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### THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

A few weeks ago a national arbitration association was formed in Washington to promote an ar bitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain. The meeting to form this association was attended by a large number of prominent men. The leading address was delivered by Cardinal Gibbons, who warmly and eloquently approved such a treaty, as in the interests of peace and civilization. His argument covered the whole field of common interests and common language, and pointed out the joint contribution of Great Britain and the United States to the world's store of science and art, civilization and progress, says the Call.

The movement was evidently backed by the best thought of the country, and is intended to proceed from the people onward until it impresses the government. Great Britain is the only European power with possesions in this hemisphere that are in contact with us. Already this has resulted in issues such as Bering sea, the northeastern fisheries and the Alasarbitration. Both countries perceiving the benefit of this method, should seek to avoid friction over each question that arises, by a general arbitration treaty, under which an orderly settlement may be had.

With men like Cardinal Gibbons, Jacob Dickerson, General Miles, Bishop Potter, Archbishop Ireland, Judge Gray, Edward Everett Hale and others of equal influence and dignity, and of all parties and religious denominations, promoting such a treaty, it and of bitter antagonism is heard, caused by prejudice that had its radix in long past events to which this country was not a party. This opposition succeeded in defeating such a treaty a few years ago, from their status as Americans only, and from the Carnelia does not boast of her progeny as her jewels. standpoint of humanity, it was hoped that none Children nowadays in the cities are regarded as would oppose it.

that next year public opinion on the subject will be pack of ingrates who will take all servicese and sacments to bring it about.

them to the cruel arbitrament of war.

## THE ALICE ROOSEVELT INCIDENT.

ger are manifest in the further report of the incident of a July day in St. Louis? to the effect that Miss Alice was the recipient of a serious lecture and immediate steps were taken which

eye and becoming more or less subject to comment heart, the Easter bonnet. of a disagreeable if not unfavorable sort.

In connection with this betting incident there are she was the president's daughter, and was doing request. what straight-laced Mrs. Grundy says presidents' daughters should not do. The other feature is that After weeks of a wearying game of hide and seek

other boys and girls, but in that fact there is no warrant for subjecting them to unpleasant notoriety because of the fame, dignity and standing of their parents. Admitting that Miss Roosevelt was guilty of an impolitic act, it is not a matter in which the public has any legitimate concern. President Roosevelt did absolutely right in causing the suppression of the pohtographs.

ARGUMENT AGAINST LARGE FAMILIES.

Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, of the Nebraska State University, lecturing to the medical students, said yesterday that 10 children were too many in one family, especially where the parents are poor. He believes in limited families and asserts that it is better to bring up a small number of children and give them all énough than to rear a multitudinous fomily on half rations.

There is no doubt that Dr. Andrews voices the domestic philosophy of a good many American fam- American ilies, and there is some reason to his argument, says with it the university will the Bulletin. An extra child or two makes a great deal of difference in the economic arrangements of a city family, and a very large proportion of the population of the country is now grouped in cities. Social philosophers, most of whom are part of the urban population, usually think only of conditions as they exist in the large towns. They are aware that a working man or clerk, receiving a limited wage, can provide for a certain number of mouths and no more, and these philosophers reason with Dr. Andrews that it is folly for the workingman or clerk to bring into the world more children than he can support.

On a farm a few children more or less makes little difference in the year's expense. All the food they can eat is produced on the land, there is hardly any outlay for clothes, and the children, by doing chores, earn their board and lodging. In the cities children are rather in the way when out of school, and the anxiety of parents is to keep them out of mischief but on a farm there is plenty of work to be done, and

every pair of childish hands is a valuable machine. "Race suicide," therefore, is a phenomenon of the kan boundary, that have been peacefully settled by cities and is one of the many hastening ills that come when wealth accumulates and men decay. City life in the long run produces radical deterioations Families die out in the city after a few generations. Luxury and strenuous labor destroy the nerves and bring about, sooner or later, sterility and barrenness How few city families can count more than three or four generations from the last farmer in the family! The old families, as well as the large families, are rural. The aristocracy and gentry of the old counis to be regretted that a constant note of opposition tries the families, that is, that count the largest lineage-are country folk, such as the beef-eating, fox-hunting tory squires of England. The population of cities is kept up by accessions from the farms

City life has a tendency to undermine the old-fashbut when eminent churchmen of Irish blood, like joned notions of the duty and beauty of having large Cardinal Gibbons, stated the grounds for the treaty families of healthy sons and daughters. The urban pinehbeck jewelry at the best. Mothers are not dis-During the coming campaign there may be no posed to spend their lives slavishly in toiling for their time to promote this movement, but it is to be hoped young ones. Why, they reason, should they rear a made known to the government in such positive form rifices as their just due, without saying thanks, and that the initial steps will be taken by the two govern- will marry and go away when they are just at an age to be of use to their parents? This argument is One statement of the opposition is conspicuously strong in the cities where there are no roof-trees and erroneous. This is to the effect that an arbitration where the patriarchal system of society does not treaty violates the avdice of Washington's farewell flourish. In the country the sons may bring their address against entanglin galliances. An arbitration wives home and take the burden of the farm and the treaty is not a treaty of alliance. It is simply an in- household from the parental shoulders, but in the ternational agreement that disputes shall be sub-cities, as the son never pays the parents' hotel bills, jected to peaceful settlement first, before submitting the parents do not acknowledge that they are under any obligations to posterity.

It is the purpose of the democrats to have 400 President Roosevelt was undoubtedly mortified seats in the arena at their St. Louis national conthat his daughter, Alice, should engage in betting on vention. Every seat will be occupied. Every occua public race track, and we may assume was some- pant will have a policy of national politics. Every what angered that an officious camera fiend should policy will be unlike every other and every insistent photograph the young lady as she was in the act of advocate will have the lung and tongue courage of placing a bet with one of the commissioners, says the his convictions. Can imagination picture the scene Telegram. The facts of both mortification and an- of the first day of that convention in the awful heat

The devout residents of several Indiana towns were resulted in the effectual suppression of the pictures. forced this year ta attend Easter services through the It is to be accepted as one of the burdens of great- medium of boats, wending their watery way through ness that neither a president nor members of his canals that had been streets. Among the compenfamily may, in their everyday life, step outside the sating elements of the occasion, however, were the strictest limitations of propriety, even though the fact that the fellows that prayed for rain shared the departure be one of an innocent character, without disadvantages of their success and nobody had to dig being subjected to the close scrutiny of the public in his jeans to buy that bugbear of the masculine

A Los Angeles man, having reached the age of distwo features disclosed that are regrettable. In the cretion indicated by sixty-four years and having refirst place, reprehensible is the vulgar curiosity of the ceived a sentence of two years' imprisonment for public, which prompted the photographer to take a forgery, asked the court to commit him to the penisnap shot at Miss Roosevelt, not because she was do-tentiary for life. The old man, unfortunate indeed ing anything that hundreds of other ladies were do- in the fruits of crime, should have reflected that a ing without the slightest impropriety, but because higher court than that of Los Angeles may grant his

there has been brought to public noitice an apparent on sea Japan and Russia have progressed in belliinfraction of parental disclipine in the Roosevelt genercy far enough to engage in a land battle on the family with which the public should have absolutely soil of Korea. The list of casualties thus far reportno concern. Boys and girls who are the sons and ed wouldn't make a showing respectably warlike daughters of presidents are very nearly the same as enough for an ordinary football game.

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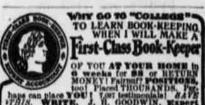
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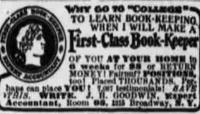
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