

BAD FOR YUNG SING.

He Not Only Runs an Opium Den, But Probably Smuggled the Drug.

Constable King and Deputy J. C. Miller yesterday afternoon raided an opium joint at 307 Walnut street. Yung Sing runs a "washee shop," and in the basement caters to the wants of those who desire to "hit the pipe." The officers captured a wash basket full of stuff. Among the personal effects of the almond-eyed Celestial were eight lamps, about fifty cans of opium, an instrument for the hypodermic administering of the drug, a pipe and five lemons filled with the drug. There was enough opium found on the premises to stock all the joints between here and San Francisco. The boxes were quarter-pound boxes, and more than half of them did not bear the government stamp.

Yung Sing is a very wily heathen. He says he attends Sunday school every Sunday and runs no "blat opium joint." All the opium found in his place he says was for his own use and that of his bosom friend, Ah Hop. All the boxes not bearing the government stamp, he says, belong to Ah Hop.

Constable King went to the joint yesterday afternoon and to Yung Sing expressed his desire to "hit the pipe." A simple "all right" was the answer, and the officer handed him a dollar. He conferred with Ah Hop, and presently came back and returned the officer the dollar, saying, "Looke too much policeman." The officer went away and returned in about an hour and found Ah Hop on the outside watching. He broke in the door of the establishment and as he did so several Chinamen and one white man escaped from the building. One Chinaman was found hiding in the weeds in the rear, but he was subsequently released. There were a number of bunks in the room and all the paraphernalia of an opium joint. The frequenters carried away most of the pipes.

Yung Sing was taken before Justice Worthen, who set his trial for next Monday. It is possible the United States authorities may take the matter out of the hands of the State authorities. There is reason to believe that large quantities of opium have been smuggled into Kansas City, and the evidence on this charge is very strong against Yung Sing. Under the United States laws the possession of opium not bearing the government stamp is prima facie evidence of smuggling, and among the effects of Yung Sing were a large number of unstamped boxes. Not one grain of opium has ever passed through the customs office of this city since it has been established.