

Dear Sir,

The commemoration by Leszek Solski (IZN 59 no.6) of the work by Gustave Loisel is important and topical. Loisel's 3-volume *Histoire des Ménageries* was certainly a tour-de-force which should not be overlooked by anybody interested in zoos. It may be observed that not just a few chapters of his work are available on the internet. In fact, all three volumes of Loisel's major work are available in full on the Internet Archive. The French report of visits to zoos in the UK, Belgium and Holland is also available on the Internet Archive; and that to zoos in the USA and Canada on the French Gallica site. The English translation of the first report is found in full on the Biodiversity Library. Hence there is absolutely no impediment for any serious students of zoos to read these important works and compare the situation of the early 20th century to the present. Here are the URLs:

<http://archive.org/details/histoiredesmna01loisuoft> [also vols. 2 and 3]

<http://www.archive.org/stream/nouvellesarchiv00unkngoog/page/n249/mode/2up>

<http://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/item/49899#page/535/mode/1up>

<http://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/bpt6k63227987.image>

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