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CHAP. 194.—An Act To establish a lobster hatchery in the State of Maine. February 4, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries is hereby authorized and directed to construct and equip a lobster hatchery upon the coast of Maine, the cost of establishing the same, including the purchase of land and water rights, not to exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars. Lobster hatchery on Maine coast authorized.

Approved, February 4, 1901.

CHAP. 195.—An Act To amend section thirty-two hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States, concerning the distilling of brandy from fruits. February 4, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section thirty-two hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: Distilled spirits. R. S., sec. 3255, p. 627, amended.

"SEC. 3255. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, may exempt distillers of brandy made exclusively from apples, peaches, grapes, pears, pineapples, oranges, apricots, berries, prunes, figs, or cherries from any provision of this title relating to the manufacture of spirits, except as to the tax thereon, when in his judgment it may seem expedient to do so." Certain exemptions to distillers of fruit brandy authorized.

Approved, February 4, 1901.

CHAP. 199.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of the District of Columbia." February 5, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of the District of Columbia," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, as amended by the Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of the District of Columbia,' approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine," approved February twentieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be amended by striking out sections six and seven of said Act and substituting for the fifth section of said Act the following: District of Columbia. Masonic Mutual Relief Association. Vol. 15, p. 335. Vol. 27, p. 464.

SEC. 5. That the said board of directors may be increased from time to time to a number equal to the number, for the time being, of Masonic lodges in the District of Columbia, and the said board shall be capable of taking and holding the funds, property, and effects of said corporation, which funds, property, or effects shall never be divided among the members of the said society or corporation, but shall descend to their successors, duly elected in the manner heretofore specified, for the promotion of the principles of the said corporation and the benevolent purposes of the society which they represent; but this provision shall not prevent the said board of directors from carrying out the principles of the society or corporation, namely, the immediate payment to the widow, orphans, heir, assignee, or legatee of a deceased member as many dollars as there are members in good standing on the books of the corporation, not exceeding one thousand dollars, or the amount specified in the certificate of membership held by said member: *Provided, however*, That no certificate of membership shall be issued by said corporation for an amount exceeding two thousand dollars. Powers of directors. Payments to widow, etc., of deceased members. —limit. *Proviso.* Limit amount of certificate of membership.

Approved, February 5, 1901.