

FOR THE NEWSBOYS.

Opening of a New Lodging House Exclusively for the Lads.

Thirty clean new cots ranged along the walls like beds in a dormitory, thirty-six tin cups, a dozen or more chairs, a red hot stove, a big coffee pot and a dozen tired but contented looking urchins comprised the inventory of a room at 1023 Broadway last night. This is the location of a new free newsboys' and bootblacks' lodging house, which gave its first grand opening on Saturday night. The new lodging house is wholly a private enterprise conceived and to be maintained by V. B. Clarke. Mr. Clarke's attention was first attracted to the boys who hang about the halls of buildings where they sometimes find a temporary shelter at night, and he resolved to provide them with winter quarters, or at least make the experiment.

The rules to be observed by boys who seek this shelter are few and simple. They are required to wash their hands and faces and to behave themselves while they are there. The shelter will be open only until 9:30 o'clock in the evening, as it is not the intention to allow the street arabs who seek aid to roam the streets until midnight or put in the evening at some low resort before they apply for lodging. The boys will be questioned and only really homeless boys under the age of 14 years will be sheltered.

These conditions complied with, the applicant gets a clean berth. A cup of hot coffee is provided free of cost, before he starts out in the morning.

Seven boys applied and were taken care of the first night the home opened, and a few more were sheltered last night. Mr. John Devon is in temporary charge of the shelter.

If the plan prospers benevolently inclined people may desire to form a class for the boys' entertainment and instruction, and religious exercises may be held on certain evenings.