

HOW NOT TO DO IT.

A Correspondent Discusses the Removal of Garbage.

Editor Daily Journal:

In 1881 the then city council passed a commodious and first class garbage ordinance. It was complete in every particular and the different sections left nothing to be desired. The one thing needed to make it complete was never arrived at, that of putting it in operation. Citizens were commanded to do certain things, but as the council neglected to furnish the ways and means the ordinance went by the board. The present style some folks have of throwing refuse out in their yards should be strictly prohibited, and while sewers have, of course, materially helped people disposed to be cleanly, yet there is far too much carelessness displayed, and as a fact sewer connections should be obligatory. It would not be a bad idea to have an inspector who should by personal visits see that the proper sewer appendages, grease traps and catch basins work properly and that no stoppages occur.

Of course if people are compelled to remove garbage and ashes from their premises it is the city who should provide a way to carry it off, but to do this all householders must be required to place such in proper receptacle as is done in cities. I noticed in a paper the other day the following item which called my attention to this important matter, and believe this device if adopted in Racine would lead to excellent results in the way of giving us a healthy city and removing any danger of a pestilence.

"A new device to aid in conveniently handling household garbage, which has commended itself strongly to the favor of the New York health department, is a bag two and a half feet long, made of heavy manila paper, covered inside and out with a preparation of oil and rosin, which renders it at once impervious to water or smell. The bag is held in position by a light iron framework and cover. On garbage collection days the bag and its contents are placed in the cart. The bags cost only about two cents apiece, and they would seem to be especially convenient for housekeepers."

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