

## Animals Too Stupid To Keep On Living

They Become Extinct Because They  
Are Unable to Meet the  
Changing Conditions.

Why do animals become extinct? The rocks of the earth are filled with the bones of creatures who proved failures in the struggle for existence, and are no more. What fault did they have that they needed to die?

This is no idle problem. Geology touches human problems the closest here. There are failures among humans, with families and individuals that are fighting a losing fight against nature. What constitutes failure? And what constitutes success?

In the beginning of the age of mammals, orders of creatures died by the wholesale. Again at the beginning of the age of man, the big beast of the earth, one and all, came to an end, so that now one must journey to India or Africa, where it is still the Pliocene age, to see the small remnant left.

The most obvious fault of the extincts was that they lacked brain power. Smartness is essential to suc-

cess in life.

Such is the teaching of geology. But how is smartness determined? What decides that this creature or this man shall be brilliant, while the other one shall be stupid? Not a conscious will, surely, that lays the star end of the wand on this one, and the butt upon that one yonder. That is contrary to all the workings of natural law.

Every creature tries to evolve into all possible shapes all the time. Its heredity has no governor, but runs wild, giving off aberrant forms at every opportunity.

This is the first law of life. There is nothing conscious about it. It is merely due to the different ways the determining cells line the germ, falling this way and that, like the tumbler in a kaleidoscope.

The second law of life is a killer. More creatures are evolved than the earth can possibly support. The elements—earth, air and water—each imposes a rigid set of rules on all who would apply for membership, exactly life fraternal orders, set up standards that all candidates must fulfill if they would gain admission.

Once having decided on an element, or rather, once having been cast by fate into the sea, the air, upon the land or under the ground, a creature

must conform to the laws there. Those of his forms which fit with the laws of the location survive, while those who might fit well somewhere else, but do not fit there, perish.

Man is trying now to remedy human failures by seeking places where individual qualifications will fit, rather than making every station in life into a bed of Polycrates. The results are encouraging.

In geology environments change. A creature has no assurance that he is safe, even after he has adapted himself to the mud, the sea, the desert, or the woods. The geography of the earth is never still. So it frequently happens that an animal, having shaped himself into the most bizarre form in order to be lawful, finds that his laws have changed, so that what was once the soul of right became wrong. If he can still change he is adaptable. More often than not, he cannot change again, and so he must die.

This is also true of people. Political and social orders are always in a state of flux and not the least numbers of our failures are among those who have specialized into them and specialize out again.

There is a mark in geology that never fails to herald the beginning of the end. When horns and tusks ap-

pear and the males begin trying to look beautiful in the eyes of their mates the end is not far off. Beauty at the expense of eating ability and fighting power is as fatal as poison. We see the same thing in humanity. When people get too delicate and picky-minded to put up with the rough-and-tumble ways of the world, the world has a strange way of not

putting up with them.—Baltimore Sun.

## COTTON CO-OPERATIVES GIVE ANOTHER ADVANCE

In session Monday, the directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' cooperative association authorized the immediate payment of a second

advance to all members of the association. This payment will amount to over \$3,000,000 and each member will receive a payment bringing the total advance on all cotton up to 20 cents a pound, basis middling. The accounting department is mailing out the checks and every member will receive the check within the week.

## CO-OPS SELL LONG STAPLE COTTON OF THE 1922 CROP

The North Carolina Cotton Growers' cooperative association has finally sold its stock of long staple cotton of the 1922 crop and just as soon as the accounting department can make up the statements a final settlement

for this cotton will be made with every member who delivered long staple cotton last season. Approximately 10,000 bales of long staple was handled and much of it was of low grade staple making the sale of this grade very slow. Final settlement was made on short staple cotton of the 1922 crop some time ago.

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