

PRICE TWO CENTS.

STREETS MUST BE CLEAN.

**DIRTY THOROUGHFARES A DISGRACE
TO THE CITY.**

**The Duty of Municipal Authorities Pointed
Out by a Citizen—Many Complaints
of Nuisances Made to the
Board of Health.**

"While this agitation about cleaning the city is on," said a citizen who takes a live interest in everything pertaining to the advancement of Kansas City, "it would be well to extend it a step farther. We should not only clean up our back yards, cellars, streets and alleys in anticipation of cholera, but we should make a special effort to have our streets look neat and tidy all the time. The condition of some of the principal thoroughfares is a constant disgrace. Walk down Main street any afternoon and you will find it littered with orange peels, cigar stumps, dirty paper and refuse from the stores for its entire length. Some effort is made to keep it clean, but not enough, not by far. Go along a business street early in the morning, and of dozens and dozens of stores you will find janitors and porters sweeping the dirt and waste paper out into the streets, and it remains there until night when the street sweeping force begins its work.

"I observe the Commercial club is going to talk about advertising Kansas City during the World's fair. That is commendable, but what will people brought here by this advertising at the fair think of our streets? What impression would a capitalist from some cleanly European city have of us if he saw the leading thoroughfares of the town littered with refuse? Advertising at the fair will bring people of means here, but when they come we want to have a clean, tidy city to show them. As a business investment it will pay and pay well.

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"Merchants who are in the habit of having their janitors throw dirt and waste paper into the streets should be speedily disabused of the idea that the street is a public dump. I made a tour of Europe a few years ago and were this done in any of the principal cities over there arrest and a heavy fine would follow. Americans generally do not understand how clean European streets are kept. Why, when I was there I had to give up chewing tobacco because I could not spit on the street. They would no more think of throwing an apple core on the street than of tossing it on the carpet in a drawing room. In fact they look upon the street as a public parlor. Why should not we?"