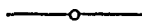


pede the traffic. The most efficacious plan, but, at the same time, the most expensive one, would be to have, in all the leading thoroughfares, at least one covered and well lighted yard, where cabs could stand for hire day and night, and where water and provender could always be obtained for the horses, and refreshments for the men, at a reasonable cost. Such an arrangement would at once provide a shelter both for man and horse, which would greatly conduce to the health, and consequently the value, of the latter, and if properly placed under the supervision of the police would do much to diminish the abuses of the night cab system. The rent of the premises and the expenses connected therewith, should, if not defrayed by public subscription, be paid by the cab proprietors whose drivers make use of the shelter, by a nominal sum being charged on each vehicle which entered it. The matter is well worthy the consideration of cab owners, who would do well to unite in promoting the reform we advocate, for, by saving the wear and tear of their stock, they would in the end be gainers, and probably find themselves able to produce a better class of vehicle, for which a slightly increased charge might be reasonably asked. It would also be of extreme convenience to the public to know where they might be nearly certain to find a conveyance ready for hire at any hour of the night. We trust that some humane and benevolent persons will take the initiative and make an appeal for subscriptions, so that a fair trial may be made of the improvement in question, which, if carefully organized and managed, would, we believe, meet with signal success.



THE FATHER OF SANITARY REFORM.

About 1,800 years ago Plutarch discharged the duties of Commissioner of Sewers and Public Buildings in his native city of Chæronea. The very fashionable people sneered at the commissioner, and wondered that a gentleman should stoop to anything so low, the ordinary, common-sense sort of people thought it odd that a philosopher should degrade himself to a