

BAD BOYS.—We often hear parents lamenting over the evil ways of their sons, and attributing their bad behavior to the pernicious influence of the yellow covered literature of this day, or the bad example of the Jack Sheppards of the stage. It is doubtless true, that the vile trash with which our book-stores abound, has had a most deleterious effect on the morals of the young, but the chief cause of their demoralization, we think, lies in the fact that parents do not take their boys to church. It used to be the fashion for the father to go up every Sabbath to the house of worship and take his children with him, but now the times are changed, and the majority of the boys are running the streets on Sunday; and having nothing to do, the devil finds employment for them.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," is the injunction of Scripture. How many children there are now-a-days in this christian land who are not taught the way in which they should go. How then can it be expected that they should be kind, obedient and good. They stray in by and forbidden paths, and the end thereof is death. If parents would have good children, let them take them by the hand and lead them amid the green pastures, and by the still waters where religion loves to dwell.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE AGAINST EX-JUDGE O. C. PRATT.—The San Francisco Chronicle says that a suit has been brought in the Nineteenth District Court by the wife of ex-Judge O. C. Pratt for a divorce on the ground of adultery, cruelty and desertion. She also sues for one-half of the common property, which is valued at \$1,500,000. The complaint alleges that Judge Pratt married his present wife, Annie, in November, 1843, in Rochester, New York. They came to San Francisco from Oregon in 1856, and have since resided here. Mrs. Pratt maintains that she has ever been a faithful and devoted wife, and that for twenty of the thirty years of their married life Judge Pratt was all that a woman could wish in a husband. The serpent, in the shape of Mrs. Lizzie E. Jones, came in the Spring of 1865. Mrs. Pratt introduced her to the Judge in their own house, and the complaint goes on to say, since that time "his affections have been gradually alienated from plaintiff and placed upon said Mrs. Jones, so much so that he seems to be entirely infatuated with her." Judge Pratt was first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon Territory, was lately Judge of the 12th District Court of California, and more recently an unsuccessful candidate for Supreme Judge of that State. He is known as a man of wide attainments.

HOME.—We assert as a rule the entire tone of a home depends upon the woman at the head of it—the average home; not the poverty-stricken home, nor the wealthy home. In this average home, whether sunshine shall enter the rooms, whether the parlor shall be used and enjoyed, whether the table shall be invitingly spread, whether bright lights and bright fires shall give warmth and cheer on winter nights—whether, in brief, the home shall be an agreeable or a disagreeable place, is usually what the woman determines. Men are powerless in the matter. Some find solace for a dismal home in study, some in occupation in business, some submit with what patience they can; others are attracted by the cheer of the public house; and it is young men who are apt in consequence, to drift into bad company and bad habits. Our whole argument refers to individuals among men who succumb to bad influences—not the sex, but a class.—Appleton.

THERE had been a lynching near Paducah, Ky., and a little boy named Arthur Holmes had been one of the spectators. For days afterward the event was uppermost in his mind. Taking his youngest sister off into the woods, he suddenly whipped out a rope, adjusted a noose around her neck, put the line over the limb of a tree, and pulled her off her feet. After suspending her a few seconds he let her down about half choked to death, and was solemnly adjuring her to confess to stealing horses when the father appeared. A sound spanking closed the scene.

In Paris a gentleman bet that he would smoke twelve cigars in one evening. He was taken sick on his eighth cigar, but persisted and won his bet. Prof. Chevalier was called to attend him the same night, but not in time to save his life.

"PATRICK," said the priest, "how much hay did you steal?" "Well, your reverence, I might as well confess to the whole stack as I intend to take the balance to-night."

An old lady was admiring the beautiful picture called "Saved." "It's no wonder," said she, "that the poor child fainted after pulling that great dog out of the water."

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