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## y of Beautiful Autumn Modes!



We anticipate the has not been sacrire remarkably low.



## - The -----FAMILY DOCTOR (By John Joseph Gaines, M. D.)

**OPINIONS** 

An editor whose very integrity appeals strongly to me, wrote a time ago: "Temperance had had a terrific jolt-a body blow." About twenty states had just voted for a repeat of a constitutional amend-ment—the notable eighteenth.

Now, if anybody should preach "temperance", I think the family doctor should; he believes in it, knowing well the penalties paid by the intemperate. Bear in mind, I do not use alcoholics at all except for medicine. As a beverage I have no use for whiskey or beer; and I do not believe beer is a very useful medicine, if a medicine at all.

But the point I wish to emphasize is "temperance" has had no body blow! I don't care if all the states go for repeal of this amendment, temperance will not receive a body

Temperate people are not harmed by such blows, nor were they shocked at the passage of the eighteenth amendment. Temperate people have a way of "staying put." They feel that the action of this prohibition movement did not help temperance That's the reason so many states are going against the tried —and failed—experiment.

I don't believe we can legislate morals into people. I may say, I KNOW we can't-because we have been trying it and have failed. It is asserted that we are today leading the world in crime! We've got to try some other way. Why not begin by raising our children right? Let's try that way again. It's the only way. And remain as we have been so long-temperate.

## MISTAKES

It is a mistake to consider germs the cause of all diseases. Neuritis is seldom caused by germs.

It is a serious mistake-repented of when it is too late to repair the damage done-to extract all the teeth, or any considerable number of them-for sciatic neuritis. have seen women have all the teeth extracted for "sciatica," and unrelieved, without ever having had a pelvic or rectal examination.

And what a raw deal the patient gets-to have the tonsils out for sciatic neuritis, regardless of the condition of the tonsils! A rotten tonsil, of course, needs extractionbut not because of sciatic neuritis.

I have seen hundreds of foci removed from people in effort to get rid of infecting micro-organismsall in the fight against joint troubles, and wholly without relief. I've seen many relieved by happy removals of infected glands-but fully as many have not been benefited. We should diagnose carefully. Fully half are NOT helped.

Especially do I hate to find people deprived of their teeth unnecessarily or ill-advised, or hastily. I myself am a victim, and I believe a few misfortunes are greater than the loss of our natural teeth.

If we just knew as much as we don't know! Let us remember that it is our patient that does most of the regretting, to say nothing of the 'cussing'' bestowed on the hard-beset doctor who does the very best

I have had a pair of diseased ton-

teeth" got me, but tonsils, not yet.

## **Visitors To Children's Home Bring Cheer**

The Children's Home here has month. A many visitors every large number of them bring not only good cheer but appreciative gifts, either in money or other things of useful nature.

This is the season when many Methodists throughout the western conference begin bringing or sending in produce of various kinds for the 400 mouths that are to be fed at this institution.

Rev. L. B. Abernethy, who is closing his eighth or ninth year as pastor of the Methodist church at Elkin and who was leader in the successful movement to provide the northwestern section of the state with a modern hospital (Hugh Chatham Memorial) spent, a few hours at the Home recently, being accompanied by some Elkin friends. Superintendent Woosley, in noting their visit, says that their coming reminded him of the fact that a few weeks before one of the Home girls, while visiting in Jonesville, across the river from Elkin, was stricken with appendicitis and was taken to the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, where Dr. Johnson performed the operation and supervised the convalescence of the young girl. When asked what the charges would be the Elkin pastor replied: "Nothing, why should we charge the Children's Home for our services?" Thus another instance of the fine work being done by the Methodist hospital at Elkin, for which cordial and sincere thanks have been extended, says Mr. Woosley.-Twin City Sentinel.

Japan is rushing work on enough war vessels to protect herself from the Panama Canal.