

At this point most of the cities have fallen short. Sometimes the wrong methods are used in the enforcement of the ordinance, most of the time the methods employed are altogether too lax and feeble to secure even mediocre results. To remedy this situation there is one great weapon—public opinion. However, in order to educate, concentrate and focus public opinion, a league or union of civic and commercial organizations should be formed in each city. Such organizations seem imperative in American cities until better results are secured by way of enforcing smoke ordinances. Eternal vigilance on the part of the public is the price of a smokeless atmosphere, but to those who enjoy such a blessing this effort brings ample returns.

Enough has been said to suggest that the smoke nuisance is an economic question and that the people who are most concerned are not those who make the smoke but those who suffer because it is made. It is necessary, therefore, to educate the public as to the evils of the nuisance, so that an active and intelligent public opinion may be brought to bear on those who are responsible for it. As has been pointed out, even with the smoke makers, this problem is an economic one. The abolition of the smoke nuisance, therefore, unlike many other social nuisances against which outcry has been made, would result in direct and immediate gain both to the public at large and to those who are chiefly responsible for the nuisance itself.

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