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FINEST IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD "The amaxing thing to me in that despite all we do, or fail
to do, the kids are so good so darn good. Out of 70,000 kids
in Denver only 285 criminal cases were brought before my court last year. Th , are god not because of their parents and teachers,
but in spite of them. They are good because of themselves.
suppose it is the inherent goodness the Creator puts into them. suppose it is the inherent goodness the Creator puts into them.
You can say. and I don't care how emphatically you say
it-that the American youth of today is relatively the finest in it-that the American youth,
the history of the world.

## in Collier above for this week who is one of the wost juvenile eourt work, as p chatracter in the reforms of

quent boys and girls-
And therefore qualified to speak as one having authority.
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side of life, hhesees the sordid things in human nature oonstan
ly; he conduets the trouble shop of the poor and lowly and th
mo called "eriminal classes". of his cityly; he conduets the trouble shop of the poor and lowly and the
Bo called "eriminal classes" of his city
And he is able to pay the tribute quoted above to the Amer Collier's is condueting a symposium upon a "code for righ
living for our children;" by experts in the handing of children. Children must be taught to do right because they want to
not because they have to. That the high light of the eool
clusions of that hives. not because they have ot onse Luter all his years of experience. In
clusions of Judge Lindsey, after
other words, they must be taught self control; and the editor o
Collier's says in comment : "We suspeet that self control mus Collier's says in comment; "We suspeet that seif controgh mor
ecme near the top of the list;", that is, the list in the sought for
"code for right living for our children." Jugge Liedsey puts self restraint first, and he puts the first
mistake of teachers and parents in dealing with ehildren as that
of mposing artificial restraints. He puts the seond mistake ap
prepariag the pathof tife for the ehild, instead of preparing the preparing the path of life for the child, instead of preparing the
ehild for the path of life; makking the ehild able to exercise self
restraint, to withstand temptation, to overcome obstacles. Third restrains, to withstand temptation, to overcome obstacles. Third
in importanee, Judge Lindsey puts example, in these words:
"You can have all the moral codes in the world, and plaster them all over the country, but they won't do our young folks
any' good unless their elders set an example of straightforward, elean living. You can't save the boy. He's got to save himself.
But you chan him how py the life yon lead.", He could cite thousands But the important thing, in the opinion of the writer, is the
tatement in the first three paragraphs quoted aboveAnd the writer believes this will hold good over the whole
country. Oh yes, it is admitted that most people will not agree Theytry. have been lately and are being fed upp on the idea that there is a wave of crime among the young sweeping the country
But is is the same old wave. It is not a new wave ;and if it is
and settlements caused by the World war, it will soon reeede. school) is the highest in its history; but it is not as high in pro-
portion to the total population of the state as it was thirty years
ago. Nor are the boys there now less hopeful for reformation Five prisoners were received at the Oregon penitentiary on
Friday from Multnomai county; all less than 24 years of age In the past two years 428 have been received, and 112 of them
were betwen the ages of 20 and 24 ; and half of them between
the ages of 15 and 29 . But an examination will show that this the ages of 15 and 29 . But an examination will show that this
is not a larger proportion of young men, or if larger only
slightly so, than has been the rule on the average for the past slightly so, than has been the rule on the average for the past
forty years and the eotal population is lower than it was be
fore the days of prohibition, in proportion to the total populaOf the 1501 men reeeived at San Quentin penitentiary in the
st reported biennium, 361 were 24 years old and younger; the najor number being 22 . But an examination of the reeords
there will show about the same proportions ever since San
Ouentin was a prison

But put Denver's 285 who came before Judge Lindsey (an ost of then needing only good counsel) $\begin{aligned} & \text { over against the } \\ & 0,000 \text { of Denver's children who did not get into trouble, and }\end{aligned}$. ${ }^{\text {ancy }}$ about this same prot carry about this same proportion throughout the nations s vast
army of children, and you have a most encouraging pieture.

THE SHORTEST EVENING


