

"In case, however, the measly meat in question is found to be quite unclean, it shall be absolutely rejected and shall not be sold or used. For regulating this matter, two or three honorable men shall be chosen annually in each city, one of whom shall be from the council or court, the second from among the citizens, and the third shall be a butcher or person acquainted with that business. These men shall be meat inspectors and appraisers, and it shall be their special duty carefully and honestly to inspect all meat while alive and also after it has been slaughtered and cut up. They shall also determine according to general market values in each year the high or low value of the meat and set a corresponding price, and they shall have control of the organization of the meat traffic according to the various legal regulations."

Moreover, the butchers were not allowed to kill any calf "which was under four weeks of age or under twenty-four pounds in weight, under penalty of a gulden. No butcher shall be allowed to sell knowingly any unclean animals or other animals which are emaciated or otherwise unmarketable, whether they be cows, wethers, sheep, or other animals, and shall not be allowed to slaughter the same under a penalty of 50 gulden. Moreover, they shall not sell any animal in localities where an infectious plague exists."

With reference to the objective fulfilment of duty on the part of meat inspectors, the public ordinance above cited contains the following: "Regularly appointed meat inspectors shall inspect living animals and shall pay strict attention to determining whether the animal is clean, healthy, and entirely wholesome; and it shall be their duty not to allow friendship or enmity, gifts or presents, or any other condition to interfere with their business."

With regard to the inflation of food animals, in a letter of incorporation of the circuit of Lichtenberg, von Kusel and Novelden, which elector Johannes addressed to the butcher, baker and miller guilds in 1587, we find the following regulations: "Certain butchers and their assistants occasionally use their unhealthy breath to inflate the meat of calves, wethers and bucks, especially in the breast, in order to make it larger and weigh more (?). To stop this repulsive and abominable deception and prevent all harm, all masters of the guilds and accredited meat inspectors shall give diligent attention to these points."

The meat and butcher regulations of the principality of Würtemberg in 1588 prescribed that "the higher and lower order of officials and sheriffs" shall exercise careful control of the slaugh-