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PROJECT NAME:

"The Wickedest City in the World": vice, crime, and delinquency in Chicago

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CARLI Book Digitization Initiative**"The Wickedest City in the World": vice, crime, and delinquency in Chicago**

Selected from among the collections at the University of Illinois at Chicago Library are 20 items focused on the theme of vice, crime, and juvenile delinquency in Chicago. The books all predate 1923; most of them were published in the first two decades of the 20th Century, and a select few are from the previous century. The selection includes a couple of works of fiction, but most of the materials are non-fiction pieces ranging from reports produced by legal and governmental bodies to case studies and memoirs. A few of the items, including one of the novels, are illustrated with black and white drawings. A few others feature crime statistics, in fold out formats in one or two instances. Some related items from the UIC Library collections (as well as other collections) have been digitized and placed with the Open Content Alliance. The 20 items in this selection would suitably complement the existing digitized texts.

Chicago has long enjoyed certain notoriety, portrayed over the decades as a crime-ridden, vice-filled city of sin in many popular media. The association of Al Capone and the city is still well-known, and in such films as *Chicago* or *The Untouchables* (and even going back to earlier times with *Some Like It Hot*) or in popular books such as *The Devil and the White City*, Chicago cannot escape its reputation. Judging by the success of many of these fictional or fantastic productions, the public at large is entertained by the city's sinfulness. Fascination and concern with the connection is long-standing, however, as this selection of materials demonstrates. Digitization of these texts would help reveal both the reality of crime in Chicago around the turn of the 20th century and the role of fictionalized accounts of crime in the development of Chicago's reputation around the world. Vice, sin, crime, corruption, prostitution, murder – the city has long had to combat or embrace its murkier side. Vice, sin, crime, corruption, prostitution, murder – these aspects of Chicago's heritage would add a certain zest to the CARLI Book Digitization Initiative's theme of Illinois Culture and Heritage.

| Title | Publication Year | # of Volumes | Edition | Publisher | OCLC # | Checked OCA site Yes/no |
|--|------------------|--------------|---------|--|----------|----------------------------|
| The Holmes-Pitezel case; a history of the greatest crime of the century and of the search for the missing Pitezel children, by detective Frank P. Geyer ... A true detective story. By permission of the district Chicago, Satan's sanctum .. | 1896 | | | | 3226128 | Yes |
| Juvenile delinquency and dependency. | 1899 | | | C. D. Phillips & Co | 12423183 | Yes |
| Twenty tales by twenty women : from real life in Chicago | 1901 | | | Kindergarten Magazine Co. | 34660802 | Yes |
| Origin of the Illinois Juvenile Court law : juvenile courts and what they have accomplished | 1903 | | | Novelty Pub. Co | 5108535 | Yes |
| The city of Chicago : a study of the great immoralities | 1907 | | 3rd | The Visitation and Aid Society | 4632869 | Yes |
| Twenty years a detective in the wickedest city in the world. 20,000 arrests made, 12,900 convictions on state and city laws, 200 penitentiary convictions. The devil and the grafter and how they work together to deceive, swindle and destroy mankind .. | 1907 | | | S. S. McClure Co | 15699133 | Yes |
| Panders and their white slaves | 1908 | | | | 11797872 | Yes |
| The story of Lena Murphy, the white slave. The lost sisterhood : privalence [sic] of prostitution in Chicago : startling revelations | 1910 | | | Fleming H. Revell | 259161 | Yes |
| From dance hall to white slavery : the world's greatest tragedy | 1910 | | | [s.n.] | 14471280 | Yes |
| On the trail of the juvenile-adult offender; an intensive study of 100 county jail cases, by A. P. Drucker. | 1912 | | | C. C. Thompson Co | 2805449 | Yes |
| The vice bondage of a great city; or, The wickedest city in the world | 1912 | | | Juvenile Protective Association | 4821786 | Yes |
| Vice and virtue : a story of our times | 1913 | | | Young People's Civic League | 6070911 | Yes |
| Can such things be? : a story of a white slave | 1915 | | | W.F. Mecklenberg | 22337170 | Yes |
| Crime in Chicago : reprinted from The New Republic | 1915 | | | [s.n.] | 35739143 | Yes |
| | | | | Juvenile Protective Association of Chicago | 13673113 | Yes |

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| Report of the City council committee on crime of the city of Chicago | 1915 | | | Press of H.G. Adair | 4706590 | Yes |
| Report of the Senate vice committee created under the authority of the Senate of the Forty-ninth General assembly as a continuation of the committee under the authority of the Senate of the Forty-eighth General assembly, state of Illinois | 1916 | | | | 3111928 | Yes |
| The road to destruction made easy in Chicago | 1916 | | | Hale-Crossley printing Co. | 10604645 | Yes |
| The Chicago juvenile court | 1922 | | | G.P.O. | 4590665 | Yes |
| Annual report of the Committee of Fifteen | 1911/12, 1915, 1917, 1925 | 3 (1911/12, 1912, 1917) | | The Committee | 32076490 | Yes |