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WILLING WORKERS.
Civic Improvements Generally Carried Forward by a Few.
In every community will be found a few willing workers upon whom the burden of carrying forward civic improvements usually falls. Whenever one sees a town, community or district more than ordinarily attractive he may be sure that it has cost much time and labor and perhaps expense on the part of a few. It is even so taking cities as a whole. A few individuals are responsible for all the improved conditions in the slums or the more humble parts, and in many cases these bettered conditions represent lifeblood, for there are those whose stay-line qualities keep them in the harness until the end.
Wherever public improvements are in evidence, aside from those usually carried out by municipal governments, it is certain there is a live organization devoted to the prosecution of such work. These organizations are usually managed by a few who "have time" for such work. In a board of directors or official corps advice and consultation are of secondary importance. What is needed most is some one who has time to serve on committees to meet city councils, boards of public works and the several commissions which are a part of every city government. In addition there are transportation and power companies and a host of other bodies, companies and persons who must be approached in person before satisfaction is obtained.
A man on a salary or one tied down to precise office hours cannot well serve on a directorate with profit to the community. Too many in seeking such places fondly imagine that the people wish them only because of their sage wisdom, though the latter is well high unless coupled with good active committee work. Counsel in the monthly meetings will alone accomplish nothing. The real work is done at other times by the few willing workers.

TREATING A BLANK WALL.
Novel Idea Provides Window Gardens For Huge Loft Building.
Few, if any, owners or builders have ever given a thought to go to the expense of beautifying the side walls of the buildings they erect. The main ornamentation is customarily left to the facade. It is perfectly natural that the sides of a private residence be embellished whenever exposed to a view that promises to be permanent, but to apply art to a loft building is a little beyond the expected and is most refreshing. Such a thing is going to be done—in fact, is in process—and, moreover, it will be applied on a huge scale to a business building that is being reared a little to the south of the new Pennsylvania terminal station in New York city.
The architects who have the work in hand are providing a truly unique feature for the building, which is being put up at 203 and 205 West Twenty-fourth street and will extend through to Twenty-fifth street. The building will have a wall facing Seventh avenue one block in length and eleven stories in height.
It is this wall that forms the basis of this story. The wall is to be treated in an artistic manner that, when completed, will give a pleasing view to pedestrians on Seventh avenue who chance to glance in its direction. Instead of unsightly blank wall there are to be more than 100 windows, each of which is to be provided with window boxes for flowers and potted plants.
This will not be the only distinguishing feature of the structure, as, together with the present building occupied by the owner, it will comprise the largest of its type in New York city.
One can readily form an idea of its size when its dimensions are taken into account. It will have a frontage of 171.10 feet on Twenty-fourth street, 46.6 feet on Twenty-fifth street, and eventually will be extended to cover an additional plot of 86 by 78.8 at 248 to 254 Seventh avenue. The purchase of which was announced a few days ago.
Betterment.
The watchword of the age is betterment. Through all the nations runs the high intent To make tomorrow nobler than today. The road of progress is a golden way That leads to happiness. Let us join hands And march to reach the future's pleasant lands.
Improve and beautify; in brotherhood Unite to magnify the common good; Have fairer homes in grounds more fairly laid; Enlarge our cities by enlarging trade, And organize to meet the civic call, Thus multiplying power to each and all.
We do not live for self, but he who lends Prosperity by serving public ends Shall share the common gain, and this is best To help ourselves by helping all the rest. To live the life constructive we enhance Our fortunes in the general advance.
Have faith in better things, and faith with work Will bring what it believes in. From the mark Of old and weak negations we arise The positive of good to realize, Gain more of mental sunshine, rightful wealth, Live fuller life, with added joy and health.
And this we do together, each for all; Together we arise, together fall. For we are social beings, linked in one; We tread one earth beneath a common sun, And, whatsoever Mecca is in sight, For its achievement we must needs unite.
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Home Surroundings.
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