

CHIEF MUSHOM, of the Chicago fire department, says the United States are 75 years behind her own times in fire-fighting facilities. He thinks the 92 steam engines in Chicago could be replaced by 12 pumping stations with better results. Chief Damrell, of Boston, declared that the clangor of engines hurtling through streets would soon be out of date in cities as a village resource only. The pumping station system would supersede it everywhere. Chief Campbell, of Portland, Ore., said he had not been able to find a really good fire escape or standpipe in all New York City, and that the metropolis was behind the times in those respects. The direct pressure pipe system of subduing fire is the coming idea in reference to which a notice is given of this system at Philadelphia on a earlier page.

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