

cherish the oblivion to which they are consigned, industriously form a "Ghetto" and a "Little Naples" in their American home, and will molest no dilatory officials while the present century lasts.

If Chicago is ever to have its alleys as clean and wholesome as those of staid and slow-going Philadelphia, Chicago will have to take the same efficient measures, grading and paving and sending in the bill for work done, collecting by summary process where the property-owner is delinquent in paying.

Meanwhile, pending the adoption here of this method, which has been in successful use there for a century, the contracts of garbage men who neglect their work should be rescinded, and every effort made to prepare for the August heat which must prove deadly, indeed, to the children of the Seventh and Nineteenth Wards, unless vigorous measures are promptly taken. FLORENCE KELLEY, Member of Municipal Order League, Nineteenth Ward.

CONDITIONS ACCORDING TO WEALTH.

Florence Kelley Gives Some Facts About West Side Streets and Alleys.

The streets and alleys of the West Side follow the rule of all the great cities of the United States, being comparatively clean and well paved where the people who live upon them are prosperous, and neglected and ill-paved, or unpaved and foul, just in proportion as the dwellers are poor and lack influence.

Jackson boulevard is admirably cared for to give the owners of horses an opportunity to speed them. The streets and alleys less than a mile south of Jackson boulevard, where the Italians and Russians rarely own anything but children, are calculated to produce an epidemic, kill the children, and verify the statement: "From him that hath not shall be taken, even that he hath."

Desplains street, from Polk to Taylor, has been for months a swamp, dank and foul with sunken, rotting, wooden pavement far beneath its troubled waters.

The alleys of the whole "Forgotten Region" comprised in the Seventh and Nineteenth Wards are impassable ten months of ordinary years and all of this one; and no system of garbage collection would render them wholesome which failed to grade, cleanse, and pave their roadways, as a first step towards systematic removal of unwholesome matter.

Curiously enough, nearly all these obnoxious alleys are above grade, and would be still further injured if the dwellers in them should be induced to spread clean ashes upon them, a measure commendable wherever the alley is below grade.

It seems to be a theory underlying the municipal ordinances concerning alleys that the initiative in the management of them may safely be left to the individuals directly concerned. Then, in order to pave one, the propertyholders are supposed to ask for a special assessment. And to insure garbage removal systematic complaints by the tenants of the tenement-house regions seem to be contemplated.

Hence hundreds of miles of alleys remain unpaved and undisturbed mountains of offal and garbage reek and ferment through storm and sunshine. For the workman who struggles to pay interest and principal on his mortgaged home does not request special assessments. Nor does the absentee landlord of Russian or Italian tenants. Still less do the tenants call upon the good offices of the Health Department.

Fancy a Russian or Italian peasant unable to read or write any language filing a garbage complaint at the City Hall! Or a "sweating-tailor," with his den full of absentee school children in violation of law, calling upon the Health Commissioner to cleanse his back alley!

These denizens of the "Forgotten Region"