

a matter of such prime importance as it is in other communities. Better laws will do something to check the evil, but they will not eradicate it. All the laws in the world will do little for a people who are not in a mood to obey them. There is a tendency in the States towards divorce which borders dangerously on mania, and the consequent loosening of the moral forces which do so much to strengthen a country is one of the most dangerous problems with which our neighbors have to deal. The difficulty is all the more serious in that it works slowly and insidiously, and its worst effects are not visible on the surface. It may be one or two generations at least before this undermining of the domestic relations shows itself in all its force.

This movement will be watched with interest by the several parties in British Columbia, who are applying, and contemplating an application, to the courts to set aside the bonds of matrimony which have been grating upon them rather harshly of late.

Now that the sewerage of the most densely populated portion of Victoria is within measurable distance of completion, I hope those who are responsible for the health of the city will see that the house connections are put in with due regard to the laws of sanitation. The best systems in the world may be made worse than useless if this is not done properly.

It is high time the city adopted the system prevailing in other civilized communities, viz., that of appointing a certain number of the most efficient men in the trade as "licensed plumbers," and make them responsible for the work done by their employees. A man who carries a soldering iron, has a grimy face and smells of putty, is only too readily accepted as a plumber, and yet upon this man's care and skillfulness depend the health of ourselves, our wives and little ones. The improper tapping of a drain has many a time carried sorrow and death into a happy household.

The germs of disease in the deadly sewer gas are none the less deadly because unseen. Typhoid fever, than which there is no worse disease, is oftener contracted through the sewer gas rising up the sink pipe, than

by any other means. If this is not guarded against, our sewers will become one big death trap instead of a boon to the city.

There are many who complain that the sewers do not take the surface water off our streets; they are oblivious of the fact that a combined system laid before the people was objected to on account of the cost. The present, as a separate one, is all right, and if it is not spoiled by faulty plumbing, Victoria may continue to be, as she is, one of the healthiest cities in the world.

It is wonderful what a lot of people there are in Victoria who know all about sewerage since the present work was inaugurated. The house connections should have been brought up to the sidewalk, so that one cutting up of a street would have sufficed, but no provision for this was made when the scheme was accepted.



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