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Charity Meeting concerning the company restaurant in Grenoble. The document brings to the fore the commitment to the cause of the Christian economists on the part of the theoretician of democracy, as well as his interest in social economy. By coming out in favour of the patronage of workers by the ruling classes, Tocqueville remained faithful to the position of the Christian economists regarding a mutual insurance system and proposed a practical system for food aid which historically half-way between philanthropy and worker associations, between money-saving ovens and consumer co-operatives.

Point critique

■ Caroline Hodak : Les animaux dans la cité : pour une histoire urbaine de la nature

Ce point critique interroge plusieurs façons d'appréhender la place de l'animal dans la ville. Que ce soit du point de vue institutionnel (l'implantation des zoos), législatif (les réglementations des normes d'hygiène) ou économique (le développement d'activités inédites pour la survie du cheval de trait) l'animal citadin permet de saisir la complexité et les paradoxes de nouvelles pratiques et perceptions urbaines au cœur des-

quelles la question des sensibilités est omniprésente.

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Animals in the City: towards an Urban History of Nature

This article questions the various ways of understanding the role of the animal in the city. Whether from the standpoint of institutions (setting up zoos), legislation (regulating hygiene standards), or economics (developing new activities to ensure the survival of work horses, city animals allow us to grasp the complexity and paradoxes of new urban practices and perceptions at the core of which lies the question of sensitivity.