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HOUSES OF REFORM.

SECTIONS OF THE ACT REGULATING COMMITMENTS.

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SECTION 13. INMATES—DUTIES OF COURTS IN COMMITTING. When any boy or girl is brought before an circuit, county, or, in cities of the first or second class, police court, being under the age of 18 years, it shall be lawful for such court, or any of them, in its discretion, to commit such boy or girl to said houses of reform for any period of time not exceeding the minority of such child, in the following cases:

(1.) Upon complaint of parent or guardian supported by satisfactory evidence, that by reason of incorrigible and vicious conduct such boy or girl is not subject to the control of such parent or guardian, or that he or she habitually disobeys the commands of such parent or guardian, or resorts to immoral places or practices, and refuses to attend school or to perform labor suitable to his or her capacity; and that by reason thereof his or her welfare and the protection of society demand that such boy or girl be placed under such guardianship as said institutions afford.

(2.) Upon complaint made by any peace officer or citizen, supported by satisfactory evidence, that owing to the above reasons, and the further reason that the parent or guardian of such infant is of such immoral character and depraved habits that he or she is incapable or unwilling to exercise the care or discipline necessary, or that, owing to the said moral depravity of the parents or guardian of such infant, he has no suitable home, and is liable to be taught to lead a disreputable and immoral life, and is consequently a proper subject for the said commitment and guardianship.

(3.) Upon conviction in any of the said courts of any crime, penal offense or violation of any law of this State, or ordinance of any city, and the punishment fixed at fifteen days or more imprisonment in the penitentiary, county or city jail.

(4.) When any boy or girl under the age of eighteen, as aforesaid, shall be arrested, charged with the commission of a crime, a conviction of which would subject him or her to imprisonment, the judge of any of the aforesaid courts, before which he or she is brought, may, at any stage of the trial, by the consent and at the request of the accused, or of his or her parents or guardian, arrest the progress of the same and commit the accused to said institutions.

(5.) When the grand jury of any county are satisfied that there is sufficient evidence to put the accused on trial for a crime or misdemeanor, he or she being, as before stated, under the age of eighteen years, it may, instead of an indictment, return to the court a report, in writing, recommending such infant to the guardianship of the house of reform; and thereupon, if the court be satisfied from the evidence adduced that such commitment would be proper, it may order such boy or girl to be committed to said institution for any length of time not exceeding the minority of said child. And it shall be the duty of the judge of any court sentencing a boy or girl to either of said institutions under this act to certify to the superintendent thereof the age of the person so committed, as nearly as it can be ascertained, by testimony taken under oath, and the cause for which committed.

HAVING A GREAT RUN ON CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

Manager Martin, of the Pierson Drug Store, informs us that he is having a great run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy He sells five bottles of that medicine to one of any other kind, and it gives great satisfaction. In these days of la grippe there is nothing like Chamberlains's Cough Remedy to stop the cough, heal up the sore throat and lungs and give relief within a very short time. The sales are growing, and all who try it are pleased with its prompt action.—South Chicago Daily Calumet. For sale by Craig & Hocker, Druggists.

Ingersoll on Alcohol

One of the greatest temperance orations ever delivered in the English language was delivered by Ingersoll in a case where he was defending a liquor dealer. It was as follows:

"I am aware that there is a prejudice against any man engaged in the manufacture of alcohol. I believe that from the time it issues from the coiled ard poisonous worm in the distillery until it empties into the hell of death, dishonor and crime, it demoralizes everybody that touches it, from its source to where it ends. I do not believe anybody can contemplate the subject without becoming prejudiced against that liquor crime.

"All we have to do, gentlemen, is to think of the wrecks on either bank of the stream of death; of the suicides, of the insanity; of the poverty, of the [illegible]; of the little children tugging at the faded and weary breasts of weeping and despairing wives, asking for bread; of the talented men of genius it has wrecked, the men struggling with imaginary serpents, produced by this devilish thing; and when you think of the jails, the almshouses, of the asylums, of the prisons, of the scaffolds upon either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against this stuff called alcohol.

"Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness. It breaks the father's heart, bereaves the doting mother, extinguishes natural affections, erases conjugal loves, blots out filial attachments, blights parental hope, and brings down mourning age in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It makes wives widows; children orphans; fathers fiends, and all of them paupers and beggars. It feeds rheumatism, nurses gout, welcomes epidemics, invites cholera, imports pestilence, and embraces consumption. It covers the land with idleness, misery and crime. It fills your jails, supplies your almshouses and demands your asylums. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels and cherishes riots. It crowds your penitentiaries and furnishes victims to your scaffolds. It is the life blood of the gambler, the aliment of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman and the support of the midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief, esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligations, reverences fraud and honors infamy. It defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue and slanders innocence. It incites the father to butcher his helpless offspring, helps the husband massacre his wife, and the child to grind the paricidal ax. It burns up men, consumes women, detests life, curses God and despises heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, defiles the jury-box, and stains the judicial ermine. It degrades the citizens, debases the legislator, dishonors statesmen and disarms the patriot. It brings shame, not honor; terror, not safety; and with the malevolence of a fiend, it calmly surveys its frightful desolation, and, unsatisfied with its havoc, it poisons felicity, kills peace, ruins morals, blight confidence, slays reputation and wipes out national honors, then curses the world and laughs at its ruin.

"It does all that and more—it murders the soul. It is the son of villainies, the father of all crimes, the mother of abomination, the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy."

"A young man came into our store yesterday suffering from a severe attack of cramp colic," writes B F. Hess, miller and general merchant, Dickey's Mountain, Pa "He had tried various home remedies without relief. As I had used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I gave him a dose and it soon brought him out all right. I never saw a fellow so rejoiced" Sold by Craig & Hocker, Druggists.

A Western banker, who evidently has more money than decency, will will C. C. Moore's Blue Grass Blade $5,000.

Lord Chesterfield on the Liquor Traffic.

"The noble lord has been pleased kindly to inform us that the trade of distilling is very extensive, that it employs great numbers, and that they have arrived at exquisite skill and therefore, he says, the trade of distilling is not to be discouraged.

It appears to me that since the spirit which the distillers produce is allowed to enfeeble the limbs, vitiate the blood, pervert the heart, and obscure the intelligence, the number of distillers should be no argument in their favor, for I never heard that a law against theft was repealed or delayed because thieves were numerous.

"So little, my lord, am I affected by the merit of that wonderful skill which distillers are said to have attained, that it is, in my opinion, no faculty of great use to mankind to prepare palatable poison, nor shall I ever contribute my interest for the reprieve of a murderer because he has by long practice obtained dexterity in his trade. If their liquors are so delicious that the people are tempted to their own destruction, let us, at least, secure them from their fatal draught by bursting the vials that contain them. Let us crush at once these artists in human slaughter, who have reconciled their countrymen to sickness and ruin and spread over the pitfalls of debauchery such a bait as cannot be resisted."—Lord Chesterfield. in House of Lords, A. D., 1749.

John Powers, aged 74, a prominent farmer of the Silver Creek section of Madison, is dead of pneumonia.

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An old authority gives directions for the most restful position to assume after great weariness. If very tired lie on the back, the knees drawn up, the hands clasped above the head or resting on the elbows, the forearm at right angles, and the hands hanging over by the bend of the wrist.

Photography of sound has reached a point said to establish the fact that there is no such thing as absolute silence. The machine used is so sensitive that it records the lightest current of air passing through a room and distant noises the ear cannot detect.

A Michigan woman was accused a years, ago, on the testimony of her maid, of having fed pounded glass to her husband. The courts were in doubt as to whether it was a case of murder or another phase of the servant girl problem.

The get-rich-quick fraternity are in trouble throughout the country, which is, however, an inevitable result. There has never yet been an operation of the kind that did not result in a smash-up and hurried flight.

Through the efforts of the Audubon society, it is stated, a law was passed by the Illinois legislature which makes the possession of any harmless bird, living or dead, an offense punishable by a fine.

As a result of Rev Gilliam's meeting at Moreland five converts were baptized near Hustonville a few days ago.