

BAD PAVEMENTS.

Colonel Case Says They Breed More Disease Than Garbage.

Colonel Case said yesterday: "Much attention has been paid recently to the removal of garbage and other matters looking toward placing the city in good sanitary condition, but in all that has been written and all that has been said upon the subject there is one matter which the advocates of sanitary improvement seem to have entirely lost sight of. I refer to the rotten block pavements which are so numerous in this city. These wooden blocks rot out and absorb all the filth and slime of the street and contain more germs than fifty loads of garbage.

"In many places the blocks have been worn into a pulp by heavy hauling and absorb the filth of the street like a sponge. I went by a place where workmen were repairing this pavement to-day and was saluted with an offensive smell sufficient to knock down a man with a good healthy sense of smell. When the warm rays of the sun strike this pavement as they will in a few weeks, it will be a constant menace to health.

"Memphis, during the years of her yellow fever and cholera scourges, had miles of these rotten pavements, and it did not get in good sanitary condition until it thoroughly repaired them. If the city will put these pavements in good condition it will do more to keep out the cholera than any other one thing that can be done."

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