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number of feed wires that are required in cities, and I think that in all large municipalities these feed wires should be placed underground.

Another important matter that municipal engineers have to deal with is the question of garbage disposal. Until recent years the method of disposing of garbage, street sweepings, ashes, etc., was by dumping them in some low unfrequented spot, but the great growth which has taken place during the past ten years in our large cities has, rendered this impossible, and other means ot disposal had to be considered. In England and on the Continent every city of importance has one or two garbage destructors in service and this method of disposal has been adopted in a number of American cities. In England these destructors not only satisfactorily dispose of garbage but also generate steam for commercial purposes, such as electric street lighting, etc. There has recently been introduced in the United States what is known as the Edison system of garbage disposal, whereby the garbage is treated in digesters and the grease and fertilizing material extracted. The patentees of this process anticipate a

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