

the present. One house there has been under observation for *forty* years. Forty years ago the basement used to be flooded occasionally from the street sewer when it backed up. Damp and unsanitary forty years ago, it is damp and unsanitary still. It is not now used as a living or sleeping room, but it certainly does not make for health in that house. This house is overcrowded, but it is not on our black list as unfit for habitation, a bath and water closet having been installed. Three families are living here, crowded into five rooms. One of the worst features about the house is that one room has two sewing machines in it and tailoring is done there.



*The south end of the row of houses to the left of this photograph is a striking instance of a whole row of houses being built on a back lane of eight feet or even less. A tall man with arms outstretched could probably touch the high wall on the right with one hand and the houses on the left with the other. Behind the row of houses to the right is another still narrower lane. The street in front is only a lane with mud or dust, as the case may be, from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 6 inches deep. But the narrower lane behind is deeper in worse filth, for the contents of the row of outside closets occasionally flow out into that lane.*

There were 390 houses found to be unfit for habitation:

77 in the Eastern Avenue District,  
108 in the Central District,  
9 in the Niagara Street District,  
197 in other districts.

In these 2,133 people live. No house, as a rule, has been condemned on account of any one unsanitary condition. Usually a house that is, for example, in a filthy, ruinous condition, has something else wrong as well, such as an inefficient water supply or the absence of drainage. Some of the houses inspected did not even keep out the cold and wet. The walls were seen on a rainy day soaking wet inside. The woman in one house stooped