

But the people as a community put sewage into their common well and think nothing of it. Just because the well is a large one and it is a convenient way to get rid of the sewage, or avoid the expense of a better plan, they keep on doing this.

The citizen has as good a reason to complain against the action of the community in such a matter as he has to complain against the action of an individual who might pollute his well.

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### NEW ASYLUM METHODS.

It cannot be denied that the older system whereby several hundred persons were housed together and allowed to walk about in the adjoining grounds had the one feature about it of removing these people from the general community. But it could not be regarded as a final disposition of the question.

Many of those who are placed in an asylum are able to do useful work if they are directed in their efforts. That they should be given the opportunity of earning their living and comply with the old marching order of life, dating back to the days of Eden, is a correct theory to work on.

Asylums should have large areas of land on which the inmates could be put to work. They are thus given healthy employment and made to produce much or all of the cost of their maintenance. This is good for the insane and proper economics for the toiling masses on whose shoulders must fall the cost of maintaining these institutions. We have cited on a former occasion the excellent work that is being done at the Craig Epileptic Colony in the State of New York.

This method should be adopted in prison life as well. It is not proper that the toiler should be taxed to feed, clothe and house the inmates of the penitentiaries when these inmates could be made to do this for themselves. Progress is being made and Ontario is taking the lead in the good work.

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### THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE.

It will not do for the medical profession to fold its arms and imagine that all is peace when there is no peace. There is a great deal of medical knowledge that has become common property with people in general, and a fair percentage of these wish to make use of their knowledge as a means of gain.

A certain hospital has a standard formulæ for a tonic. This comes