

## WE CARE FOR OUR OWN TRAMPS.

The Charge That They Are Shipped to Chicago Is False.

The Chicago *Herald* charges that surrounding cities, including Kansas City, are taking advantage of the generosity of Chicago, so notably shown in its recent measures for relief of the poor, by making it a dumping ground for their tramps and criminals. This is what the *Herald* says:

"Three well-dressed young fellows came in together and were given soup tickets at the Desplaines street station last night. The officer in charge addressed them.

"Chicago is a good place to spend the winter in, ain't it, boys?" he said.

"You bet it is," one replied. "We know we can get along all right in Chicago."

"How long have you been here?"

"Two days."

"Where did you come from?"

"Kansas City. They sent us away from there, and put us on a freight train, and told us to go to Chicago. We can get along here all right. Come on, boys."

"And so it goes. Chicago is easy for tramps just now, and surrounding cities find it a convenient dumping ground."

"The story of the vagrants is untrue and the charge of the *Herald*, at least so far as Kansas City is concerned, is without foundation," declared Captain Flahive at central police station last night. "Certainly the authorities of the city have not sent one man out by freight train or other mode of conveyance, and I do not believe they were shipped by anyone, if they went from Kansas City at all. We are taking care of our own drift of humanity."

And then he led the way to the lodging quarters of the station in a west wing of the basement, where sixty-three men were stretched out in as many different positions on the floor.