

ADVOCATES BURNING OF ALL GARBAGE

Downers Grove, Ill., Oct. 20, '22.
 Editor: The Reporter:
 Your articles on the need of a systematic method of handling garbage in the village noted with more than ordinary interest and there is no doubt that a modern town should have a municipally controlled garbage collecting department, but in the absence of this improved method, the presence of putrifying household wastes or rodents feeding upon same is not necessary providing a little personal effort is put forth by housekeepers in collecting the refuse in a garbage can, tightly covered and as necessary emptied and coal oil poured over the collection and burned. Most households wastes have more or less grease in them and with the addition of a few cents worth of the oil each week, the chance of same becoming a nuisance is entirely eliminated.
 Good housekeeping is not confined to the four walls of a house. The proper disposition of wastes, such as garbage, papers, old clothes, bottles and tin cans, is so often overlooked by people operating homes and back yards. Well kept up and regulated homes are just as necessary to the welfare and progress of the village as it is essential that the village authorities organize new branches of improvements to keep pace with the growth of the community and of the times. In fact it is much easier for the individual to do his bit in this respect.
 Many people of our village, to their credit, have for a period of thirty or forty years disposed of their table refuse as herein outlined as well as burning up other waste in place of allowing it to scatter over the village causing it to appear untidy as well as to become an unsanitary place to live. The improved method outlined in one of the recent articles on this subject would surely be less laborious if one calls it labor, to spend fifteen

minutes semi-weekly at a chore of this kind.
 Further I know of an instance where one of our energetic small farmers on the edge of town, who owned a few pigs and who started to collect family garbage for them, minus glass, cans, rags, etc, free of charge from a few lucky citizens. — He had to give it up or lose his pigs, after repeated requests to the housekeepers to stop throwing glass, etc., into the garbage cans, injurious to the pigs. You see how unappreciative these people were for the free service they received. When the village of Downers Grove handles the garbage in a modern way some penalty will have to apply to force such people to comply with garbage collecting regulations, believe me, even when they pay for it.
 Our "old folks" may not have had a modern garbage system—the old town didn't warrant it and couldn't afford it. The people of today do different to what our old folks did. Times have changed and we must keep pace with them or be ridiculed but in the absence of this much discussed improvement let's have self-respect enough to keep our own little mess cleaned up daily and there will be no rats or disease lurking about our homes. Hinsdale has nothing on our village for modern improvements nor our "old residents" for good housekeeping.
 A Garbage Burner and Village Booster.

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