OOD SUGGESTIONS BY A ST. LOUIS WOMAN.

or of the American Mer Civie Improvement A Breakity Towns-Good Sys-The Cleaning Sidewalks.

Mrs. Louis N. McCall, one of the proand prospective vice presidents the St. Louis branch of the American League For Civic Improvements, nuggests three original ideas for the development of towns and cities, says St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

They are the ornamentation of vacant lots, the beautifying of back yards and the adoption of a block sysen of sidewalk cleaning.

There are blocks and blocks of unmproved property throughout town and cities," says Mrs. McCall. "Portions of it are scattered through the est residence sections. All of this vacant property is unsightly not because it is vacant, but because it is in nearly every case filled with rank weeds and covered with signboards. Weeds and ignboards do not beautify vacant roperty. Instead of them, at little cost to the property owner they could be

Trees, shrubbery or even some kinds of flowers could be planted where the reeds and signboards now flourish. Then this vacant property would be inviting. Benches could be placed on these vacant lots, and persons could stop there and rest.

"Now look across the street." And Mrs. McCall pointed through her parlor window to the unimproved property running eastwardly from Vandeventer avenue along the north side of McPerson avenue. "All you see there now is a large signboard. At other times of the year the lot is covered with a heavy growth of rank weeds. How much more attractive would the neighborhood look if the lot were covered with shrubbery or trees, with a few nches scattered here and there. Mr. Lindell Gordon owns that property. I'm sure he would be willing to aid in improving its appearance if other propcaty owners showed a similar willingto beautify their property. Such system sould be placed in operation to bowns and cities if citizens would ner in concert to make their neighborgoda more beautiful.

"I think a block system of sidewalk cleaning in cities and towns would be Immense advantage in improving hele looks. My idea is this: In neighorboods where it can be afforded, for natance, let every resident contribute, 7, 42 a mouth to a common fund and produt one man to take charge of it. a of the entire block.

o men be hired might also clean out yard and the gutters. They could preserve a generally clean could-tion throughout the block. Hight now, to matter how clean one keeps her own idewalk or front yard, if her neighor is not similarly well kept the ral affect is lost.

of think it would add to the appear nce of towns and cities generally if would pay more attention to etr back yards. My neighbor has a autifully kept back yard. There is a inely kept driveway leading to the this, and in summer it is overhung the thick foliage of interlacing The Hirschbergs carry out the mether than anybody in St. Louis.

MA nicely kept lawn is as pretty an enamentation for a back yard as any thing else."

Mrs. McCall has other ideas for the depment of towns and cities, but been are a few of her more original ughts on the subject.

How can a town or city ever be ade beautiful," she exclaimed, "it sople continue to throw stuff into the reets and alleys? That is one of the est abuses to be corrected. The citina must all get together and each dede to do what is possible to keep the bile highways clean."

Mrs. McCall is also an enthusiastic dvocate of public playgrounds and free baths. She thinks the municipal seembly should take up the bath ques-

went to one of the free bathhouses at summer established by private eription. There was only about an seh of water on an asphalt floor, but a number of little fellows were actually wimming in that inch of water in the sont blissful fashion imaginable. was really nathetic."

Meschants Help a Town Grow.

In a Long Island village of 1,000 inbitants within twenty-five miles of Fork are two merchants in the e line of trade just opposite each In the store windows of one Il the goods are fresh and clean and layed to eatch the eye of the pubic and act as an advertisement and a while in the other merchant's sdown everything is piled in topay ners and no change made for months at a time. It is needless to add that of all the best residents, while r is complaining about tack of rainess and wondering how long be hold out. Merchants in towns and res should be as particular in their store windows as the

ROADS BOOM TOWNS.

hand Highways Never Pail to A

Homeseakers, strangers seeking farming opportunities, will not move into district where they will be mudboand for half of the year, says the Charleston (S. C.) Courier. No man from other parts of the country who is familiar with better road conditions and has learned to value them for his own profit, comfort and convenience and that of his family will deliberately isolate himself in a country where he cannot travel about except knee deep in mud

This assertion is proved by the condition of many bad road districts in this state (South Carolina) and section. The land is rich and cheap, but it remains unoccupied year after year. Immigration avoids it and goes west. Bad roads to out of the way farms do not attract homeseekers and homemakers, and they do not attract people who already own homes and farms reached by such roads. The consequence is that the hoped for settlers do not come, and our own people move to the cities to escape the inflictions the settlers

It is probable that nothing else would so surely and so soon develop a generally desirable but more sparsely settled district of country anywhere in the state as the building of good roads or of a good road into it from the nearest market town. Such work has had immediate good effect in drawing population and enhancing land values wherever it has been tried. Usually the speedy gain to the district on both these accounts far outweighs the cost of the improvements even when, as in New Jersey and North Carolina, the cost of \$2,000 or \$3,000 per mile of

It is really worth the while of any backward community in the state to consider whether the experiment is not well worthy of a trial in its own case. It has been proved that bad roads do not pay. Good roads might and probably would pay better.

GOOD PAINT NEEDED.

Looks of Many Towns Spoiled by Houses Poorly Palated.

Good, wholesome paint laid on by men who have some sense could do about as much as any one thing to improve the looks of hundreds of towns in this country. There is not much white paint used on the commercially built house, and the nearest to it is a dirty drab, because for white you must have white lead, and white lead costs money. So prepared chalk takes its

An expert chemist said not long ago that of a number of prepared paints be had occasion to analyze only one was a sound, durable pigment. So when a new house, built to sell, has had all the gimerackery tacked over it that can be had for the money the contractor economizes on paint and puts on a filmsy pigment which after a season's rains becomes a ghastly smear. What lacking in quality is made up in variety, and the pink and green and terra cotta are laid on with a flourish, the painter doing weird things in the way of wavy bands and dismonds and zigzag patterns.

There are honorable exceptionshouses painted simply and tastefully in color that will wear till it wears out -but there are bundreds and bundreds of houses that are flagrantly painted. There are whole streets that could be improved 100 per cent simply by the

Bailways and Growing Towns. However striking the influence of in. corporated capital upon economic developments in other quarters, there are few cases in which its power is more plainly visible than in the relations of railway companies to growing towns, says the New York Post. For the sake of railway facilities or for the introduction of railway competition the small town is usually willing to offer almost any sacrifices in the way of land grants, franchises or subsidies of actual cash so long as they are not so great that the most strenuous exertions of the citizens are not incapable of finally making them up. It matters not how wealthy may be the corporation seeking the grants or how obvious may be its advantage in gaining access to the new source of traffic concerned. The town of Guthrie, Okla., for example, has but lately managed to raise enough money to induce the entry of a railway which, likely enough, would have been only too glad to build into the capital of the territory without conditions whatsoever. The fashion in which a number of cities on the great lakes have squandered their birthrights in the way of lake fronts and water fronts has been a scandal for years.

Village Improvement Societies.

At Pasadena, Cal., the Village Improvement and Library association, formed fourteen years ago, recently built a beautiful library, and it originated the wise and liberal plans that have made Pasadena the model town of southern California. Massachusetts has more of these improvement societies and more free libraries than any other state. Munificent gifts have been made to them both in books and in money, the gifts of money amounting to about \$6,000,000. More than fifty libraries bear the names of their founders, and 327 of the towns and cities of Massachusetts have free public libra-

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TOWN BOOM TIPS.

Pointers That May Ald Your A live public spirit manifested by the citizens of a town for its benefit is

very strong factor in the question of town improvement. When this sign of enterprise is thoroughly alive, the general appearance of the streets, condition of the homes and grounds about them will show the fruits thereof. When a stranger first enters a town

clean streets attract his attention and well kept lawns and yards favorably impress him, and should his town be backward in this respect he is liable to change his residence.

A nuisance that should be suppressed in every town is the number of homeless curs that are allowed to roam at large and are a menace in more ways than one and entirely useless. If they were shot down, the community would be greatly benefited.

Small parks for the public should be maintained by the town. They are a benefit from the standpoint of health and tend to beautify the general appearance of any place.

The population of a Michigan town increased over 300 people in 1901 owing to its clean streets and well swept front and back yards. Clean towns are bound to grow.

In a pretty little town in Texas a person littering the streets with paper or garbage is "called down" in such a way that he seldom repeats the offense. The citizens of that town take great pride in keeping it clean and are being rewarded for the trouble they take in the matter, as the population is increasing and real estate advancing in price.

BEAUTIFYING TOWNS.

Every Citizen Should Take a Hand In the Work.

In the matter of cleanliness and tidiness of a town there is room for every member of the community to co-operate. It ought not to be left to the care of an occasional energetic reformer. A large proportion of the people of a town own their homes, but even those who rent dwellings ought to take a pride in keeping their grounds in handsome shape. The complaint is often made that children reared in rented rooms are lacking in the respect for homes, that is inculcated from childhood in those who enjoy the advantage of being brought up in a home of their own.

The modern American child, it is said, is allowed to deface walls or mutilate turf at his sweet will, and landlords are correspondingly suspicious and resentful of the presence of children in a family. There is a grain of truth in the charge, and parents ought to make a special effort to make good the lack by careful teaching and, it may be added, by practice as well as

In matters of taste woman is easily supreme, and the various organizations of women, like the women's club; the teachers' club, etc., might well devote some part of their time to problems of improving their town, adding the fine flower of good taste to the sturdy stem of material betterment. The beauty of a town is often made up of millions of little things, each one of no great moment in itself.

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WILLIAM COOPER Administrators.

CARNAHAN, SLUSSER & HAWKES,

Attorneys for Administrators.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Augaline Ford, deceased. The un dersigned having seen appointed Administra-tor of the estate of Angaline Ford, deceased, hereby gives notice that he vill appear before the county court of DuPage county, at the court house in Wheaton, at the April term, on ne first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 15th day of February, A. D. 1902. FRANK A. FORD, Administrator. BUNGE, Attorneys for Administrator.

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EATE V. Dudpined, Administratrix.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of DuPage County, and State of Illinois, and to me di-rected, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obin favor of T. J. Prettyman, et al, out of the Lands, Tenements, Goods and Chattels of the said Kate Devis and John W. Davis, I have evied on the following property, to-wit: 15 loors, 150 ft. O. G. casing, 200 ft. window stop, doors, 150 ft. O. G. casing, 200 ft. window stop, 26 ft. parting strip, 200 ft. door stop, 25 corner 5tocks, 39 base blocks, 100 ft. 16 B select boards, 200 ft. 2x4 No. 1, 90 ft. 4-inch shing, 200 ft. B select lumber is ft. window stoot, 160 ft. pllainter base, 200 ft. 4-inch mealing, 600 ft. 6-inch No. 1 Accring, I work besich, carpenter tools, I table, I bedstead, I mattress, I soft, I co-mode, I stove, I chairs, and dishes, about 8 yards crushed stone, 2 barvels cement and a wheel-barrow. Therefore, according to said command, I shall axpose for sale, at public auction, all the right litle and laterest of the above samed Kate Davis and John W. Davis, in and to the above described property, on Thursday, the 28th day of March, 1912, at 20 clock, p. m., at the place bracks as the Davis place, 102 Foote arrest, in Downers Grove, In Page County, Its. Dated at Downers Grove this account day of March, 1912, at 20 clock, p. m., at the place bracks as the Davis place, 102 Foote arrest, in Downers Grove this account day of March, 1913, at 20 clock, p. m., at the place bracks as the Davis place, 102 Foote arrest, in Downers Grove this account day of March, 1913, at 20 clock, p. m., at the place bracks as the Davis place, 102 Foote arrest, in Downers Grove this account day of March, 1913.

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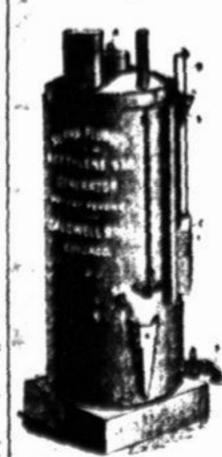
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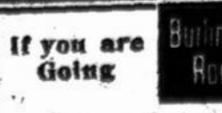
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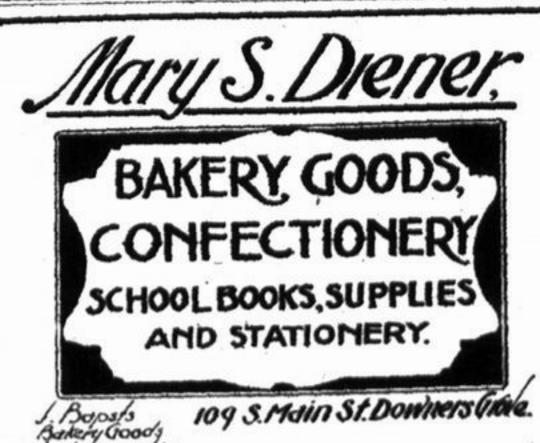


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