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and pays its own taxes to the government. It does this from the product of trees that are grown in and around the town.

Mr. Okel, in the Westminster Review, mentions the fact that in Germany there are now 1,500 villages that are supported from the product of communal land, without taxation upon the inhabitants, and that a considerable number of these towns and villages actually pay dividends to their inhabitants. This is done largely from the products of communal forests.

In some cases the yield of these forests is very great. They have a fine forest near Zurich (Switzerland), from which the net return is about $12 per acre each year.

Of course, if the municipality has enough land to do this sort of thing it can pay its own expenses. The trouble is that hardly any of the American cities were caught young enough.

But a great deal can be done from the mere use of the streets themselves, for there is just as much unearned increment in a street as there is in a town lot. What do we mean by unearned increment? Merely the value added to land by the increase in the number of people living on it or near it.

The streets of a growing city increase in value all the time, just as a city lot does. The street railway increases its traffic as the town grows, the waterworks increases the number of its connections, the telephone increases the number of its subscribers. There is a constant rise in values in a growing town. That rise in the value of the streets ought to be kept for the city, not for the benefit of the stockholders in public service corporations. As the value of the street grows, the returns ought to grow too.

If our cities had been conducted upon that basis in the beginning, the present taxes would be greatly reduced. One of the very best ways to achieve this is, where it is possible, to have the municipality both own and control the public service plants. Most of us used to be opposed to municipal ownership, and with very good reason. But there is a brighter day dawning. We are certainly getting ahead. There is no doubt about it.

This is a kind of conservation that lies at our own doors—the conservation of municipal resources.

ODDS AND ENDS

How to Clean Mattings.—Benzine and French chalk will remove grease from mattings. Sprinkle powdered chalk over the spot and moisten well with benzine, and when this has evaporated brush off the chalk. Wash the matting once a month with a clean cloth dipped in salt and water. Be careful not to use the benzine near a fire, as it is highly explosive.

To make wall paper stick over calcimine or whitewashed walls, get a large brush and some ochre, and paint the walls first. The paper will stick on beautifully.

To Mend Broken Plastering.—When plaster of Paris is not at hand, use this excellent substitute. I can recommend it, for I have given it a trial. Use equal parts of sifted coal ashes and fine sand with one of sifted wheat flour. Mix to a rather stiff paste with cold water. This will set hard in a few hours, and any one can apply it.

Marking a Place for Buttons.—Pin the buttonholed edge of the garment in place. Take a needleful of thread, begin at one end and take a single stitch in every buttonhole, carrying the thread to the opposite end. Cut the thread half way between the buttonholes, lift off the cloth and there will be a bit of thread where each button should be sewed.

Sewing Hint.—In buttonholding a wallop that has not too many curves, the padding is most expeditiously done by the use of a soft cotton cord. This is just fastened at the end and then slightly basted into place along the edge where needed and the buttonholding done over it.

HOW TO AVOID THE "FLU"

Dr. Maurice de Fleury writes: Do not stand or sit in draughts. Keep out of all crowded places. Keep your feet warm. Get plenty of fresh air and exercise. La grippe is caught most easily in crowds, drawing rooms, theatres, concert halls, big shops. Before entering them spray the nose internally with mentholated oil and water, two parts to 1,000, and after coming out rinse the nose with hot salt water. At the first symptom take a hot bath and lie down and sleep for a whole day. Spray the nose and gargle the throat with mentholated oil and water, take a dose of calomel or castor oil; feed on milk, bread, vegetables and cooked fruit. Take hot drinks that will flush the kidneys and start perspiration. Isolate the patient if possible. Spray his room with antiseptics, such as eucalyptol or thymol, and, when he is cured, have the room disinfected with formaldehyde. For the grip is a sort of blood poisoning with many complications, and is very contagious.

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Where the hidden buds are growing,
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Wandering!

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With a nest
Built upon the budding branches
East or West!
Just to swing and sway and dangle
Far from earth and all its tangle,
Joining in the gay bird jangle
With a zest!

O, to be a robin
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