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BEGGARS AND ALMS-HOUSES.

A London paper, speaking of street beggars, remarks that the chances are ninety-nine to one that their appeals for charity are fraudulent, and that in giving them alms the benevolent are aiding impostors. This is no doubt perfectly true of London, and equally true of almost every large European city. Mendicancy is very commonly adopted as a profession. Those who are too lazy to work, find it easier to beg, and not unfrequently more profitable. Besides, this calling presents attractions to shrewd and cunning men in the various disguises assumed, the dolorous tale invented, the whining voice, the sickly and consumptive look, the artificial lameness, and all the shifts and devices which ingenuity can suggest to excite the sympathy and secure the succor of the charitable.

The time was when the European beggar was literally unknown amongst us. The extreme facility with which the necessaries of life might be obtained with but moderate labor rendered mendicancy the rarest of all possible social evils. For many years the great want of our people was sturdy hands to till the soil and pursue the various mechanical arts, and the emigrants from the Old World who were ready to give their services and sinews for a compensation expected no difficulty in finding employment in proportion, however, as our principal cities increased in population, and as the tide of European immigration supplied an ample stock of labor, pauperism began to show itself. Unaccustomed to the system of mendicancy of the Old World, and unexpecting unmerited misfortune, the calls on our sympathies were prompt and free. No doubt the warmth and activity of our benevolence became speedily known across the ocean, and the swarms of beggars whom a stern municipal police had long banished from the capitals of England and France, hearing that America was the land of El Dorado of beggars, hastened hither to ply their gentle trade. It is perfectly certain that nearly every beggar to be seen in the United States comes from Europe. Our own countrymen are seldom reduced to the necessity of soliciting alms, generally speaking, would rather starve a year than endure this humiliation. In consequence of the immense number of paupers from foreign lands our densely populous cities, such as New York, Philadelphia, Boston and New Orleans, are beginning to be lamentably infested by professional beggars. Hence the necessity of establishing more alms houses and other places of refuge, where absolute destitution may be properly cared for, and by which the nuisance of street begging may be done away. We have been behindhand in the work of building such asylums in New Orleans, but, thanks to the wise foresight of our Mayor, that deficiency promises to be supplied at an early day. The noble edifice now in process of construction in the Third District is designed as an alms house, and will be enabled to accommodate several hundred inmates. We trust that the epoch is not far distant when the public importunity of beggars in our streets and thoroughfares will cease. The alms house will provide shelter and occupation for vagrants. Those who are really willing to work will be glad to find food and lodging by their labor, while all who endeavor by feigned distress to live alms from our citizens will be furnished with a home where they will be compelled to give their toil as the price of their support. Pendleton Square will be a most appropriate and ungenial field for their labors, as few citizens is likely to become victims to the alms house threats upon its entablatures.

THE COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, 106 CANAL street, is open to all who wish to be ready for business, and will begin immediately. There are gentlemen's and professors for book keeping, mathematics, languages, penmanship, &c.

A CARD FOR LADIES BEGINNERS ONLY.—A lady will be seen by reference to our advertising columns that Mr. Ulrich Lemke has united Messrs. Augustin & Tuma in the manufacture of bichromate of potash. Orders must hereafter be addressed to these gentlemen at their office, No. 7 Levee.

THE WEATHER.—Our exchanges, particularly of the West, are complain of the excessive heat of the weather. At Cincinnati, Monday, the thermometer again ranged from 100 to 103 degrees in the shade, and there were seven cases of sun stroke, nine of which proved fatal. Sunday was a scorcher. It may also at Louisville, where the thermometer marked 102 degrees in the shade, and there were seven cases of sun stroke, two of which proved fatal. Tuesday was also a hot day