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THE MOTHER ACT-OTHER WO-MEN.

An Iowa court has declared unconstitutional a law passed by the last Legislature authorizing the taking of children from incompetent mothers and placing them in better homes. The law was enacted at the instance of so-called advanced sociologists whose hearts were in the right place, though the court finds that their heads are deficient in the qualities which lawmakers should possess. The principal defect in the law is found in the provision which gives the mayor of a city summary jurisdiction in cases submitted to him. The mother charged of incompetency is denied the right of trial by jury. The case which the court passed upon was that of a working wo an with a baby less than a year old. It does not appear that the woman did not do the best she could under the hard conditions of her life, but her best did not meet the requirements of certain club-women who had imposed upon themselves the duty of seeing that the children of the poor are properly cared for. This particular child was seized while the mother swas absent from home, and was placed in the custody of the police. The mother appealed to the court to secure the recovery of her child, with the result above noted.

There are doubtless cases of neglect of children which justify the intervention of law. There are other cases where the conditions of child life are not what they should be, in which the intervention of law does more harm than good. If the parent does the best it can, the purport of the law should be to improve the conditions under which the parent has failed, rather than destroy the incentive to well-doing by depriving them of their children. The fact should always be bourne in mind that the child of poor parents is as dear to them as the child of the rich parents. There is no love, like parental love, and any society that substitutes finer surroundings for parental love comparatively few cases in which the

ire so situated that they move in ular orbits, as seen from the carth. After the present aspect changes it will be more than forty years before the danet will again appear under the une aspect

The announcement of Professor Doandre, of the Parls Observatory, that he has been able to prove by spectrocopic observations that Uranus rotates in the same direction in which he satellites revolve, is of much interst to astronomers generally. The roation of Uranus has hitherto been a book sealed with seven seals.

THE CHOCTAW NATION.

Sevent; iwo years ago the United states Government conveyed in fee imple to the Choctaw Indians, then ocated in Mississippi, 9,000,000 acres of and in what is now Indian Territory. 'his was the outcome of a movement. naugurated by the Choctaws themelves. As early as 1803 over 500 famiies of Choctaws emigrated beyond the dississippi, and their report and the nfavorable conditions in Mississippi ed, in 1820, to a concession of a part of he lands held by the Indians, they reeiving lands in Indian Territory. In 830 they ceded their cemaining lands n Mississippi and removed in a body o Indian Territory, the United States lovernment guaranteeing that no part f their new lands in the West should ver be embraced in any territory on tate, and promising also to secure hem against laws not passed in their wn councils.

In 1834 the territory for the Indians as established, the Choctaws const uting one of the five Nations, and for 1 quarter of a century the Indians lved under governments framed in accordance with the impulse that caried them westward. In 1860 the Chocaws numbered 25,000 and held 5,000 daves. The majority of them joined ortunes with the Southern Confedercy; and at the close of the war the tribe numbered only 17,000, and, having forfeited their rights under the old reaty, re-organized under the treaty of 1866. Since then they have made enouraging progress, and in 1898 acceptd, by popular vote, the Curtis ect, with some modifications.

This law of Congress contemplates he breaking up of conditions recognizd in the treaty of 1830 and the law of 834. The Choctaw nation is no longer to be regarded as an independent state, he tribal governments are to be abandoned, Jands are to be held in severalty, ind the Indians are to be treated as are ther citizens.

When the main body of the Choctaws



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the assumption that the corporation called the United States has a soul and Haiti from ruin. The action of the Spanish despotism has given some of our people the idea that we are in the Quixote business as a regular thing; but we may be sure that Spain could have been as despotic as she pleased in Cuba, as elsewhere, and the United States could have had no word to say unless it could be shown that the desremoved from Mississippi to Indian potism produced results that were

incurs a grave responsibility. In the Territory, in 1830, 2,000 or more of the detrimental to American commercial within the scope of this article to detribe elected to remain in Mississippi interests. And so we may say of any scribe all the wonderful devices. interference with the affairs of Haiti of the whites. They were carried on the If Haiti and the revolutions going on vessus rolls as Indians, but they paid in that island do not concern us comtaxes and entered into the life about mercially, we have no part to play. The them as individuals. Now, after living destiny of the island is in the hands of apart for seventy years, the two the inhabitants thereof. If they do not branches of the Choctaws are to be re- want to be peaceful and civilized that united in Indian Territory, each heads is their affair, not ours. We are not of a family 'among, the Mississippi called upon to act as guardian and in-Choctaws to receive 220 acres of land structor. Much less are we expected to a the new home. Re-enforced by their take possession of the island and con-Mississippi brethren, the Choctaws of vert the inhabitants into American citipure blood will number 21,060, and whil zens. We have a sufficiency of mixed of the whole people-of the state. And enter upon a phase of Indian life not population. Especially of negro popu-Hop picking in a number of yards is finished. In others the work will be over today. In the northern and of Marlon county few hops will be left to pick on Tuesday next. But in the first to consider propositions looking to Livesley yard, of 119 acres, about four miles above Salem, two weeks more will be required to get through. The crop in that yard is a very heavy one. 7 is likely that no other yard in the valley will be later in getting through.



Dr. Darrin's methods of practice are

nor Cummins and Mayor Brenton in a public session in the new auditorium. various low officers of the order. The response was made by Hon. A. Cable, of Covington, O., grand sire. . Upon the conclusion of the welcoming exercises the Sovereign Grand Lodge was formally called to order. The report of the grand sire, which was submitted at noon, indicated that there were 127 grand lodges established, of which six were in foreign countries. total number of subordinate lodges. is 12,792, and subordinate encampments 2780. The entire membership of the order reaches the number of 1.002.272. During the year there were 99,393 initiations in the subordinate lodges, and including those initiated in other branches the total reached 185.845. . The amount of relief disbursed was \$3.939,735, an increase of \$203,903. The financial statement shows: Revenues from all branches, \$10.826,796, increase \$566.025; expenses, \$8.796.195, increase, \$436,253; surplus revenues \$2,653,-775; invested funds, \$29,952,769, increase \$1,309,077. The report says that since 1830 there has been 2.544,120 members initiated into the subordinate lodges; 2,565.907 members relieved; 256,606 widowed familles relieved: 652,354 members deceased. Total relief, \$192,665,214; total revenue, \$240,430,422.

child is exposed to vicious example, the right of the state to act cannot be questioned .- S. F. Bulletin.

The writer is not acquainted with the Iowa Constitution. Probably the law would have been constitutional had it contained a provision allowing the woman-or any parent-the right of a jury trial.

But such a law, in a modified form, is on the statute books of all or nearly all of te states. The raising and training of all children is the concern exercise it, of determining the fitness, 1830. or rather the unfitness, of parents or be the men and women of the Nation, and the men and women, in a republic, determine the character of the Nation. for good or-ill, for strength or weakness, and for leadership or contempt of the family of nations. Probably an injustice was done to the Iowa woman. But this is no cause for the flippant manner in which our able contemporis a grave and important subject.

LATEST FROM THE SKIES.

The Astronomische Nachrichten, No. 2806, of July, which has just reached this country from Germany, contains the observations of the satellites of Saturn and Uranus made by Professor See with the 26-inch plescope of the United States Naval Observatory, during the year 1901. The series of observations is a tong one and will doubtles. be of great value in determining orbit of the satellites and in computing the masses of the planets."

Enquiry at the observatory elleits the information that the series of observations in progress this season is eyen more extensive than that of last year, although the satellite work done there last year was more extensive than that of any observatory in the world. Professor See is connecting all parts of the Saturnian system by elaborate measures following the methed employed by Professor Hermann Struve in his famous researches on natellites recently carried out at the Russian National Observatory at Poulkova." It is said that these observations will be extended over at least another year, and the accumulated material, when fully digested, will furnish a valuable index to the changes which have taken place in the system of Saturn. Since about 1835 Saturn has been so far south that it cannot be successfully observed in the more northern latitudes of Europe, and the Naval Observatory as the southernmost large Government observatory has therefore

and adapt themselves to the customs

the state has the right, and ought to regarded as among the possibilities in lation.

The tendency toward autocratic guardians. Every child has the right, form of Government has been less proor ought to have, to an education and nounced among the Choctaws of Indian proper training. The children will soon Territory than among the civilized tribes. The Choctaws were among the the abandonment of tribal relations. and among the first to accept government supervision of their actions. The infusion of new Choctaw blood from Mississippi will strengthen the tendency toward individual citizenship, and may do much to make the Choctaws ary treats the subject it discusses. It a formative influence in the new order of things in Indian Territory.

THE CONFEDERATE HOME.

The circular letter sent out by Commander-inChief Torrance, of the Grand Army of the Republic, recommending that aid be extended to the Alabama Home for Confederate veterans, and the reception accorded it, so far as heard from in G. A. R. circles, was eminently creditable to the good feeling now existing between those men who once stood opposite to each other on the battlefield.

Now comes the Confederate army of the Tennessee with a resolution referring to General Torrance's proposition in the kindest terms and fully recognizing the generous and fraternal feeling which prompted it, and expressing the most heartfelt gratitude, but declaring that it is the duty of the South alone to provide for Confederate veterans; that there are certain duties which a high-minded people cannot permit others to perform, of which this S time.

The declination is as honorable to the South as was the proposition to the North. Each party will the more re- for the East that if it could be noted spect the other for this episode. No by Eastern people generally would be doubt it will also have a good effect something of an advertisement of one upon the interests of the Confederate of Oregon's resources. It contains 35 Home in stimulating the effort to pro- cars, carrying 1,225,090 pounds of Covide it with the facilities which might jumisia river salmon. have been secured with Northern genprosity.

the compassionate declare it our busi- tion see to this next winter. In case umed the task of looking after the ness to annex the island, That is upon there is failure or neglect in this par-

Mrs, Kate Chopin's book, called "The Awakening," has been excluded from the Mercantile Library of St. Louis Never heard of the book before, Bound to read it now. That will be the general verdict. Mrs. Chopin is said to be in no wise disturbed by the action taken. We should say not. She should thank the library for the advertisement.

The game laws of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota enact a license tax from all persons who desire to hunt. Residents are charged a nominal rate and non-residents a higher one. A Madison, Wis., paper says 80,000 hunt- tient. All business relations with Dr. ers' licenses have been issued in that Darrin strictly confidential. Letters state for the deer season, which is about to open.

At the Friends' General Conference in Ashbury Park Monday, "the entire Assembly was asked to remove hats." So Quakers need not be known by their hats any longer and there ought to be a decreased area of baldness among them; and so people get to be more and more alike every year .- New York Sun.

Said the Portland Evening Telegram of yesterday: "Today a train starts

Marion county should have a tax on bicycles, to create a fund for bicycle Haitl is in such a horrible state that paths, Let the Marion county delega-

radically different from those of other physicians. Examination and consultation with him are absolutely free., If you are sick and don't know what alls DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS AND you, he will, without one cent of cost thoroughly examine you, diagnose your case and tell you exactly what alls you Then if you wish him to treat you hi will do so, and will do it at a reasonable cost, but after diagnosing your case he will leave it entirely to your judgment whether you will be treated. Dr. Darrin has certainly achieved remarkable success since he has been in

Salem, and his practice is rapidly increasing. Not only do his patients come from this city, but from all over the state. , all over the Northwest, Testimonials of cures are read from are not suspected of falsehood or capuble of being deceived in the matter

of their testimony. That multitudes accept these overwhelming evidences discussed at the meeting. daily pressing to consult this most successful and eminent physician.

September 10th, Mrs. Job Richards visited the city and placed her little daughter under Dr. Darrin's treatment faith in Dr. Darrin's cure is unbounded, having seen the effects on other members of the family, her oldest daughter having been cured of a loathsome case of discharging ears and catarrh., Mrs. Richards was also cured of deafness by the doctor.

The doctor makes a specialty of all diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, catarrh deafness, bronchitte. lagrippe, dyspepsia, heart, liver, bladder and kidney diseases. He permanently cures female troubles, ulceration, displacements, painful menstruation, 'irregularities, etc., also genitourinary and skin diseases, in either Sex. sided. such as blood taints, seminal weakness

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ed and glasses fitted. Dr. Derrin's offices are at the Willamette Hotel, Satem, until November 1st only.

SENATOR BARD DYING. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 15.-United states Senator Thomas R. Bard is lying dangerously ill at the Van Nuys hotel in this city. At a late hour to-

night Dr. Taggart gave the opinion that the Senator would not live through the night. He is suffering from pneumonia, complicated with symptoms of typhoid, and has a very weak heart ac-

MINERS IMPRISONED.

NORFOLK, W. Va., Sept. 15 .- A gas and powder explosion occurred here tolay, at the mine of the Algoma Coal & Coke Co. James Lester, an engineer; John Reickie, a miner, and fifteen colcred miners, are known to be imprisoned in the mine. There in hardly a

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POLITICS ARE DISCUSSED ----BRYAN HAS COMMENCED TALK-ING IN THE OHIO CAMPAIGN -TOM JOHNSON WAS THERE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 .- There was a conference of prominent New York state Republicans today and at its close Senator Platt gave out this statement: "It was decided to endorse Roosevelt and his administration, and as far as day to day, from a class of patients who it is cur power to endorse him for 1904."

Platt said that no other subject was

Discussed Politics.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 13 .- Postmaster General Payne discussed departmental affairs with the President today. A number of decisions were reached for an aggravated case of catasch. Her which will be announced from Washington. The coming campaign and the general political questions were also talked over. Payne left in the afternoon for New York.

Everything is in readiness for the reception to be tendered by the President to the people of Nashua county Monday afternoon.

Bryan In Ohio.

Toledo, O., Sept. 13 .- William J. Bryan this afternoon addressed an audience of 4000 people. Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow, candidate for Secretary of State, and Mayor Tom Johnson, pre-



"SURE THING" MEN TO STOP THEIR OPERATIONS.

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them all up tight with instructions not most refractory are turned to a liquid. to open up their games again in Marion The application of the process to the county under penalty of arrest and welding of street ralls is, of course, but prosecution under the laws of Oregon. an incident, but it is a boon. By this which prescribe a pretty bitter pill for means rails may be welded together such infringements.

There is also a city ordinance against mon noisy joint. As the wheels then gambling games of all classes and de- have no pail ends to hammer on, the scriptions. Sheriff Colbath deserves ordinary jar of running is immensely much credit and commendation for his reduced, and flat wheels become alprompt, fearless and effectual action most unknown. This system is already chance of the men being recovered in the matter, and will certainly re- successful in Berlin, Dresden, Hamcolve the praise that is due him by all burg and all the great German cities; who are opposed to the games. Sheriff Colbath said last night that here, and it cannot come too soon. We the operations of the games was a di- recommend the subject to every trolrect violation of the law, and, so long ley line manager in American.-Haras he is sheriff of Marion county and per's Weekly.

NO MORE FLAT WHEELS.

Yet another perve-racking device of modern progress seems' doomed. We need no longer ride on pounding trolley cars; the flat wheel, which can, under proper auspices, exert such a pleasing concussion on the trolley rider's nerves as it goes thumping along, is an an-Achronism, so to speak. At the last meeting of the New York Chemical Society a representative of the German Thermite Company gave an exhibit of one of the most interesting discoveries. or rather processes, of recent years, It. was simply the enormous heating power of powdered aluminum when burned with some substance rich in oxygen. its scientific value lies in the fact that this means it is possible to obtain With no less than twenty-five "sure the highest temperatures yet reached thing" games running full blast and by man, exceeding, it seems, the temopen in different saloons about perature of the electric arc. The practhe city last nigh?, Salem certainly had tical value of the Goldschmidt process the appearance of a Monte Carlo on a Hes in the fact that it affords a portasmall scale, and the roulette, pinwheel, bie supply of Intenst heat in any deblack jack and faro operators were sired quantity, and that, for example, certainly reaping a rich and golden a boy can carry around a can of it and harvest, with no less than three to six weld trammits or broken steamercappers at each game. They were per- shafts or other trifles in place. All mitted to run in this open fashion all that is needed is to packet the shaft or day yesterday and last night, fleecing raft or whatsoever with the aluminum the unwily indiscriminately until about mixture and touch it off with a match. eight o'clock last evening, when Sheriff So intense is the heat generated that B. B. Colbath, accompanied by Deputy a huge steel casting will melt to run Skipton, made the rounds and clased like water in a few seconds, and fac as cheaply as put together by a com-

it is time that it should be introduced



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