

not only vestigial instincts, but also vestigial customs, beliefs and institutions. The gladiatorial contests of ancient Rome, the bear-baiting of four centuries ago, the cock-fighting of fifty years ago, have passed away on account of the growth of human sympathy. In America, and in many countries, pigeon and live bird trap shooting stands condemned, and Continental bull-fighting is decaying. Let us hope the shooting of birds and the taking of our big game fish, for the sole purpose of giving pleasure, will shortly give way to a public humanitarian spirit that will condemn any practice or sport that entails suffering to the lower animals. In the words of Howard Moore "It is of vast advantage to us to be able to recognise these vestigial features in order that we may more skilfully disentangle ourselves from them, and, at the same time definitely turn our backs on them in our efforts to advance to a better world."

TRESPASS.

Section 4 (1), Stock Amendment Act, 1927, reads:—

"Every person commits an offence and is liable to a fine of five pounds who, without the authority of the occupier, goes upon any private land with dog or gun and disturbs any stock depastured thereon."

LITTLE WILD SPARROW.

The thing I'd like best in the whole of the land
Is to have a wild sparrow come sit on my hand,—
A little wild sparrow, or robin, or linnet,
Come sit on my hand and eat crumbs that are in it;
And if, when it's done it would rather not stay,
I'd love just to watch it fly freely away!

—Joyce L. Brisley.