

Medical Items.

THE JAG-CURE ACT.—In Michigan there was a statute passed by the Legislature allowing a magistrate to accept from a person convicted of being "drunk and disorderly" a recognizance that he would place himself under the care of some company administering a cure for the liquor habit. This is instead of the usual recognizance for good behaviour. This statute is known as the "Jag-Cure Act," but it has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

The medical profession of Texas is not a unit, if we may be allowed to form a conclusion from the perusal of the pages of the *Texas Health Journal*. In the issue for July Dr. Cunningham has an article with the vigorous title "The Amazing Infatuation of the Texas State Medical Association in Pompously Parading Its Appalling Ignorance of the First Principles of Sanitary Legislation, and Its Unbounded Cheek and Unmitigated Gall in Presuming to Instruct Congress in the Proper Performance of Its Duties, Succinctly Set Forth."—*Medical Record*.

A CASE OF HYPERPYREXIA.—M. Ch. Richet reported to the *Société de Biologie* a unique case of hyperpyrexia, which M. Caparelli (of Catana) had communicated to him. A young woman in the neighbourhood of Catana for several days had an evening temperature of 45° C. (113° F.). The attending physicians, surprised at such an elevation of temperature, called Prof. Caparelli in consultation, and he observed an axillary temperature of 46° C. (115° F.), verifying the observation by using several thermometers. The cause of the hyperthermia was malarial poisoning, and under the influence of quinine the temperature became normal.

M. Richet recalled the case where a Cincinnati physician