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mit that the woman (or man either, for that matter) who cannot be reconciled to a chronic state of uncleanliness by the

When I saw by the heading of an article in Saturday morning's edition of your paper that "Chairman Parker makes a statement," I thought, now we shall know all about it, and hear some good reasons, why we do not get our new water works. After I had read and reread the article, I was still in the dark, for I could not find one word about new water works, but I did read that at least one of the present board had been in the business for twenty years. Well! they tell us that "experience is the best teacher." If so, surely twenty years of tuition under one teacher, ought to have produced some results in advance of present appearances. Of all crude, "old-timey" ways of supplying a city of the size of ours with abundant water, the present one takes

the palm. Is this not the same way that the water supply was brought to the city when it was a little fishing hamlet, twenty years ago? only the

pipes are longer, as of necessity they have been obliged to go farther away that I had no business to, as women are apt to do, but I do not need to be told street. that the board are properly courteous. works? As to the other two adjectives street. for the delay? If so, will Mr. Parker, or any other one of the board, tell us pay for it. The last three days we street. are grateful, but I won't say that; it is street. our right. We pay for it, but we are continue, as long as there is only a limited supply at the fountain head. The idea of an individual tank for every house is not an original one by any means. Every well built house is supnosed to have such an appurtenance somewhere around. How many are there in Astoria kept filled by the Astoria Water Company? There are windmill tanks, rain water tanks, but how many supplied by Astoria Water Company with water? If we pay the the business of the company to see we get it, and if they cannot keep us in water except we have a reserve, it is their place to furnish each family paying their monthly rate of tax for water, with a receptacle, tank or whatever it may be called, to hold the water, and thus, as Mr. Parker puts it, the plumbers and carpenters who would "like the job just now of fixing up things," would be under everlasting obligations to the company for the "jobs" thus given them. How many poor families living in rented houses can afford to take the bread out of their children's mouths to furnish work for impecunious plumbers and carpenters so as to supply the fami- third street. ly water? No! No! Mr. Parker, it is the place of the board of water commissioners to furnish the city of Astoria with an abundant supply of water. Why don't you do it? A still indignant

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