

## NUMBERING SYSTEMS

Many Valuable Plans Found For Designating Houses.

### FINES FOR NEGLECTFULNESS.

Everett, Mass., Adopts This Up to Date Method For Keeping the Numbers on Houses—Plans of Many Other Towns and Cities Good and Successful.

Statistics of the wave of enthusiasm in towns and cities throughout the United States looking toward the revision of house numbering systems furnish interesting points of comparison with the plan recently put into effect in Chicago. The American Society of Municipal Improvements, which is organized as a sort of clearing house for ideas on municipal government, has made an investigation of what is being done in different parts of the United States.

Replies were received from 136 cities to the following questions:

"Who assigns street numbers or otherwise has charge of the numbering of the buildings in your city?"

"What form of application must be made and what charge paid by property owners to learn their respective house numbers?"

"Does city furnish the figures to be used? At what cost?"

"Does it place them? Is the size and style of figures specified in any way?"

"Is there any standard for assigning numbers, such as distance from assigned axes or length of frontage to each number?"

The replies show that in the great majority of cases the city engineer or the department of engineering has charge of this work, this being the case in 104 cases out of the total 136. The building inspector has charge of it in eight cases.—In five cases it is in charge of the board of public affairs, of public works or of commissioners, as they are variously entitled. In four cases the city clerk looks after this work, in three cases the assessor, in two cases the superintendent of streets, and a special committee, the inspector of the highway division, the board of aldermen, the mayor and council, the mayor alone, a local contractor and the city marshal, each are entrusted with this work in one city of those reporting. Printed forms are used in Dubuque, Ia.; Phillipsburg, N. J.; Cleveland, O.; Salt Lake City, Winnipeg, Man., and others. In Everett and Taunton, Mass., petition is made to the board of aldermen; in Schenectady, N. Y., and Duluth, Minn., to the common council. In Kansas City, Mo., and Lincoln, Neb., the number of the building is given with the building permit.

In 124 cases no charge is made for informing the owner or tenant of his house number. In Macon, Ga., there is a charge of 15 cents for this; in Springfield, Mass., the cost of looking up the information; in Ogden, Utah, 75 cents; in Lincoln, Neb., this is included in the cost of the building permit. Figures are furnished and placed without cost to the owner in Boston, Everett, Lowell, New Bedford and Somerville, Mass.; in Cleveland and Woonsocket, R. I., and in Winnipeg, Ottawa, Toronto and Calgary, Canada. Figures are furnished free of charge, but not placed in Concord, N. H., Reading, Pa., and Hamilton, Ont. Macon, Ga., charges 15 cents for furnishing and 10 cents additional for placing. San Antonio, Tex., charges 15 cents per figure and does not place them. Montreal, Canada, charges 20¢ cents for furnishing and placing. St. John's, N. F., charges 3 cents per figure for furnishing and placing. A number of cities furnish and place figures if the owner fails to do so after notification and charges the same to the owner. In Grand Rapids, Mich., this charge is 20 cents per figure in place.

In most towns and cities the frontage allotted to each number is twenty to twenty-five feet. In several, however, ten feet is used in the business sections, this being the case in New Britain, Conn.; Lowell, Mass., and Somerville, Mass.

In some cities there appears to be no general ordinance concerning the matter of house numbering, while in others quite complete ordinances have been established. An illustration of a brief ordinance is that of Everett, Mass., which is as follows:

"The owner of any building or part of a building who shall neglect or refuse to affix to the same the numbers designated by the board of aldermen or by some person by said board duly authorized or who shall affix or retain for more than three days any number contrary to such direction shall be liable to fine of not more than \$20."

In Rochester if owners do not place numbers on their houses the common council passes a local improvement ordinance, and the numbers are placed by the city, and the cost thereof, with the cost of placing, is charged against the property.

In a number of cities there appears to be no particular form of procedure by which the householder obtains information as to the legal number of his house nor by which the city compels the proper numbering of houses. In others, however, forms more or less elaborate are employed.

The style of figure to be used is specified in forty-five cities. In the majority of cases it is stated that the figure must be at least as large as designated minimum, which varies from two to three inches. In a number of cities the color and material also are specified. In Charlotte, N. C., the house numbers are placed in the cement walks as these are laid, the figures being red, costing 8 cents apiece and being paid for by the city.

## NEW METAL WORK.

It Originated In England, but is "Catching on" Rapidly Here In America.

There is a stunning new metal work just designed in England which is going to have a great vogue in this country. The method of the new work is somewhat similar to that used in decorating boxes and chests with bands of metal and brass headed nails, though the new applique work is executed in thin metal foil and tiny pin headed nails. These nails are not more than two-eighths of an inch long, and with them the most elaborate designs can be made not at all like the straight metal bands with which one is familiar.

The tools and materials needed are few and very inexpensive, but if work is well done is very pleasing, smart



EXAMPLES OF APPLIQUE WORK.

and durable. A charming jardiniere may be made in this way from a wooden butter tub stained a rich dark brown and ornamented with a copper applique fastened on with steel beads. Frames, too, of strong plain white-wood stained dark green and a design worked on in copper is attractive. Quaint designs are easily copied from patterns published in art journals.

The tools and materials required are a very small hammer, very tiny nails, a sheet of metal thin enough to cut with a sharp pair of scissors, a strong needle or bradawl to pierce holes for the little design suitable for the article to be decorated. In the articles illustrated the decoration is built out of small pieces of copper, the joints being hidden by small nails.

### FIXING THE BLAME.

Points That the Lovely Queen of Italy Could Give Mothers.

The "incorrigible" child of three was in disgrace.

The marks of storm, anger, tears and finally of inglorious defeat were on his face. Defeat, however, was unaccompanied by contrition.

The mother of the incorrigible young person was thoroughly and comfortably wrapped in her cloak of self-righteousness. She was simply all bundled up in it.

She had been stern, but in such cases harsh measures are necessary, she explained to herself, her face fairly shining with impious piety.

Imagine the horrified surprise of this deadly virtuous woman had she been told that the lion's share of the fault for the late unpleasantness 'twixt herself and her unregenerate son lay upon her own ample shoulders.

The thought is too confusing. Women don't think—at least, they are careless thinkers. It is the pet boast of the sex that they rely more upon intuition than analysis. And nowhere is their careless, slipshod thinking more in evidence than in this little matter of fixing the blame for childish indiscretions.

By all the traditions known to womankind childish misdeeds are the fault of the children who perpetrate them and never the fault of the person who had the youthful criminals in charge.

But a queen mother thinks differently.

Elena, the lovely queen of Italy, could teach many a mother who supposes that she is a model disciplinarian a remarkable lesson in this respect.

"When my children are naughty in my absence," she says in a talk to mothers, "I never know whether to blame them or their attendants."

"When they are naughty while I am around I question myself to see whether I have done anything to produce ill feeling."

It is so easy for a mother to allow herself to drop into a frame of mind that is about as happy and comfortable as cold steel and then be indignant when her child reflects that mood with less restraint.

The queen believes that when grown-ups show a tendency to be cross other grownups, if they are more polite in society, make an effort to be tactful and smooth over any unpleasantness. But when a child with less power of restraint lapses from good behavior stern elders treat the occurrence as a great crime and unreasonably threaten the offender.

The queen of Italy is too sensible to try to advance the theory that children are never in need of correction, but she evidently believes that many times an evil mood may be changed to a good one by the influence and helpful tact of the person in charge of the child.

If such is the case it might be well to take a little more trouble in the matter of fixing the blame for childish offenses and to make an effort to see how much of it really belonged to someone else than the obvious offender.

For a delicious salad make a lemon jelly with less sugar than when it is used for dessert, add English walnut meats and stiffen in small molds. Before serving turn the jelly on to plates covered with shredded lettuce leaves arranged in neat fashion and serve with mayonnaise.

## THE SPORTING WORLD

### Demarest, Cue Wizard.

Calvin Demarest, the Chicago youth who defeated George Sutton for the 18.2 ball line billiard championship in New York recently, began his career in Chicago and was the amateur national champion until John McGraw brought him to New York and gave him his first professional engagement. Demarest says he got most of his knowledge



CALVIN DEMAREST.

of the game from Professor Perkins of the University of Chicago. He is a protege of Jake Schaefer, the wizard, who predicted that the youngster would some day become champion of the world.

In addition to that training, Demarest claims to have developed a system. Just what that system is he has not explained yet. Harry Cline of Philadelphia has challenged Demarest, and the pair will cross cues in a match Jan. 27.

### Queen's Hockey Team.

The Queen's hockey team is planning an extensive campaign on the ice for the coming season. Dobby Dobson, captain of last year's Allan trophy seven at Queen's, has returned to the university. The clever hockeyist is very optimistic over the coming campaign with the rubber disk and crooked stick and has mapped out a big schedule. It has been announced by the university hockey management that Queen's has received offers to play Princeton, Harvard, Yale and Columbia. It is planned to take an extensive trip across the border, meeting the aforementioned quartet in a series of matches. Queen's athletic authorities are very much in accord with the project and have slated that a definite announcement of the arrangement of dates may be expected in the very near future. The undergraduates of the Canadian university are very much in favor of the international contests.

### Row Over Regatta Date.

Trouble is bound to arise between the rowing authorities of Harvard and Yale in determining the date of the annual boat race between the two universities next June. The complication arose from the fact that the Yale faculty recently changed commencement to the week preceding the old date and also the week before the Harvard commencement.

Both institutions are eager to have the race as part of their commencement program in order that as many graduates may be present as possible, and consequently, with the two commencements a week apart, trouble over the regatta is certain. However, there may be a compromise, with the race staged in the middle of the week, between the two dates, but in that case it would suit neither college and the graduates of both would suffer.

### \$7,000 For Saddle Horse.

A syndicate composed of Matt Cohn, James L. Gay, Joseph McDowell and Mrs. Richard T. Lowndes, the latter the owner of Edna May, the world's champion saddle mare, has purchased the six-year-old stallion Kentucky Choice, by My Own Kentucky—Little Kate, by Prince of Denmark, for \$7,000, a record price for a saddle horse. T. C. Campbell of Columbus, O., paid \$6,000 for the horse a year ago.

### "Hurry Up" Yost Renews Contract.

Fielding H. Yost, who has coached the football teams of the University of Michigan for the last nine years, signed a contract recently to remain at Ann Arbor for the next two years. The agreement was ratified by the board of control in athletics of the university. The salary Yost is to receive was not made public.

### Butler Quits Turf.

James Butler, the millionaire turfman, severed all connections with the sport of driving when he disposed of his East View farm stock at a sale in New York recently.



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