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#### Abstract

The enactment of a state law in Oregon reguiring that kindness to animals be taught in all public schools from 15 minutes to half an hour each week is attracting nation-wide attention, F . Rivers Barnwell, field worker of the American Education Society enclosed a statemerit from S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent o education, Austin, Texas, to the school children of Texas as fo lows: education in its broadest sense includes the training of the indicannot have good character unless we observe the 'Golden Rule' enough in its application to include animals as well as people. 'I this end 1 wish to endorse the teaching of humane treatment proper regard for the feeling of others. If we can have the conception that the word 'others' includes all animal life we wie has this feeling and will apply the 'Golden Rule' will not be foun the schools to make this contribution to education, and the organzation of local societies which have for their purpose the protec uplift of social conditions."


The old leap year tradition permitting women to make proits roots in certain ideas regarding life. It suggested that people elt that the custom by which men make the proposals of marriage is unfair to women, and that once in four years the thing should be evened up by giving the girls a chance. The idea formerly prevailed to some extent in Europe, that if a man should de
cline proposal, he ought to offer a silk dress to the lady as a consolation prize. This again suggests a feeling that leap year tradition may be a joke, yet it suggests an ancient conviction that the men who remain single beyond a normal time ar Ancient sentiment evidently sought to dislodge them from the Ancient sentiment evidently sought to dislodge them from then
exclusive position, by placing the weapons of pursuit in the hands of the women folks, and there was some sound sense in that fee ing.

It was formerly said that sea power was the deciding factor event ever happens. Hence the recent expansion in air forces in one nation, France, causes some uneasiness. It was hoped when
the Washington conference reduced naval forces, that a long step merely shifted competition from water ships to air ships, not is suggested in recent figures, by which the French had 174 plan squadrons, the United States had 48, and Great Britain had 34 .
An international effort to hold down air armament would seem to
be needed at this time. The more the nations of Europe fit
themselves out with this modern means of battle, the more hostile themselves out with this modern means of battle, the more hostile
feeing will grow. The losses by fires in January were $841,225,000$, the highest
January loss ever recorded. And this is in spite of all the fire prevention campaigns by fire departments and insurance com-
panies and other agencies, which have tried to induce people to
avoid risks, It is worth while stopping a principal causes of fires are. According to figures collected by
the National Board of Fire Underwriters, matches and smoking cause more fires than anything else. Next in order, come spon-
taneous combustion, defective chimneys and flues, boilers, and pipes. Every smoker should look out where he throws
matches and cigar ends, and householders shour Sportsmen are working for game refuges. Perhaps the Although many of us find our winter suits wearing out, the covernment will not probably allow us any depreciation on our The miniseess have alluass pracied the virtue of ravigat

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