

## THE PUBLIC FORUM

**WOULD KILL ODOR.** — The city health authorities would greatly benefit the public by furnishing the garbage removers with some sort of disinfectant to place in the garbage cans when empty.

Frequently there remain maggots and various kinds of bugs in great profusion, greatly to the detriment of the public. Especially is this true in congested districts, where swill is not removed as promptly as it should be in proportion to its accumulation. —M. Rasmussen.

### SQUARE MEALS NEEDED.

While there is such great examination going on among school children it would be well for the doctors to take a peep into their stomachs and find out when they had a square meal.

Then a crusade should be started against the system that does not allow those little children to be properly nourished.

The infantile paralysis may be warded off in most cases if the little stomachs were given a treat and given the taste of plenty of milk. Also if they were given fresh egg parties, fresh air and so forth.

It's the germs of starvation instead of infantile paralysis that should be looked into. If a child is found afflicted, then what? Sent home to starve some more?

The contagion is all around and no more danger to those standing in line any more than to those at home. Away with the system. —A Mother.

**'T WASN'T U. C. COAL.** — In a letter to The Forum a lady says that she is thankful for coal given to her by the charity society.

She is mistaken. The charity people give no coal to any one. The coal this lady received came from the county agent. But the charity people are inclined to let poverty-stricken people labor under the error

that they, the charity people, give the coal. If this lady will investigate she will discover that the coal she needed was paid for by the taxpayers. —Otto McFeely.

### THE SCUM OF THE EARTH.

You know what kind of preparedness the Trib and the loop press are yelping for—prepare a big standing army to keep the workingman down.

Seaman Higgins, in spurning the present of the rookettes, voiced the feeling of all the enlisted men in the army and navy on these rookette and student camp farces.

What incentive has a man to enlist in the army or navy? None. If we want men to enlist give them something to enlist for. Why not cut out all these social lions from commissions by making it a law that no man shall receive a commission unless he has served two years as an enlisted man?

Have schools in every ship and army port and give men vocational training or educate them for commissions.

We have over 1,000 enlisted men at West Point who do all the dirty work for the cadets.

Why not give enlisted men preference on all civil service lists when they are discharged from service?

Teddy Roosevelt and the Trib are yelping for compulsory service. But their idea is conscription for the masses and commissions for the classes. Where would Maje McCormick be if he got his commission on his merits?

The Appeal to Reason has repeatedly stated that Wm. H. Taft, when he arrived as the governor general in the Philippine islands (remember that junket de luxe with Nick Longworth and Princess Alice), said that our little brown brothers should not judge the American people by the American soldiers, as our soldiers were the scum of the earth.

Prof. Taft has never tried to deny