

sympathetic investigation that they are not, and cannot fairly be held responsible for the offences they commit. Vicious homes, drunkenness, lack of moral instruction and example always have and always will produce a crop of delinquents and law-breakers, and if we wish to do the right thing by the child, as well as protect the state, we will rigidly insist on better care and instruction, or we will remove him to a cleaner and healthier environment. I can assure you from long experience that it would be just as intelligent to whip a sick boy as it is to punish the lad who has committed a so-called crime. We should never confound the thoughtless impulses of youth with the criminal deliberation of adult years, nor should we entertain any idea of punishment or revenge in dealing with the youthful wrong-doer.

### The Lovable Bad Boy.

I must confess to a good deal of love for the bad boy. There is something about him that appeals irresistibly to me—perhaps it is the recollection of my own youth—but whatever the cause I have always felt impelled to take his part and lend him a helping hand. This I find is a feeling that is shared by many, even by the ladies. I suppose because we enjoy a spice of badness in the monotony of trying to be always good. And is it not true that often the worst and most troublesome boys make the best men, learning through their follies and the hard knocks of experience to guide their lives into wise and useful channels. Some of you are living witnesses of