

There marble steps seem to be the constant care of every respectable house wife. A dirty door step would ostracize a house keeper from good society. The result is Baltimore cleans its door steps every morning, rain or shine. The sidewalk then receives a washing off with the hose and broom. The street is then swept clean to within a foot or two of the center line; so that there is left a ridge of dirt and trash three or four feet wide in the center of the street, while all else is scrupulously clean. The width of this ridge varies inversely as the neatness of the house keepers along the street. Down in the older and narrower streets this ridge expands till it includes the whole street; then the sidewalk, and then goes inside and makes itself at home.

Most of the streets are so narrow that a street-sprinkling wagon would need to go through only once. But that is not the way to do it here. There are two methods in use for sprinkling streets. One is by using the ordinary watering pot such as they use in green houses to water flowers. This is a very popular method, and may be often seen employed on Baltimore street, the "O" street of the city. The second method is more frequently employed in the residence part of the city. It consists of tossing the water from the gutter upon the street with a broom. Every street has a gutter along by the sidewalk in which a stream of water flows, that is, when the water is not too thick to flow. By having these, the city avoids the necessity of many sewers. It does have sewers, though, as anyone will discover who goes down to the wharf.

When it is understood that some of Baltimore's streets are but little wider than Lincoln alleys an idea may be had of the difficulty of rapid transit in the city. I have seen a string of six or eight street cars following a load of brick at the rate of a mile an hour. More than that, I have seen a whole street blockaded, street cars, wagons and all, by a negro delivering a load of coal.

But on the other hand it were unfair not

to mention the libraries, the monuments, the markets, and the parks of Baltimore. Druid Hill park is supposed to be one of the finest natural parks in the country. As for myself, I detest a park. It is to me like the Venus de Medici with bangs and frizzes. Go with me into the country a few miles west of the city, to Glen Falls river, and I will show you a glimpse of Eden. There is a deep gorge. Through it a sparkling stream comes slipping, shaking the ferns and grasses along the banks. Up the sides are maples and beeches fairly blazing in the sunlight, and there is a ruined mill with its old grey stones peering through the matted ivy.

I may want a little space some time to tell about Johns Hopkins university, so I will tax the editor's patience no further.

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