

PROTECTING THE BOYS

Japanese Owner of a Billiard Parlor Is Rebuked by Judge Cann.

In passing sentence upon a Japanese who had been found guilty of permitting young boys to frequent his billiard parlors in the tenderloin district, Judge Cann this morning denounced in vigorous terms the practice of sending young boys, or permitting them to visit, places of questionable repute. "I have referred to this matter several times of late," he said, "and I shall impose severe sentences upon any persons who are found guilty in this court of harboring the boys in such places. Messenger boys and youths of tender age, are, I understand, sent daily to carry messages to disreputable places. I am anxious to have such cases brought before me and I will deal very summarily with the offenders. It is a crying evil and should be wiped out. Our criminals I believe are made through just such practices."

Three very young boys testified that they had been playing billiards in the place conducted by the accused Japanese. A fine of \$24.75 and costs was imposed on the foreigner. Officer Chipman, who arrested him, said that he had frequently warned the man to keep the lads out of his place, as a very tough crowd of young men frequented it.