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With almost every city and town in the United States preparing for its spring cleaning, attention has been attracted to the methods of cleaning house adopted by the important cities of Europe.

In no European town perhaps are the methods more interesting than in the thriving German city of Hamburg, where carefully trained children help to keep the city beautiful. Writing from that place, United States Consul-Robert P. Skinner says that the mayor of one of the large cities of Ohlo who visited Hamburg was much impressed with the important part performed by Missouri the children in keeping the city clean He departed from the city, Mr. Skinner says, convinced that the cleaning of streets and sidewalks in Germany is a much lighter task than in cities of the same size in the United States because of the orderly habits of the people themselves.

"Suction street sweeping devices." continues Mr. Skinner, "are practically unknown in Germany. Hamburg itself owns horse drawn sweepers only. although for about nine months two electric motor sweepers have been in use. These, however, do not yet be long to the city and are being employed experimentally. They have not given satisfaction and have been under repair more than three months. These motor driven sweepers fail to work well in this city because the pave ments, as a rule, are not very smooth. and the mechanism of the sweepers is deranged by the shaking it receives Recently the front wheels of these sweepers have been provided with rub ber tires, and they have worked more satisfactorily.

Cleans 1,290 Streets.

"The Hamburg street cleaning de partment cleans and when necessary sprinkles all city streets, makes re pairs, maintains relief stations, removes dust, garbage and waste matter generally from streets, houses wharves, ships and markets and operates also a garbage burning plant At present the department cleans 1,200 streets, with their adjacent sidewalks having a length of 201.4 talloc rondways cleaned cover fully 5.650.97 square yards and the sidewalk and a 4,177,000 square yards. The work is carried on under the supervision a twelve superintending establishments Thirty main thoroughfares are cleaned six times weekly at night by means of rotary brooms and all other streets with few exceptions, twice workly, 1 the center of the city the streets are also cleaned six times weekly during the day and in other parts of the cit four times weekly during the day

"Asphalt street surfaces rectaine more attention than others, as they be come slippery and are tooked at a bit specially trained men. They are swept and drenched with water and in jey weather are sprinkled with pebbles. ()

late complaints have been made by the owners of motorcars that these pebbles damage the tires of their vehicles, so that now this material is strewn only when strictly necessary. The pebbles used are mud free and from onefifth to two-fifths inch in diameter. In 1910 865.85 cubic yards of these pebbles were utilized. The Hamburg street cleaning department owns 50 cleaning machines, 54 snowplows, 101 water wagons, 100 garbage carts for waste from private houses, 60 garbage carts for waste from ships, quays. etc., 850 snow wheelbarrows and 321 garbage wheelbarrows.

"Night work begins at midnight and ends when the streets are in order. Twelve squads work under the direction of twelve different posts. These posts are in charge of an inspector for day work and a subinspector for night The jurisdiction of each post is divided into ten subdivisions, so that in the event of emergency work can be taken up simultaneously at a moment's notice at 120 different points. First the broom machines, of which there are twenty-six, sweep the roadways. while the sidewalks are cleaned at the same time by special men. Another squad follows the sweepers to heap up the dirt swept to the roadside, and finally carts and garbage wagons follow. The night work never lasts more than eight hours. Householders are required to burn up all garbage possible and to store the rest in sheet iron cans with covers, which are deposited at the edge of the sidewalk twice a week, not before 9 p m. The cans are ematted he the cont

must be taken in from the sidewalk by the householders before S a. m.

Roadways Are Scoured.

"Day work begins at 6 a. m. and conthmes until 6 p. m., except with the men who work on the asplialt streets. who remain on duty until 7 p. m. A two hour intermission is allowed at noon. Recently ten small iron loxes and ten wire netting paper, boxes have been placed on trial in different parts of the city to facilitate the work of the street cleaning department. If a large number will be provided here

"On some streets it is also the practice, where there is a sufficient grade to enable the water to carry off the ply to scour the roadway with a strong stream of water.

city in 1910 the following quantities of material were burned: House garbage 73,176 tons; wharf garbage, 4,216 tons ship garbage, 3,360 tons; market waste. 680 tons; waste delivered by private tons; total, 82,973 tens. From these quantities of waste matter the city obtained 44,087 tons of cinders and 675 tons of old metal, all of which had a substantial commercial value.

ing force consists of 800 to 200 men but it is often necessary to increase the force to as many as 3.500 men with the utmost celerity. A situation of this kind is met in the following manner: Not later than the month of October street cleaning department distributes to all laborers applying for them at the proper registry office cards stating where the applicants are to report for work in the event of a heavy obtain employment first. They are paid as much as \$2.50 per day, the standard rate being 2.4 cents per barrow load of snow removed. However, those rate of 8 cents per hour. Barrows are used if snow has to be transported not more than 820 feet. In other cases carts of 2.61 cubic yards capacity are employed."

The Spring Girl

The winter girl is going and the summer girl is coming;

birds begin to sing.

the promise of the spring.

The winter girl and summer girl The one in furs rejoicing, the other in pique;

lover is there sighing

No vernal poet yet to her has sung a tuneful lay.

And yet we know she's fairer, sweeter than the two together.

In her handsome new spring bonnet and her raiment fine and gay She's like the lily and the rose in runs between steel posts which one when fine's the weather,

And she walks to church with modest air on joyous Easter day.

summer girls, I pray you,

The furs and sealskins of the one. the other's furbelows;

But go to church with me on Easter Sunday-'twill repay you-

in her bonnet and new clothes. -Boston Courier.

Had No Time.

Miss Specs-"Charles, did you ever allow your mind to pierce the secrets of the universe, to reason that this dull, cold world is but the sepulchre of ages past, that man in all his giory is but the soil we tread, which every breeze wafts in an overshifting maze, o be found and lost in an infinity of articles—the dust of centuries, remited and dissolved as long as time hall endure?" Charles-"No-o, I can't ay I have. You see. I've had to earn my own living."—Stray Stories.

Dickens' New Year's Wish. So may the New Year be a happy one for you, happy to many more whose happiness depends on you; se may each year be happier than the last.-Charles Dickens.

Just Boss.

A plumber, by the way, is a skilled phia Ledger.

Foolish Effort. Some men not only expect the worst, but take the trouble to hunt

Colorado is a Great Place

for the children

"One of the happiest remembrances of my early youth," wrote a Chicago man, "is the they answer the purpose satisfactority month I spent in Colorado as a youngster with my burro. Many a joyful jaunt I had with that shaggy little wisewaste matter through the gutters, slm- eyed fellow with the patience of Job and the loving wisdom "At the garbage burning plant of the of centuries, and what delightful adventures we had in the flowery fields and on the sun-checkered pine-tapestried persons and public institutions, 1,541 trails of that Wonder state. Since then it has always seemed to me that nothing more delightful can happen "The regular Hamburg street clean to a boy or girl than to be turned out-o-doors in Colorado with a burro.'

Look ahead to the vacation that's coming. Let me help you to decide on when and where and how to go. I'll be glad to do it, for I have a fund of invaluable informationsnowfall. When the need presents of invaluable information—itself men holding cards of this kind and a mighty readable book on Colorado, with maps and pictures and full details. Call or write for this book and who fill the barrows are paid at the the new low price excursion tickets to Colorado.

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How Pins Are Manufactured.

Solid headed pins were first made in England in 1797, by Thomas The buds are on the trees, and Harris. Pins were first made in the United States at the time of the And we're nearing fast the time when Revolution, by Jeremiah Wilkinson we'll hear the bees a-humming a native of Rhode Island. A ma-For already earth rejoices with chine for making solid headed pins were invented in 1824 by a New Hampshire man. But it was not until 1831 that the first machine have charms, there's no denying for making pins, such as are in use furlined cloak, because there is no today was brought out. From that time on, improvements in pin mak-But for the maiden of the spring no ing machinery have been made, so that at the present time pins are fellow gets the best of it it's cheatmade almost entirely without the aid of human hands.

In making pins, a pair of pincers seizes the end of a brass wire, which is wound on a spool, and draws out a length of it. The wire straightens it. The end of this wire the advice of our knowing friends. is now caught by two clamps and a It is easier to teach twenty what Talk not about your winter or your from which to form the head is left ing. projecting from the clamps. The but by the rapid blows of a foming parade. die or hammer, which moves struck but once the wire would be bent and would not form a perfect

to an incline steel plane beneath in ing toward us.-Advocate which are grooves large enough to admit the shank but not permit the revolves parallel to the grooves that city. down which the pins are moving The cylinder comes in contact with the pins on only one side as they move down the grooves, this causes them to turn round and round, so his helper does the work.—Philadel them evenly on all sides. When Mr. Siceloff is a Missouri boy, formthe pins reach the end of the erly living at Fayette. grooves they are perfectly sharpened. American Boy,

> Mrs. H. G. Johnson spent Friday in Palmyra.

The First Easter Day.

Never so sweet a hush In all Judean nights, Never so fair a sun Rose o'er Judean heights, Never so hovering close Did all of heaven lean, As when approached the tomb The weeping Magdalene.

What marvel greats her eyes! Too tear be himmed are they! Behold no portal barred -The stone is rolled away! Vacant the sheltering depth Where he was Isid to rest; V cant the parrow space Whereon his body prest.

Only the cerements white Where he, the Son, had lain; Only at head and loot

The goardian angels twain -The guarding angels twain-Of gentle mien and grave To speak of word fulfilled Ol him who died to save.

How spread the mighty truth! How all the earth divined! What glorious promise kept The Saviour of mankind! And so the world is glad And men, rejoicing pray, As did his servants when Came the first Easter day. -Stanley Waterloo.

Human Nature.

The man who never forgets anything, never forgets to boast of it.

Life is full of contrasts; you are so good, you know, and other people are so very bad.

Half the people in the world are working the other half for greeners and making it pay.

Egotism makes a man believe the world thinks as much of him as he thinks of himselt.

What some people know would fill a book-and what they don't know would fill a library. If some men were half as big as

they think they are, the world would have to be enlarged. A cloth jacket is warmer than a

temptation to leave it open When you get the best of a bargain it's cunning-when the other

It may take nine tailors to make a man, but ninety-nine collectors can't make him settle sometimes.

There is no success so sweet as that achieved by acting contrary to

cutter cuts off enough to make one they should do than to be one of pin. A small piece of the wire twenty to follow your own teach-There would be mighty few mili-

head of the pin is not formed by tia companies if the members were one blow, as in the case of nails, compelled to wear plain clothes on

It is human nature for a man to And see the spring girl blooming forward about one-twentieth of an look out for number one; but the inch after each blow. If it was young widow always look out for number two

No matter how little we love our neighbor, we can see no reason why The pins drops from the clamps he should not have a kindly feel-

A. S. Maddox and wife spent head of the pin to pass through. As Sunday in Shelbina with T. E. Harthe pins move slowly down the in- desty and family. Mrs. Maddox cline plane, the point comes in con- expects to leave Sunday for a three tract with a revolving cylinder be- months visit in Seattle, Wash. Just neath. This cylinder, the surface a year ago that day her son, Oder of which is corrugated like a file and her mother, Mrs. Erwin left for

Miss Helen Wainwright, the beautiful daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Wainwright was married recently to L. Parker Siceloff, president of that the revolving file sharpens Columbia University, New York.

> Miss Grace Terrill, of Philadelphia spent part of the week with Miss Fanni Jayne. Saturday they went to Quincy to attend Ben Hur.