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**ARE THEY HUMAN?**  
A CHAPTER OF CRUELITIES.  
Geese Fooled with Red-Hot Iron for Corn-Horns' Tongues Felled Out.

Mr. Charles Douglass, the general agent for the Ohio Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Children and Animals, whose duty it is to travel through the State and organize the various counties into co-operative branches, and lecturing, gives the following interesting information. Mr. Douglass makes a study of the cases of cruelty he discovers throughout the State, and having a kindly heart for the brute creation, tells some terrible tales of man's brutality to beast.

"You run across a good many cases of cruelty, don't you, outside of the large cities?"  
"Why, yes, you'd be astonished at the number of cases I find. The honest farmer is about as cruel as the man in town, and then he's away where he thinks nobody will see him or know anything about it. For instance, in Allen County, a man tried to induce a boy thirteen years of age to go out and steal some corn. The little fellow refused, and so the man resolved to punish him. He tied him up by his thumbs, and laying his back bare to his waist, whipped him until the blood run. A daughter, younger, for a slight offense, was treated in the same way." "And where was the mother?" "Why, standing by, encouraging all this brutality."  
"Another case in the same county was one of horrible brutality. A dog was saturated with benzine, set on fire and started through the alleys and cross lots of Lima."  
**FEEDING GESE NOT IRON.**  
"In another part of the State, a blacksmith, who had been annoyed by a flock of geese entering his shop, resolved to fix them, though he could easily have put up a board and shut them out; but no. He devised a scheme choicely of devilishness. He heated a rod of iron red hot, and clipping off pieces the size of kernels of corn, threw them out where the geese were. They, mistaking them for corn, swallowed them, and the whole flock perished. The iron fairly burned holes through them."  
**TEARING OUT A HORSE'S TONGUE.**  
"In a farming county in the interior of the State, a farmer, who owned a balky horse, tried every way to cure him. He smeared his hands with oil of cumin, said charms, and whispered in his ear, tied a rope to his tail and passed it through his hind and fore legs, but all of no avail. He then determined on a method of his own invention, that for sheer brutality almost heads the list. He tied a stout cord, the size of my little finger, slip-noose fashion to the root of the horse's tongue, and literally tore it out. Of course the horse would have to be killed, as he could not eat."  
"Then I have those cases to report of men tying chains to horses' lower jaws and tearing them off."  
**IT STOPPED BELLOWING.**  
"Cutting out tongues is a favorite amusement with some people?"  
"Yes, a favorite mode of torture. At Wapakoneta, Anglaise County, a butcher brought in a calf from the country, and tied up in a stall to be slaughtered early in the morning. The orphaned calf missed its mother and was hungry, and called loudly for something to eat during the night, as only a stout, hearty two months' old calf can. The butcher's sweet sleep was disturbed, and, rising from his bed he rushed out, seized a sharp knife, and, getting hold of the poor creature's tongue, cut it clear off."  
**MEDICINE FOR A CHICKEN-EATING SOW.**  
"Pigs are not often treated unkindly, are they?"  
"Not!" Well, up in Madison County, a certain old sow had a decided fondness for spring chickens, not old hens, and one day a few young chicks straying into her pen, she made a square meal. The worthy farmer ran into the house, heated a poker red-hot, and put out both her eyes."  
**MEAN FARMERS.**  
"You find some pretty mean farmers then?"  
"Up in Putnam County was a man so mean that he wouldn't give his stock even pasture. In one season he lost sixty head of cattle. He was rich, so there was no excuse. One of his acts of cruelty was having turned a flock of sheep into a pasture completely run down, containing nothing but cackle-burs and Canada thistles, and two of the sheep, a little more foolish, as it turned out, than the rest, jumped over into his vegetable garden to get something green. That was enough; the farmer's mad was now up, and he hitched the two sheep together, yoked them up and turned them loose. They wandered off into the woods, and got entangled. One of them was found dead, its flesh devoured by the buzzards, while beside its bleaching bones lay the other, nearly dead, and partially devoured."  
"Didn't they punish such a fend as this?"  
"Yes, he was arrested and brought before the Common Pleas Court, but he got out of it somehow; yet public indignation was so great that he was compelled to sell out and clear out—move to another State."

**CRUEL BOYS MAKE CRUEL MEN.**  
"In Henry County a young man only twenty-four was hung for murdering a man and his wife, with an ax, about a year ago. When a boy he was his delight to torture animals. He boiled cats and dogs in his mother's washboiler, and frequently held the poor creatures over fires until they were burned to death. He appeared to delight in their agonies."  
"Another case that well illustrates this principle: The party was noted for his cruelty as a boy, and one of his favorite occupations in winter, was plucking the last feather out of a chicken, and on the coldest day turning it out in the cold to see how long it would live. This man was lately on trial for poisoning his wife."  
"What is the society doing through the State?"  
"We are organizing co-operative branches in each county, and appointing a prosecuting officer. We have already organized twenty-five out of eighty-eight counties, and in all the counties thus far organized the cases are being thoroughly prosecuted."  
**LAW.**  
"Have you adequate laws for the punishment of cruelty, and is the penalty sufficient to deter farmers from such outrageous acts?"  
"Yes, the act is broad and comprehensive. It is section 3721, and provides that in this chapter, and in every law relating to, or in any manner affecting animals, the word 'animal' shall be held to include every living dumb creature; the words 'torture,' 'torment,' and 'cruelty,' shall be held to include every act, of omission or neglect, whereby unnecessary or unjustifiable pain, or suffering is caused, permitted or allowed to continue where there is a reasonable remedy or relief. And the words owner or person, shall be held to include corporations, and the knowledge and acts of agents and employees of corporations in regard to animals transported, owned, employed by or in the custody of a corporation, shall be held to be the act of such corporation. And the penalty for such cruelty or neglect shall be not more than \$200 nor less than \$5, or imprisonment not more than sixty days or both."  
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