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# DANGER IN DICE.

## HOW BOYS ARE TAUGHT TO BE- COME GAMBLERS.

The Cigar Store Dice Box Which is a  
Source of Amusement and Social  
Enjoyment in Some Places  
Panders to Vice in Others.

To the Editor of THE MAIL:

DEAR SIR: I have been a subscriber of your paper ever since its change of hands, and I am satisfied that the editor is a man who will stand up for that which is right and believe him willing to condemn anything that is going on in the city that is detrimental to people. Therefore, I wish to inform him (the editor) that among the greater number of cigar stores in this city there is a little game called the dice box. If this game was just used as a little social way of seeing which one is to treat to the cigars when two friends are together it would not be worth condemning it. But I am posted to this extent in regard to this game. There are stores in this city where the dice box is used for what I call gambling. Small boys from the age of 14 years up, on Saturday nights when they receive their pay, go into the cigar stores and shake with men, and as a result they go home without a cent; and there are certain places where extra boys are paid to entice the boys into this game. Sometimes you will find them shaking for money. This is only

...this game. Sometimes you will find them shaking for money. This is only a slow way to become a gambler. Just watch our boys that follow this game and I will venture to say that in eight or ten years they are penniless and depending on some game of chance for their living. I do a great deal of business in this city and when I see a man playing poker, shaking dice from morn till night in his place of business, I at once stop my credit business with him. I do not speak of all parties in this business, for I know that there are business men in this city that will not allow boys not old enough to know right from wrong to shake in their place of business. I say nothing against the tobacco business; I smoke myself and allow my boys to smoke, but I do not want them to shake dice for anything. If the editor of THE MAIL doubts what I say, I only ask him to step into a few of these places and he will find what I say to be an absolute fact. If a man is running a gambling den, let him do so, but I think it absurd for a man to run a business on this scale. SUBSCRIBER.  
Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 11, 1893.