

All drain pipes within a house should be of *metal* in preference to stoneware, owing to the liability of the latter to crack, and the difficulty of keeping the joints tight. It is best to run them along the cellar wall or ceiling with a good incline. They should *never* be hidden underground, as then leaks will not be perceptible. In some places it is common to paint pipes white so that any leakage will show itself to the most careless observer.

All drains should be kept at all times free from deposit; and if this cannot be effected without flushing, special flushing arrangements should be provided so as to effectually remove all foul matter from the house drains to the public sewers.

All drains should be laid in a straight line, with proper falls, and should be carefully jointed and made water-tight. No right-angled junction should be allowed, except in the case of a drain discharging into a vertical shaft.

No drain should be constructed so as to pass under a dwelling house, except where absolutely necessary; and then it should be constructed of cast iron pipes, with lead caulked joints laid so as to be readily accessible for inspection, and ventilated at each end.

Whenever dampness of sight exists, it should be remedied by laying sub-soil drains, which should not pass directly to the sewer, but should have a suitable break or disconnection.

Water supply and drain pipes should be concentrated as much as possible, and not scattered about a building. Horizontal pipes are objectionable.

Plumbing fixtures should not be hidden behind walls and partitions where their condition is never apparent. They ought properly to be open to view and so situated that any leak would be readily detected. It is also well to have a plan of the plumbing of each house for the tenants' or owner's convenience and guidance in any emergency.

In planning house drains they should be got outside the walls of the house as quickly as possible, so that there may be few joints of pipe, and the smallest chance of leakage from defects or accidents; taking proper precautions in locating to guard against freezing.

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RADCLIFFE, when young, had twenty remedies for every disease; when old, he had twenty diseases for which he had not a single remedy.