

## ORPHANS LIVE IN FILTH—NEW YORK PAYS \$2,600 FOR DOG KENNELS

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New York, Feb. 14.—"Oliver Twist," the story with its pitiable child victims drawn from life in English work-houses, is being outdone by asylums and orphanages in New York and vicinity, according to investigators.

Boys lapping soup from sloppy tables; children scarred by whippings; filth that made rooms resemble pig-pens; boys and girls weak and anaemic from lack of nourishment; shower baths used only as punishment; little girls doing the work of women, are conditions being described daily by Deputy Charities Commissioner Wm. J. Doherty before a commission appointed by Gov. Whitman to investigate charges against various institutions.

Doherty testified that in an orphan asylum in W. 259th st., the beds were springless, encrusted with dirt and covered with hard, thin pads and dirty linen.

Doherty said that in a certain mission on Staten Island he found the play hall and dining room disgustingly filthy, that food was served in greasy pails by boys who had not washed their hands, and that dinner was stew, stew, stew.

For 200 boys there was one soap dish and not a single tooth brush, he testified, and in the girls' department there were 54 children with vermin on their heads.

The plight of many children at a Yonkers institution was described as most pitiful. A physician stated better physical types of children could usually be found at a tuberculosis hospital.

Doherty testified that following his visit to the institution he received a letter saying some of the children had been hidden away in a closet because blood had been drawn from them by a whipping strap.

### NOW READ THIS

New York, Feb. 14.—While sensational disclosures are being made regarding treatment of children in institutions New York is buying \$100 dolls and \$500 bird cages.

But \$500 to house a bird in a gilded cage when poor orphans are suffering was outdone when F. P. Avery of New York paid \$2,600 for a kennel for a dog.

The kennel, auctioned at the American art galleries with the dolls, bird cages and other items in the Yamanaka collection, is a brass structure on four wheels, all ornamented with cloisonne enamel picturing dragons among the clouds, in turquoise-blue, white, vermillion and yellow on a deep lapis-blue ground.

The roof is of gilded rods, arching to a bell-shaped dome in champlaine enamel.

The kennel is of the Ch'ienlung dynasty, according to an inscription.

The dog can drink from a Ch'ienlung water or milk dish inscribed with the seal of the reign, and can eat from a feedtub of the same period.

For the dog and his kennel there is a night covering of blue silk embroidered in gold thread with peonies, pomegranates and peaches.

Two other kennels in the Yamanaka collection also brought fancy prices. One, an antique red lacquer affair, was provided with a Chinese silk brocade quilted mat.

Japanese dolls auctioned were costumed in the richest silks and brocades.

Philadelphia.—"Chicken flotilla" is under ban at League Island navy yard. Lieut. Commander Davis ordered officers to refuse admission to numerous young women flocking to greet sailors.