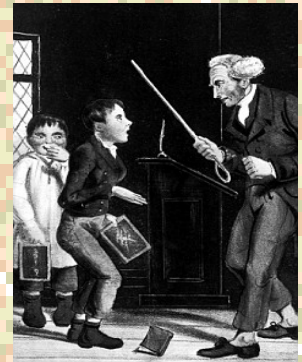


# Mentally Deficient Children

“the moral imbecile”

“the moral deficient”

...an innocent looking but cunning child for whom punishment is of no use, and who is given to sudden naughty impulses....the despair of his parents, the bet noir of the institution, and perplexing puzzle for the jurist.



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Their Treatment and Training 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.*

G. E. Shuttleworth, 1900

‘*Bet noir*’ is an idiom in English  
for someone who is scorned or otherwise on the outs.