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## THE UNITED CHARITIES, LIKE SOME CLOCKS, NEEDS NEW WORKS

*The Idea of Giving Speedy and Bona-Fide Relief Is All  
Right, But When It Comes To the Actual Workings  
of the Organization the Shoe Doesn't Fit—  
Too Many Misleading Statements.*

BY JANE WHITAKER

Lest there may be any misapprehension regarding my motive in telling you about the way the United Charities works, I wish to say that I have the same motive I would have in taking out the works of a clock—to either replace them with better works or repair the old works so that the clock runs right.

I have no desire to interfere with their collections of money, provided they will spend this money in the way they promise and seem to rarely fulfill—in giving speedy and bona-fide relief.

However, to our education.

In its statement of 1912-13 expenses, the U. C. includes "equivalent of visiting nurses or doctors' pay."

Now that is most misleading. The U. C. uses the nurses employed by the Visiting Nurses' Association of Chicago—in fact, most of the work these nurses do is U. C. work.

And in dealing with doctors, they employ the county physician, or, if another doctor has previously been called in, a most persuasive investigator convinces the physician that this is such a poor family, and in the interest of humanity he should cancel the bill, which he does and the U. C. takes the credit.