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UNIFORMITY IN TOWNS

More System Needed in Arranging Streets and Buildings.

VALUE OF THE GROUP PLAN.

Civic Center From Which Radiate Business and Transportation—From It a Town Can Grow Along Systematic and Economical Lines.

Two billion dollars, it is estimated, will be spent in fixing up and making over our American cities so that foreigners cannot jeer at their ugliness if recently completed plans are all carried out.

Americans have, it seems, suddenly waked up to the fact that they have the richest and plainest and worst laid out towns and cities on earth. Everybody is beginning to worry about it, from the sewing circles and culture clubs of the small towns to the big business men of the great cities. Everything is all wrong, it appears. Our architecture is a hopeless polyglot of half digested foreign styles. Our streets are either too wide or too narrow and arranged in the most inconvenient way. We have too few parks and much, much too many telephone poles. Our European visitors are laughing at us, and we, discovering our own shortcomings by comparison with the beauties of the older world, are banging our heads in shame, jingling the money in our pockets and begging for somebody to tell us, please, if anything can be done.

All this seems highly pleasing to that small section of the American public that has taken time to learn what good architecture is and has seen the Champs Elysee and the Avenue de l'Opera, in Paris, and has poured over plans of municipal art commissions.

Americans are an artistic people, they say, but they have been too busy making money to find it out. Now that they have grown so prosperous that they have time to think they see what a lot of foolish mistakes they have made in their hurry. The business man has been so busy getting time saving systems into his counting room and factory that he has overlooked the advantages of having a little more system in the arrangement of streets from his factory to the railroad on the one hand and to his market and his home on the other. His town, like Topsy, has "just grown," but it has "grown" so fast that it has bunched here and overrun there till there was literally no head or tail to it.

As for beauty, he never thought much about that except as related to his parlor or his church. Somehow beauty and business didn't seem to have much to do with each other, not as much even as religion and business. What had good looks to do with the rear end of commission houses and sidings and box cars? These things were for use, not for decoration. He had no sympathy with this "city beautiful" nonsense which to him meant pink ribbons on the lampposts and water color drawings, all nicely framed, on the coal yard fences.

But after awhile the business man discovered that neatly packed and artistically labeled goods sold better than the other kind, and he found profit in increased lithographer's bills. Art, then, did have a commercial value in business.

Then the city, against his will, tore down a row of shanties opposite the factory and widened the narrow street where his teams had sometimes been blocked for hours. His taxes were 30 per cent higher the following year, but he had saved the difference several times over in his shipping department, and his property had nearly doubled in value.

A nearby city erected a handsome new hotel. It was no more comfortable or convenient than the old one, but it had a white marble lobby and a Dutch dining room with good wall paintings, and he found his customers dropping off at the nearby towns and doing their buying there unless he went after them.

So the American business man has been discovering some things on earth that had not but ought to be included in his hard headed commercial philosophy. He has found that good looks count for much in business, that a town does not improve in appearance or comfort of itself and that it is easier to build a fine house without a plan than a fine city.

Meanwhile his wife has taken the successive steps from embroidery to house decoration and from that to stately and treeed avenues and parks and public buildings and civic centers. She, with her clubs and lectures and her trips to Europe, has helped to stir up civic pride and a desire for more beautiful surroundings for the next generation.

The result, as we have seen, is a widespread national movement of the greatest value and importance. And out of this has come the appointment of art commissions throughout the country and the drawing of most elaborate and wonderful plans for the making over and rearrangement of practically all the principal cities and many smaller ones.

New York took the lead in this re-

gard. By reason of the unprecedented growth of the metropolis its problems of replanning are gigantic. Looking forward, as it must, to an increase in population of at least 4,000,000 in the next fifteen years, it faces the necessity of tremendous changes to provide enough street room alone. New York has a wonderful group plan worked out by the greatest experts in infinite detail. The carrying out of this plan has already been begun, but it will take a generation for its completion, even though every year makes it more difficult and expensive.

Washington is actually being built on a great and beautiful plan made years ago by Major L'Enfant and which no one has since been able to better. San Francisco would have been a wonderful place if it had accepted the plans that were made for it at the time of its reconstruction, but the emergency and the difficulties were too great, and it has risen on its old street lines and must now begin all over again.

Cleveland has a very fine group plan, and it is making it a reality very rapidly indeed. In fact, Cleveland has shown itself the most progressive of American cities in this regard, and it deserves to be and will be held up as a worthy example to its slower sisters.

In Cleveland's case, as in many others, the plan began with the building of a new postoffice. The United States treasury department is doing more than any other one body to promote the cause of good architecture in America. Its recently designed buildings are recognized as of the highest standard, and the prospect of securing one has become the incentive in each community for making the most of it artistically and commercially instead of hiding it on some unimportant side street, as used often to be done in the past. A postoffice handsomer and better than any other building in the city becomes naturally a center, and it thus in the new understanding demands a central location with convenient approaches and nearness to the heart of the business section. It follows naturally that this is also the best location for the city hall, court-house and other public buildings and that their convenience is enhanced by their proximity to one another. Out of this grows a group plan with such additions in the way of new or widened streets, park spaces, etc., as is required or the citizens decide they can afford. The community thus has that most useful and excellent thing, a civic center from which radiates business and transportation and from which the city grows along systematic and economical lines.

It is because of the importance of federal buildings in municipal betterment and the growing demand for higher standards in all public buildings that an agitation has been started for a federal art commission. This is intended to maintain the standard made by the treasury department in all departments so that Uncle Sam himself may continue to set the example in this most significant national movement. As a first step it is proposed that hereafter all federal architecture shall be under the treasury department, which has already shown such marked ability in the designing and placing of its buildings.

NEED OF A PARK.

Picture That Might Be Painted of Any Small Town.

I. D. Dort of Flint, Mich., has written for the newspapers of Flint a three column letter pleading for the execution by the town of the park and boulevard plans that have been outlined by Warren H. Manning. Outside Flint the interest of the letter is only in those arguments which have general application. Of them the following, which seldom has been so well expressed, is significant:

He is telling how the people woke to the need of parks, realizing that for all the river "and its beautiful shore lines, both above and below the city, for boating, camping and other recreation purposes" hundreds, not to say thousands, of persons during the summer months, because there was no community utilization of the opportunities, "poured out of the city by train, trolley and such other means as could be employed to seek rest and recreation in the fields or woods or by the side of lake and stream," and that for the same reason "hundreds of others perhaps on a Sunday morning or afternoon might be seen standing about on our business streets very often and with very good reason bitterly complaining of the city's almost utter lack of suitable public resting and recreation grounds."

This is a picture that might be painted of many a small town and city where parks would be no expensive business and yet where their establishment would mean for the people a more wholesome physical and social life.

Small Trees For City Streets.

John Davey of Kent, O., known all over the United States as a high authority on tree culture, delivered an interesting lecture some time ago at the new Avondale (O.) school under the auspices of the Avondale Improvement association. Many more trees, he said, are deformed or killed by cutting and trimming than by letting nature alone govern their form and growth. Mr. Davey advised the planting of small trees instead of the larger varieties that eventually interfere with overhead wires and have to be either trimmed to an unsightly appearance or entirely cut down.

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THE GOVERNOR WILL ATTEND

Shows Interest in National Irrigation Congress.

Governor George E. Chamberlain of Oregon says in a letter from Salem to R. Insinger, chairman of the local board of control of the 17th National Irrigation Congress, scheduled to meet in Spokane August 9 to 14 that he is interested in the preparations being made for Governors' Day, adding: "Permit me to say that I am satisfied the governor of Oregon with as many of his staff as can possibly get away, will attend the congress out of loyalty to the west, and that, too, without having any appropriation made by the legislature."

"I sincerely hope that the congress will be a perfect success for we are all interested in the work it has in hand."

Mr. Insinger has also received letters from orchardists and irrigationists operating along the Columbia river in Oregon that they will be present at the sessions. Several towns will send delegations and bands to take part in the parade of the Irrigation Army, which will be one of the outdoor features of the meeting. The Indian department has given permission to secure Indians of the Spokane, Nez Perce, Umatilla and Yakima tribes to participate in the industrial parade in which the progress of the red man will be shown in a striking manner.

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His lot perhaps a ten
Or better you may borrow
When he's on top again.

Mistakes are more than common,
And, as for every crime,
Not every person guilty
Is busy doing time.
Man is so very human,
He sometimes makes a slip,
But by judicious boosting
He may regain his grip.

No one can read the future.
You cannot always tell
Who'll be on top tomorrow
And who'll be down the well.
Hold in reserve your judgment
And try to figure out
For every erring brother
A fraction of a doubt.

We cannot all be angels.
We cannot always say
Just when our little footsteps
Will toddle off astray.
And preaching's somewhat different
From sticking to the text.
Be gentle with the erring,
Who knows? We may be next.

Certain to Be Uncertain.



There is this about a woman—she is just as certain to be uncertain as she is to be flippant and ununderstandable.

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The committee in charge of the preparations for the banquet next Monday night are sparing no pains to make the occasion one to be long remembered. Responses from prominent men who are invited are coming in and something unusual will be in store for the public-spirited citizens on that night.

Let's all forget for once that we have any ill feelings for our neighbors. Let's organize for work.