

our street hills. They breathed heavily, bent almost to the ground, and with trembling limbs and steaming with perspiration, two of them reached the top, but the weakest, and seemingly the most willing and spirited, dropped dead upon the street. Did not this poor horse, in trying his best to serve his master, break his heart?

BIRDS.

I often see—what? shall I call them men! going away from the city with gun and game bag early on Sunday mornings. Bags empty in the morning when they start, and full when they return, perhaps of pretty little innocent birds which they have cruelly shot on the Lord's Day, thus doubling the bloody sin. I remember shooting a little wren when I was a boy, but I have never forgotten it and never shall forget it. It lies on my conscience to this day, although more than half a century have passed away since the deed was done. I wonder whether these small sportsmen have any feeling, or conscience, or shame!

We should do all we can to encourage birds to remain with us, for we have sadly too few of them. I well remember my great disappointment when I first came to this country at finding so few birds. I wandered over the mountain, and in the woods and fields, but, alas, found neither lark nor nightingale, and but few birds of any kind, so that to shoot the few we have is not only cruel but unwise, as it takes from many the innocent pleasure which only living birds can give. Besides, they have a perfect right to enjoy their short, happy life. If they had the skill and power they would have as much right to shoot men as men have to shoot them. Something must be done to put a stop to this wicked, cowardly Sunday sport.

CATTLE MARKETS.

I am told that there is much cruelty practiced at the cattle markets; cows, calves, sheep and lambs are often ill treated and put to unnecessary pain. This should have the special attention of the agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

There is also much cruelty, I am informed, practiced on them, when being brought to the markets, by river market boats and by the several railways. This is done chiefly when loading and unloading, and also by overcrowding. The number of live stock brought into the city for slaughter and for sale, exclusive of those