

inheritance shall descend to them in equal parts, however remote from the intestate the common degree of consanguinity may be.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if all the brothers and 5 sisters of the intestate be living, the inheritance shall descend to such brothers and sisters; and if any of them be living and any be dead, then to the brothers and sisters and every of them who are living, and to the descendants of such brothers and sisters as shall have died, so that 10 each brother or sister who shall be living, shall inherit such share as would have descended to him or her, if all the brothers or sisters of the intestate who shall have died leaving issue had been living, and so that such descendants shall inherit the share which their parent would have 15 received if living, in equal shares.

Succession of brothers and sisters and their descendants.

IX. And be it enacted, That the same law of inheritance prescribed in the last section shall prevail as to the 5 other direct lineal descendants of every brother and sister of the intestate, to the remotest degree, whenever such 20 descendants are of unequal degrees.

As to such descendants in unequal degrees.

X. And be it enacted, That if there be no heir entitled to take under any of the preceding sections, the inheritance, if the same shall have come to the intestate on the 5 part of his father, shall descend:

If there be no heir under the preceding sections.

25 Firstly; To the brothers and sisters of the father of the intestate in equal shares, if all be living:

Secondly; If any be living, and any shall have died leaving issue, then to such brothers and sisters as shall be living, and to the descendants of such of the said brothers 30 and sisters as shall have died, in equal shares.

Thirdly; If all such brothers and sisters shall have died, then to their descendants; and that in all such cases the inheritance shall descend in the same manner as if all such brothers and sisters had been brothers and sisters 35 of the intestate.

XI. And be it enacted, That if there be no brothers or sisters, or any of them, of the father of the intestate, and no descendants of such brothers and sisters, then the inheritance shall descend to the brothers and sisters of the 40 mother of the intestate, and to the descendants of such of the said brothers and sisters as shall have died, or if all shall have died, then to their descendants, in the same manner as if all such brothers and sisters had been the brothers and sisters of the father.

Further provision.

45 XII. And be it enacted, That in all cases not provided for by the preceding sections, where the inheritance shall have come to the intestate on the part of his mother, the

Further provision—if the estate came by the mother's side.