

years shall restrain such child from habitually begging, whether actually begging or under the pretence of peddling. Any person offending under this section shall be considered and deemed as incapable of taking care of and providing for such child, and such child shall, by reason thereof, be deemed as coming within the conditions of the next succeeding section.

1878, ch. 473.

**896.** Any girl apparently under the age of sixteen years and any boy apparently under the age of fourteen years that comes within any of the following descriptions named: that is known to be habitually begging or receiving alms, whether actually begging or under the pretence of peddling or offering for sale anything, or being in any street, road or public place for the purpose of so begging, gathering or receiving alms; that is found wandering and not having any home or settled place of abode or proper guardianship or visible means of subsistence; that is found destitute, either being an orphan or having a vicious parent who is undergoing penal servitude or imprisonment; that frequents the company of reputed thieves or prostitutes, or houses of assignation or prostitution, or dance houses, concert saloons, varieties, or places specified in section 894 hereof, without parent or guardian, shall be arrested and brought before a court or justice of the peace. When, upon examination before a court or justice of the peace it shall appear that any such child has been engaged in any of the aforesaid acts, or comes within any of the aforesaid descriptions, such court or justice when he shall deem it expedient for the welfare of the child, shall commit such child to an orphan asylum, charitable or other institute, or make such other disposition thereof as now is or may hereafter be provided by law in case of vagrants, truant, disorderly, pauper or destitute children; provided, however, that none of the provisions of this sub-title of this article shall be construed so as to prevent children from selling or offering for sale newspapers.

Ibid

**897.** Any person representing himself or herself to be, or passing himself or herself off as the parent or guardian of a child or children referred to in any of the aforesaid sections of this sub-title of this article, when it shall appear that such person is not