

GIRL-BOYS.

Spread of Oriental Vice---Branches of the Society Established in Chicago, Philadelphia, New Orleans and Boston.

PROFESSOR GAULIER'S ARREST.

To every thinking mind, which carefully considers the crime of this country in the aggregate, it must appear evident that the vice of the Orient, vaguely alluded to in the Scriptures, is spreading among us. From Turkey it worked its way into the vast Muscovite empire, and six years ago, the Secret Russian Police, in endeavoring to discover what they at first supposed to be a political conspiracy, unearthed the Society known as the *Sekoptski*, whose ramifications had already spread through Moscow and St. Petersburg. In England it became the vice of the aristocracy under Lord Arthur Pelham Clinton, assisted by Ernest Boulton and Tilly Park. In Paris, Louis le Belge, La Negresse, and "Marie" le Blanc, were the chiefs of the business. In England the votaries of this bestial practice are distinguished by a name too horrible to print, in France they are known as *tantes* or *putains*, while here they are called, by those men about town who know them, as "girl-boys." Any night on Broadway you can see them, from the boy of sixteen to the old man, all aping the airs of women, some even having their faces painted. They strut along with the style of girls of the town and throw smiles and kisses at the gamblers and sporting men whom they pass. The police know them, and club them away whenever they get a chance. These despicable emasculated beings are male harlots. There are probably

SIX HUNDRED OF THEM

in this city. They all know each other, and seem as if their bond of utter degradation drew them closer together. Among their leaders are Ricardo, Ernest and Gerard Byne, the variety performers, who are really Boulton and Park, of London fame, two boys named Charles Crossman and Richard Philburn, and a person known as "La Rochelle," who is a barber at the corner of Maiden Lane and Pearl Street. The Crossman boy has a respectable jeweller in this city for his father, and Philburn is equally well connected. Neither of them are over seventeen years old. Every year a ball, which is known as the German Cooks' Ball, is given in some hall in this city. It is almost exclusively attended by the girl-boys. Last year all the girl-boys, including those mentioned above, were there, the most of them dressed in women's clothes. Some four years ago Captain McDonnell, now in the Eighth Precinct, raided on a club room they had hired and arrested forty of them, who were fined for disorderly conduct. The only mysterious thing about these creatures is how they became inoculated with this vice, and why they cannot abandon its practice. The writer met little Dick Philburn in Broadway the other evening, and stopped "the girl." After Dicky had assured the writer that she loved him dearly, etc., in answer to a question as to who had induced him into vice, he said: trolman on post. laugh

Elsewhere.