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HOUSE MOVING IN CHICAGO.

Work Still Done by Old-Fashioned Methods.

Last year 473 houses were moved in Chicago, says the Chronicle. Thus there was an average of more than one house moved every day during the entire twelve months. Frame houses, brick houses and even stone structures are moved from one place to another by those experts who make a business of this particular kind of real estate transfers. That house-moving is still an important feature of the city's industries is attested by the fact that there are fifty firms in the city devoting special attention to taking dwellings from their foundations and carrying them bodily to some other point. The operation has been reduced to such a science that during the journey of the house not a timber or a brick in the structure is disturbed. The trip is regarded as so safe and so certain to be free from accident that often families do not move out of the dwellings at all, but remain in them perfectly secure while the houses change locations.

House-moving seems a very simple process, but there are in reality more complications connected with the process than a man who has never moved a house could conjure up in the wildest flight of his imagination. In the first place, a house cannot be moved except by movers who hold a city license granting them the privilege to engage in such work. Before a man is given such a license he must file a \$5,000 bond with the city housemoving department. This bond is a safeguard demanded by the city to protect the municipality in case an accident should occur during the moving and a damage suit should follow to which the city of Chicago might be made a party to the defense. The housemoving department has sole power to lay out the route along which the house must be taken. Whenever it is possible the movers are compelled to effect the transfer by way of streets that are little used. A fee of \$5 for the privilege of moving the house must be paid to the city.

This does not end the mover's troubles or those of the owner of the house by any means. All of the rules and regulations of the moving department of the city must be complied with and an inspector is always around to see that these are observed. The house owner does not have to reckon with the neighbors from whose midst he is go-

Chicago ever since the fire. "You see a fire, or frame house, limit was established a long time ago, and nowadays there is hardly ever a single move within those bounds, for you see most of the buildings inside of it are permanent in the extreme, the frame houses are getting scarce and big brick and stone houses are not moved as often as the wooden ones. Most of the house moving is now confined to the outskirts of the city and people are getting so well settled that there are comparatively few occasions for transplanting a dwelling."

Steel Wool in the Arts.

"Although steel wool has only been used as a substitute for sandpaper during the last six years, it is now very extensively utilized for polishing purposes by metal workers, carpenters, cabinet-makers, house painters, sign painters and grainers throughout the United States," said a wholesale dealer in the material to the writer recently. "Steel wool is an article of regular manufacture and it is put up in one-pound packages very much resembling rolls of cotton batting. It is composed of sharp-edged threads of steel, which curl up like wool or the familiar wool fiber known as excelsior, but it is much finer in texture than the latter material, the finest quality being not much coarser than the coarsest of natural wools.

"The superiority of steel wool over the ordinary sandpaper consists in its great pliability, which enables a worker to polish or smooth down irregular parts of moldings or ornamental woodwork. Such work can be done with steel wool far better and much more expeditiously than with sandpaper. The latter clogs in use, but steel wool always retains a more perfect polishing edge or surface. The wool is made in various degrees of coarseness, the coarser grade being best adapted for taking off old paint or varnish and for smoothing and cleaning floors like those of bowling alleys. The wool is generally used with gloves to keep the sharp ends from sticking into the workman's fingers."—Washington Star.

An Unfortunate Mash.

An amusing accident occurred on a Front street cable-car the other evening. It happened just as the car neared the turn at Pike street and 1st avenue. Away up toward the front end of the car a lady was sitting. She had a large



HOUSE MOVING CREW AT WORK.

ing to extract his house, but he is compelled by city ordinances to figure pretty carefully with the neighbors among whom he proposes to plant his building. If a majority of the residents in the block and on the same side of the street where the man wants to put his house object to the proceedings then the whole affair might as well be declared off, for an insurmountable barrier has been encountered. Or if the property owners for 150 feet in either direction on the opposite side of the street object the efforts of the mover might as well be discontinued. The law requires that the majority of the property owners in the block on the side of the street to which the house is to be moved and the majority of those within 150 feet in either direction on the opposite side must first give their consent to the placing of the house in the new locality.

After all of these matters have been looked after and settled satisfactorily then the actual active preparations for the moving of the house are begun. Houses are still moved by that same old simple process that has been in use for decades. The house is raised from its foundations on jackscrews, or "jacks," as they are called, and afterward placed upon broad, heavy rollers of solid wood. A great windlass is placed fifteen or twenty rods down the street and is anchored by heavy pins driven into the ground. A big, thick rope, strong enough to pull many tons, is then pulled from the windlass to which one end is fastened. The other end is fastened to the house. A horse is attached to a shaft connected with the windlass, and as the animal walks round and round the center pin the rope is wound about the latter and the house is pulled forward. When the house has been pulled up to the windlass then the latter is set forward again and the pulling process is repeated. This operation is performed over and over again until the house has been drawn to the new location which it is to occupy.

"The housemoving business isn't what it used to be in this old town—not by a long shot," said a professional mover who has been moving houses in basket, and bundles galore. One she carefully deposited on the seat beside her. Just as the car neared Pike street a young man jumped aboard—a very homely young man to others, but to himself a veritable Beau Brummell. He started to walk the length of the car to take a seat. He seemed perfectly satisfied with himself in every particular. Then the car rounded the curve, and with that jerk we are all so familiar with he was precipitated very suddenly into a seat next to our friend with the bundles; in fact, he was thrown against her as he sat down.

"Sure, and you have mashed me cake!" she exclaimed.
"Well," he replied, with a brilliant attempt to be funny, "I am sure of one mash, anyhow!"
"Yes, indeed!" was the quick reply; "and, sir, judging from the looks of yez, it's the first wan ye iver made!"
The young man left the car at the earliest opportunity.—Seattle Mail and Herald.

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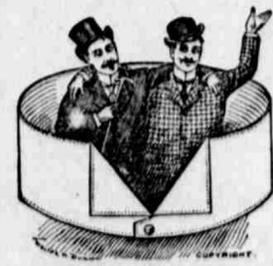
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