prove our assertion that a craze for notoriety is a guiding principle.—Editor.)

### Debased Currency.

USELESS IN TEACHING ARITHMETIC.

VIENNA—A curious effect of the debased Austrian currency is disclosed in the necessity of "revising" the system of instruction in decimal numbers in the schools. As in all other countries, the simplest method for such instruction used to be in terms of money, appealing directly and understandingly to the child mind. True it was easy to formulate lessons to the effect that one heller represented one one hundredth of a crown, and so on. Now one heller represents a variable sum; with no comparative stability, and the school authorities are trying to find another basis or symbol for primary instruction. Furthermore, children to-day never hear of hellers except in school. The lowest purchasing unit is 100 crowns, and it takes three such units to buy a box of matches.

SKATING ON NEARBY PONDS—A number of young people, taking advantage of the bright moonlight, were skating on Burton's Pond last night. The ice on this pond is now considered quite safe. A large number of the young folk have been skating there during the past few days.

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### Eastern Island a Horrible Place to Live

LONDON—Eastern Island, the land of mystery of the South Pacific, virtually devoid of vegetation, and without bird life of any kind, is a horrible place to live, according to a New Zealand scientist who is now in London after a five months stay on the island. No trees grow on Eastern Island because it lacks water and the heavy winds wreck them. No birds live there because there are no worms in the dry soil; there are no mosquitoes, but this lack is more than compensated by vicious local flies. The island is triangular, 12 miles by nine by seven, and is remote from the track of ships. Two hundred Polynesians inhabit it, and they suffer perpetually from hunger, according to the investigator, who is Professor J. MacMillan Brown. It is famous for its high case stone image, the origin of which never has been determined. Professor Brown says the island cannot have been long inhabited. He fixes 1600 as the date of the first settlers, and consequently of the setting up of the strange stone gods. It was first sighted by white men in 1685, and first explored in 1722, when it had 2,000 inhabitants.

### Ought to Have Been Dead.

Although he is so consistent an advocate of total abstinence, Mr. "Pussy-foot" Johnson is a stickler for accuracy on the temperance platform. "I was," he says, "converted to this view at a meeting I attended in Chicago many years ago, when the lecturer began his address as follows:—'Every glass of whisky a man drinks shortens his life one hour.' There was a long pause, then:—'Question!' shouted a stout, red-faced man, rising in the body of the hall. 'Question!' 'Well, what's your question, friend?' said the lecturer. 'Did I understand you to say, sir, that every glass of whisky a man drinks shortens his life an hour?' 'That's what I said. Why?' 'Oh, nothing,' said the stout chap. 'Only, I've been doing a little mental arithmetic, and I find I ought to have been dead about thirty-five years ago.'

### Soviet Officials Tire of Long Hours.

MOSCOW—Night work, which was so popular among the Soviet Commissioners and various government chiefs when communism was at its height, is gradually disappearing as part of the programme of the new economic policy. The work of the various officials has been distributed in part to others, and it is no longer necessary for them to labor fifteen to eighteen hours out of every twenty-four. Nikolai Lenin, the Premier, since his return to office after a six month's rest in the country made necessary by illness, occasionally works in the evenings, but not all the night as formally. George Tchicherin, Commissioner Foreign Affairs, who in the old days never finished work until five or six o'clock in the morning, also works in the evenings seven days a week, but he usually finishes along toward midnight. Generally speaking, official hours nowadays are from ten or eleven o'clock in the morning to nine or ten o'clock at night, with a few hours off in the late afternoon for dinner.



### Austria's Wayside Shrines.

LOOTED BY THIEVES.

VIENNA—A series of robberies of wayside shrines, private chapels, cross road monuments, and other medieval statuary is occurring all over Austria. The thefts are so skillfully planned that only carvings and statues of high artistic or historic value are taken, leaving the police to believe that they are directed by experts. Austria is rich in these relics. In remote and lonely places all over the country are rare and wonderful monuments, often dating from Middle Ages, and some even said to be of Roman origin. In Tyrol and Styria particularly, on high passes or on the sites of ancient churches, are to be found reliefs, carvings, statuary or tablets almost priceless to the antiquarian, and are the loot of this latest gang of plunderers. In one private chapel last week, three statues of great value were removed without clue of the thieves. As such things have no general appeal or sale, it is evident that the depredations are planned by other than common robbers.

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MAKING PREPARATIONS.—The Management of the St. John's Skating Rink have a number of men engaged since yesterday, getting the floor of the arena in readiness for the season's skating. Should the frost continue, Skipper "Jim" is expected to have the surface covered with the first layer of ice in a few days.

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