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## SUPPLEMENT.

## The East Side-Its Streets and Buildinge.

Now that so large a proportion of the civilized populations are concentrating in cities, the proper making aud management of these centres are creating problems, the importance of which is equaled only by the grave responsibility which rest on thinking men for their successful solution. It is not part of our present purpose to give a comprehensive enumeration of these problems, the relation they hear one to another, their comparative importance, or even the aspect under which they present themselves in this city; but.the condition of that part of the city, which we intend to treat of in this article is in many respects so far from what it should be, that it is not inappropriate to embcdy in a description of the east


No. 81'4 Fifth Avenue.
side some few suggestions as to what this section of the city might be, or have been, if there had existed a clearer appreciation in the beginning of the possibilities of city making, and consequently a more intelligent effort to lay out the streets which it would have been a pleasure to live upon, and build houses which it would have been a pleasure to live in. And if, in so doing, we seem to place the standard too high, and find faults, where we might just as well have instanced rirtues, or at least improvements, it will be because the deficiencies which we point out are so little appreciated that it is not unfair to emphasize them.

We are most of us familiar with the susceptible creature who takes a trip to the : ountry, becomes intoxicated with the odors of verdancy; the "crowing of the chanticleer," the "soft sighing of the breezes," and other rural phenomena, and thereupon sits down and writes a poem or a rhapsody on the sweet sensuous contentment of country life, compared with the jarring bustle, and the inevitable stone walls of the city. And being familiar with him we generally try to avoid him, for he belongs to that manner'of man who wax eloquent over comparisons which it is unnecessary to make and grow didactic over superficial distinctions. Nevertheless, like many of the muddle-headed he mingles a certain proportion of truth with an inconceivable amount of shiboleth. An American city is a most perfect illustration of how mathematicallymind ed a creature man is. A city is "all made up" of straight lines and corners. Simplicity of arrangement is necessary; and to
the untutored simplicity always becomes uniformity. It is just this deadly uniformity which is our first objection to the east side, as at present arranged. The engineers who are responsible for our street system in general committed this fault wherever possible; and on the east side it was indefinitely possible; for neither the configuration of the land, nor previously existing roads had to be regarded in making street parallel to street, avenue parallel to avenue, and the streets and avenues invariably at right angles. Some streets are made broader than others; but otherwise they are in themselves exactly alike, a characteristic which, we believe, is admirable in peas, but objectionable in streets.
Such uniformity must render a district commonplace. The east side may be compared to a Chinese play, which has neither beginning, middle nor ending, which possesses neither unity as a whole nor distinction in its parts. A street leads nowhere except to the next avenue, and an avenue nowhere but to the next street. No opportunity is provided for architectural display, because no one location is more central, more inevitable, more impossible to avoid seeing than another. If one street is lined with a better class of houses than its neighbor-assuming both to be of the same widthit is due to the accidental circumstances rather than to a design, which made one locality more desirable. The only possible advantage of this dreary uniformity, so far as we can see, is that it makes


Yosemite Flats, Park Avenue, bet. 63 d and 64 th Streets.
it impossible for anyone to get lost, provided that one has eyes to see the signs on the lamp posts; and in its conception it must have been the outcome of a sad lack of originality among the engineers who are responsible for the design. Any child can draw a rectangle and surround it with similar rectangles; and our engineers did nothing more. It is singular that a protest has not been raised against the system, by intelligent people. Suppose that Mr. Olmstead, when he designed our beautiful Central 'Park, had made every walk and carriageway parallel or at right angles to every other walk and carriageway: suppose he had planted his trees in
rows, at distances of say ten feet apart; suppose he had made his lake like a reservoir and his bushes like hedgerows, what a howl would have been raised! People would have cried that there are no straight lines in nature; that mountains do not follow the parallels of latitude, nor do rivers take their course from longitudinal lines.
The analogy mas seem fallacious, for it would be manifestly absurd to situate houses on the same principle of intelligent promiscuity which is used in planting trees by landscape garderers; but, however inadequate the illustration, we consider that the engineers who designed-the word implies too much-our street system have made practically the same error as Mr. Olmstead would have made if he had laid out the park on the mathematical principles mentioned above. For the method of grouping details so as to suggest the individuality of each part, while combining all parts into a nicely adjusted whole, would, if carried into the sphere of street planning, have produced something very different from the mechanical regularity of the present arrangement. Properly speaking, a street system should be constructed on the same principles as a genealogical tree. In the first place there should be a central square-the Rome to which all roads would lead-and as nobody could possibly escape running across this square in the course of any perambulations around the city, it would naturally be the site, in the first place, of all the public buildings and of all the important private structures, for the location would stimulate architects to design buildings worthy of the site, and the value of the property would give owners the required indscement to spend all necessary


Entrance to Yosemite Flats.
money. Leading away from the avenue should be broad and beautiful boulevards-like the Unter den Linden in Berlin-which proximately might well be the business part of the city and ultimately the sites for the finest residences. These boulevards, furthermore, should every once in a while grow into small parks and squares, which themselves would become the centre from which smaller but in their way equally tasteful streets could radiate. The parks in such a city would be brought as it were to the very doors of people's houses. Instead of having one big pleasure ground, situated for no particular reason between 59th and 110th streets, there would be numberless small parks which could be reached by a few minutes' walk, and which in their situation are the necessary outgrowth of the street system.
what mght have been done.
It is perfectly true that at no time would such an arrangement of streets been possible in New York, situated as the city is on an island, and that at no time would it be possible of complete realization in any city, simply because any city which could afford such a street system would probably be so well built up that vested rights would be too much interfered with. But it appears to us obvious that some such method of arrangement should be followed, wherever permissible, in opening up new sections; and it is sincerely to be hoped that the Street Commissioner of the 23d and 24th Wards, if the office is ever constituted, will not fall into the errors which have made New York, south of the Harlem, an eye-sore, and a trial
to the spirit. The arrangement of the streets in the district east of Central Park is unfortunately but the necessary outcome of the same plan of arrangement south of 59th street, and in finding fault with the former we implicitly do the same for the rest of the city north of 14 th street. South of 14th street the streets for the most part have frequently not even the advantage of regularity; and we are in doubt which method is productive of the worst results-the one which leaves their arrangement to the accidents of building, or the one which leaves it to the stupid lack of imagination in city officials. But whatever the method the results in both cases are


Northeast Corner 5th Avenue and 79th Street.
very similar. New Yorkers live in depressing surroundings, do an extraordinary amount of unnecessary walking and riding, and waste large sums of money, because the uniformity or promiscuity of the streets, giving as it does one section no advantage over another as a location for a particular kind of building, leads to transitoriness in the use to which given districts are put, and consequently necessitates a large amount of useless tearing down and reconstruction. Not only this, however, but the city is put to the expense of buying improved property for the purpose of making parks in the districts which are overcrowded, and in which no sufficient provision was originally made for breathing places-a process which, it may be remarked, tends to increase the overcrowding. This mistake has not been made in the upper wards to the same extent; and the western half of the district under consideration is supplied in a clumsy way with sufficient park room. It may be doubted, however, if the section east of 3 d avenue is adequately so provided ; and considering that the streets are largely


## Mott Haven Station.

if not exclusively lined with tenements, it is quite possible that if a couple of small parks are not put there at present, when there is sufficient vacant space for the purpose, that ultimately the city may not be pur to the same unnecessary expense as it has been in the lower wards. The best solution of the matter would probably be the laying out of a park something similar to the Riverside on the North River.
Thus far we have endeavored to show that a fundamental mistake was made in the designing of the street system of this and other parts of the city. And we are sorry to say that the same disregard of æsthetic considerations has been exbibited in the
arrangement of the houses in their relation one to another and to the streets. Here again we must bring in our susceptible friend, to whom the monotony of city streets is a sore trial to the flesh ; and we must admit that whatever his wealth of epithet, it would be difficult for him to describe the utterly depressing character of the present method of building and placing houses. The same considerations which led us to suggest a system of streets which would be a constant succession of surprises, rather than an unspeakably dull uniformity, would lead to further suggestion as to the arrangement of each particular street.
In every block in the newer portions of the city devoted to residential purposes there is a certain amount of space which is unoccupied. This proportion is larger in the case of dwellings, and smaller in the case of tenements and flats. The whole question of the arrangement of houses in relation to the streets and to one another, so that a maximum of comfort may be obtained for those who live in them, turns on the use to which this vacant space is put. In this city, and on the east side, as elsewnere, it is used to no good purpose whatever. With the exception of some few localities on the west side of the city, in nearly all our streets, houses are erected as near as permissible to the curb line, and the space in the rear is devoted to a back yard, in which for the most part people do nothing but hang out their washing 10 dry. Consequently there is but little room in front for the planting of wees and grass which would give to the street suburban freshness to the outlook, and a pleasant variety of appearance. In the case of tene-

th Avenue, near 124th Street.
ments, furthermore, there is so little room remaining in the rearin most cases less than 15 per cent. of the lot-and there are so many uncleanly people who have a right to its use, that the back yard, 'far from adding to the attractiveness of the building, rather detracts from it. This space may be sufficient to give the inhabitants as much light and air as is necessary for health, but it certainly does not give all that is necessary for comfort.
Of course this stuffing of as many men and as many houses as possible in a given space is caused by the high price of land, which necessitates the erection of a building which will return as much money as possible. This aspect of the matter we will come to shortly; but it is noticable that the same fact is not true to the same extent in dwellings. For the most part these structures are built just as tenements and flats are built, on lots, which are 100 feet deep; but as a rule they do not cover much more than 50 or 60 per cent. of such a lot-a proportion which leaves ample space for some patches of green in the front of the dwelling, for the planting of clinging vines which is so pleasant a feature of many Boston residences, and for an artistic arrangement of entrances. But even in addition to this it leaves a space in the rear, so large that if put to its best uses it might increase the attractiveness of the dwelling a hundred fold, and go far toward making a New York house bearabie during the summer time. In what way, then, can this space be put to its best uses? Only, we answer, by tearing down fences, and throwing the whole area into a private park, to be used only by the occupants of the block, and to be paid for out of their pockets. The proposi-
tion is a hazardous one to make, if only for the reason that, obvious that it is, it has never been tried in this city. We have indeed our private parks, but they are not part and parcel of the residences. There are, doubtless, many difficulties in the way of any such arrangement. The amount and the apportionment of the expense, the rights an individual owner w.uld have in the property after he had surrendered it to his neighbors for use in common, the impossibility of convincing a number of individual owners of the desirability of the change, the necessities householders would be under to protect the backs of their residences even as they


North Side of 71st Street, bet. 5th and Madison Avenues.
do the front-all these objections would have to be considered, and in the mass they would probably constitute an effectual bar to any attempt to convert the back yards of any existing block into a park. But we believe the experiment might be successfully tried n new districts, where the property could be sold under restrictions. There is an increasing number of communities round about the city which have successfully combined for purposes similar to the


Northeast Corner 5th Avenue and 78 th Street.
one outlined above, and there is no reason whatever why a block of houses could not be built under like restrictions in this city.
Such we believe to be probably the best use to which the back yards of dwelling hcuses could be put; but in cases where such an employment of the vacant spaces is not possible, it is foolish not at least partially to utilize the rest of the lot in an intelligent manner
by placing the houses farther back from the street line. No one can be held responsible for the lack of sense which is the most obvious characteristic of the present method of situating houses on the lot, simply because the responsibility is collective. Every one shares it who will buy or rent a house which is situated and built with such a disregard for the most obvious considerations of comfort. If New Yorkers demanded something better they would get it, and so it is with tenements and their occupants. The lower classes have neither the senses to feel keenly the wretched conditions under which they live any more than they have the imagination to conceive of better circumstancer. In order to make them feel and demand the healthier conditions which their dwellings do
different matter to pass a law compelling a builder to erect his house so that the comfort of the occupant would be best secured. In the final analysis we believe that the necessity of this second class of laws could be demonstrated about as well as could the first, but it may be doubted whether the courts would see the question in the same light. Consequently the amelioration must come, if it comes at all, from a demand on the part of those who live in the houses that they shall be fit for the purpose. We find it impossible to believe, in surveying the long rows of sombre tenements and unspeakable dwellings which line the streets on the east side and elsewhere in this city, that there will not come a time when middle and lower class alike, becoming endowed with a nicer sen-


The Fifth Avenue Apartment House, Southeast Corner 5th Avenue and 8: th Street.
Fred. Winnemer, Alchitect.
not give them at present, attempts should be made to place examples of better arranged and situated buildings before them. This is done to a certain extent in the model tenements which philanthropists are erecting at various places; but although these model tenements may be perfect in their sanitary arrangements, we do not consider that sufficient. A workingman's home should be attractive as well as healthy.

## HOW THE REFORM MUST COME.

Poor and mean as the lives of the workingmen must necessarily be when living under such depressing surroundings, we should hesitate to recommend, under the circumstances, legislative action for their amelioration. It would be doubtful even if the Legislature has the power, either to condemn or restrict property on grounds other than those of public necessity. We can irdeed condemn land for park purposes, not, however, because of the pleasure parks give, but because they are required for sanitary reasons, and in the same way we can force builders to conform to certain laws in building houses on the assumption that such laws are necessary for the health and safety of the occupants. But it would be quite a
sitiveness to their surroundings and a clearer perception of the tonic and refining value of a home which is a constant source of joy and relief, will revolt against the sinister monotony of their present dwellings. So much of the worth of a man's life depends upon his atmosphere, and so large a part of this atmosphere is made by his home that we assert with confidence that if the moral worth and productive power of the people are to be improved one of the first steps will be the introduction of a little variety and beauty into the situation and arrangement of their habitations.

## east side pavements.

Thus far we have endeavored to show certain faults, unfortunately irremediable, in the street system, not, indeed, of the east side alone, but shared by that section with the rest of the city. We now come to a special consideration of the streets of chat part of the city apart from any faults of general arrangement, or the situation of the houses in relation thereto, and here again we cannot consider their condition satisfactory. In so far as the paving is concerned it possesses the characteristics of roughness where the pavements have been laid and utter slovenliness where they have
not been. The pavements are uniformly made of either Belgian trap or granite block in a manner which will necessitate repaving wherever much used, and possessing the well-known faults of all such pavements, viz., noisiness and dirtiness. With the exception, however, on certain of the av nues the traffic on any of the thoroughfares is not likely to be heavy for some years to come; and we do not suppose that any attempt will be made to improve either the method or material of the paving until the district is well built up and people have come to realize the discomforts of rough streets. As to the condition of such of the streets and such parts of the avenues as have not already been paved, it is simply disgraceful. There ought to be some provision made for taking care of the streets before they are inhabited sufficiently to warrant pavement. If anyone thinks the word disgraceful too strong let him look at, say, Park avenue, on the east side of the railroad tracks, between 100th and 102 d streets. There are ruts in the road which would not be tolerated in the most mountainous country district, and no light vehicle could pass along it except at the risk of the occupant'sneck. In one sense the example is not typical, but in another it is, for it is an illustration of what may result from the present do-nothing policy of taking care of unpaved streets.

Such a total lack of intelligent care could be tolerated only by people who take no pride in neatness. Some of the paved streets also are filthy to an extreme degree. Old shoes, tin cans and refuse of all kinds are scattered about with profusion. This would be a good field for our new Street Cleaning Commissioner to make himself felt.

It is interesting to remark how the configuration of the land on the east side has impeded or aided building, according as the property was or was not in a condition for immediate improvement. The district round about 99 th street and Park avenue seems to have suffered most from rock and such impediments. Improvements

Such a line would be totally unnecessary, as there are already two elevated road structures. What the east side particularly needs is the addition to present facilities, which could be obtained by the third track, and additional terminal facilities. Another improvement, which will come in time, is an increase in cross-town street roads. At present there are no cross-town cars running on streets between 59 th and 125 th streets. It is probable that in the near future some connection will be made with the transverse road to be built through the park at 85th street; but this will not be enough. The residents along Madison and 5th avenues should have some means of transit to the elevated road on $3 d$ avenue, and we believe that the streets at which the elevated stations are placed will be some time in the future transversed by cross-town tracks.

## Some of the Principal Plans Filed.

A list of the plans filed during the year shows that the number of important buildings, while numerous, are not as many as might have been anticipated, considering that the section between 59th and 125th streets, between 5th avenue and the East River, takes in such a very large part of Manhattan Island. Still the list is not by any means a small one, and we give below the results of a canvass of some of the most important of the buildings, together with their present condition:
Nos. 103 and 105 East 59th street. Plans were recently filed for a fivestory brick stable, $45 \times 100.5$, to be erected on this site, but at present the ground is occupied by two three-story, high stoop, private dwellings, and there is no evidence that a stable is likely to be built upon the spot, for No. 105 has the "To let" sign of F. Zittel on it, which does not look as though the building would be torn down. In the plans filed the architects named are MacGregor \& Sons, and the lessee C. F. Frothingham.
At Nos. 801 and 802 5th avenue, between 61st and 62d streets, D. \& J. Jardine, the architects, have been building two handsome brown stone front residences, one 22.10 and one $22.9 \times 69$, fur Jabez A. Bostwick, president of the New England Road. The houses both have their plastering


Residence of Archibald Gracie, East River, foot s9th Street.
are very scarce in the vicinity-a fact that may be partially due to the noisy Manhattan car stables on the block bounded by 99 th and 100th streets, 3 d and Lexington avenues, but which must in the main be attributed to the rock, which increases the initial cost of putting up buildings to such an extent that speculators will naturally choose less obstructed localities for the field of their operations. Thus it is that in this district there is an interruption in the course of continuous improvement, the sections, both north and south, being far more occupied than the one of which we are speaking.

## RAPID TRANSIT.

It may have seemed in the foregoing that we have adopted too critical an attitude toward the streets of the east side. If so, we answer that it was no part of our intention to present a brief in favor of the district, but rather impartially to consider if there were any signs of improvement in this newer part of the city over the section south of 59th street. As a matter of fact, we have not found any signs of sucb an improvement; but this much being said, it should be added that consequently the east side, place for place, and money for money, is probably just about as desirable for living purposes as any other arbitrarily selected district in the city. How desirable this is, our readers may judge from the foregoing, but whatever its disadvantages, they are as a general thing absolute and not comparative. Its rapid transit facilities are about as good, if not better, distance for distance, as those of any other part of the city; its streets are as well paved, its houses are as well built. Its industries are limited in number, but they are prosperous and permanent; and they are bound to increase in time. The eastsiders, it may be noticed, are particularly interested in that solution of the rapid transit problem which The Record and Guide has been advocating. No plan which has as yet been proposed would give them the relief from overcrowding, which they require; indeed, nobody has proposed to run a new line up east of the park.
completed, and are ready for the interior decorations. They are estimated to cost a total of $\$ 70,060$.
Further along 5th avenue, between 65th and 66th streets, a bright-looking buff brick front dwelling is approaching the stage of occupancy. lit has been built for William Jay, the well-known lawyer and club man, and is $25 \times 71$ in size, the cost being estimated at $\$ 39,000$. Rotch \& Tilden, of Boston, are the architects.
On the northeast corner of 5th avenue and 66th street, H. O. Havemeyer's superb residence is nearing completion. It is a three-story and attic dwelling, $50.5 \times 115.2$ in size, and is by far the costliest private bouse now under way on the east side. It has a stone front, and the cost is estimated by the architect, C. C. Haight, at $\$ 185,000$.
On the north side of 67 th street, 100 feet west of 3 d avenue, a building of an entirely different character presents itself. It is the Hebrew synagogue, which is being built from plans by Schneider \& Herter. The edifice is approaching completion, and while the exterior to a large extent displays uniformity of design, the architecture is not entirely what one might expect a place of worship to be, the religion of whose devotees had its origin in the Orient. The building is to cost $\$ 75,000$.
A few doors further west, on the same side of the street, and commencing 58 feet east of Lexington avenue, is a six-story building erected by the Mount Sinai Hospital, from plans by Brunner \& Tryon. The building is massive in appearance, and is said to be of fire-proof construction. It is to be used as a training school for nurses, and contains many new features and conveniences with that object. The building is now about completed, and will cost over $\$ 80,000$. It is $57 \times 90.5$ in dimension.
Four striking private houses have just been completed on the northwest corner of Madison avenue, by Thom \& Wilson, for David Hennessy. They have frontages varying from 20 to 25 feet, and have red brick and stone fronts, with one exception, the latter having a facade entirely of brown stone. The corner house fronts on the avenue, and the others front on the street. Their cost is estimated at $\$ 120,000$.
Ahout two blocks further nortb, on the southwest corner of Madison avenue and 73 d street, a stone front church is approaching completion. It is being built from plans by W. A. Potter. The building is $58 \times 83.6$ is size, and the cost is estimated at $\$ 65,000$.

On the southeast corner of 5th avenue and 85th street the six-story flat built by Philip Braender, for which plans were filed in the year here dealt with, has for some tıme been completed, and is now partly rented. The plans are by Fred. Wennemer, and the dimension of the building is 52.2 x 96. The cost is estimated at $\$ 125,000$.

Elliott F. Shepard's stable, built for use of the horses and stages of the Fifth Avenue Transportation Company, on the north side of 88th street and the south side of 89th street, between Park and Madison avenues, has long since been completed and has been occupied for some two months It has not by any means improved the value of surrounding property. The plans were drawn by McKim, Mead \& White, and the cost was put down at $\$ 50,000$.
Between Lexington and Park avenues, on 82d street, No. 123, a five-story flat attracts the attention of the passers by. It was built from plans by

A five-story storage warehouse and stable, $100.6 \times 90$ in size, is being built on the south side of 88th street, just east of 3d avenue, for llugo Gorsch, from plans by Kurtzer \& Rohl. The building is up to the second storv and it promises to have a plain exterior. It is to cost $\$ 30,000$.
A very nice-looking building is the five-story flat, built on the southeast corner of Lexington avenue and 91 st sfreet, from plans by Weber \& Drosser. Here one sees the introduction of terra cotta to advantage. The material matches the buff-brick front, and the effect is cheerful and artistic. The building is now being rented, and the cost was about $\$ 60,000$. In size it is $96.8 \times 45$.
A building completed and occupied, having been commenced last spring, is that on the northwest corner of Lexington avenue and 93 d street. It is 40 x 71.8 in size, and was built from plans by Ed. Wenz. The cost is estimated at $\$ 45,000$.


Ed. Wenz. The front is an unusual one, and is probably the only one of its kind on the east side. It has a first story and basement of red sandstone, the front above being of mottled brič, with stone trimmings to match, all with the exception of the windows. These are bays, running from base to roof, and they are of iron construction, painted in a mahogany color. The effect is unique, to say the least of it, and cannot fail to be noticed in the midst of a not very architecturally pretentious neighborhood. On the southwest corner of 3 d avenue and 81 st street the masons are at work on the third story of a five-story flat with stores, which they are erecting on the site from plans by M. C. Merritt, $54.4 \times 80$ and 86 in size. The building promises to be plain and unpretentious, with a brick front, but very slightly relieved by the introduction of stone trimmings. It is to cost $\$ 50,000$.

A bright appearance has the buff-brick front flat, built from plans by Fred. Wennemer. It is five stories high, $27.6 \times 96.8$ in size, and cost $\$ 3), 000$. It is now about ready for occupancy.
The foundations are being iaid for a five-story flat, $36 \times 96.6$ in size, which Francis J. Schnugg is building on the southwest corner of Lexington avenue and 96th street, and for which plans were tiled this season. The building is to be ready by the fall, and is to cost $\$ 40,000$. Fred. Wennemer is the architect.
A cheerful buff-brick front has the five-story warehouse, built by Wilmurt \& Jarvis, on the north side of 100th street, 200 feet east of 3 d avenue. The size is 50 x 90 , and J. C. Burne, the architect, estimated the cost at $\$ 35,000$. It is now being rented.
At Nos. 22 and 24 East 91 st street A. Balchun is building two five-story
brick flats, $30.7 \times 90$ and $20.6 \times 88$ in size, respectively, from plans by C. Steg mayer. They are up to the fourth story and will evidently be ready for the fall market
Plans were recently filed for a five-story brick and brown stone front flat, 30 x 96 in size, to be built by McDonough \& O'Sullivan, on the northeast corner of Madison avenue and 116 th street, from plans by T. P. Neville. The ground is of rock, and this is now being blasted out preparatory to the erection of the building, which is to cost $\$ 60,000$.
Plans were filed this winter for a seven-story stone front flat, 96x6j and 50 , to be built on the southwest corner of Madison avenue and 118th street, by Carrie E. veres from plans by A. B. Jennings. The modest sum of $\$ 200,000$ was named in the plans as the estimated cost of this structure. When the writer visited the spot a few days ago he found it covered with from 12 to 20 feet of rock, on the pinnacle of which several men were
ing of a similar character on the north side of 73 d street, 113 feet east of 1st avenue, from plans by Vaux \& Radford, which is to cost $\$ 64,000$.
The three-story brick school being built at Nos. 437 and 439 East 115th street is from plans by L. J. O'Connor. It is to cost $\$ 30,000$ and will be ready for the fall term. It is now approaching completion.
The three-story brick dormitory and laundry, $118 \times 101$, for which plans were filed, to be built on the northeast corner of Avenue A and 89th street, is from plans by William Schickel \& Co. It is to cost $\$ 50,000$.

## An Analysis of the Buildings Planned.

hitherto unpublished figures-a tabulated list, showing the different classes of structures planned during the year.
We will now take a glance at the character of the new buildings pro-


No. 6 East 78th Street.
Alfred Zucker, Architect.
lazily reclining in the sun. There was no evidence that any preparation was about to be made to put up a $\$ 200,000$ building on the site.

On the southeast corner of Lexington avenue and 124th street Chas. Mierisch has completed a five-story brick apartınent house, 37.8 x 96.11 in size, from plans by Douglas Smyth. The building is a plain one, and the cost is placed at $\$ 35,000$.

In the north side of 124 th street and the south side of 125th street, running through, between Park and Lexington avenues, Oscar Hammerstein, editor and theatre proprietor, is building two structures of a totally different character. The one is for pleasure and dhe other for business. The former is on 124th street, and has its walls up about 20 feet above the ground, while the latter is on 125 th street, and is up to the second story. The one is to be a theatre, $100 \times 126.10$ in size, to cost $\$ 150,000$, and the other a four-story brick, stone and terra cotta front office building, 100x75 in size, to cost $\$ 80,000$. Both are from plans by J. B. McElfatrick \& Sons, and both are to be ready by the fall.
On the south side of 88 th street, 100 feet west of 1 st avenue, a four-story building is up to the first tier of beams. It is a boy's lodging house and school, belonging to the City Mission, and is from plans by Vaux \& Radford. It is $36 \times 86$, and is to cost $\$ 47,(100$. Plans were also filed for a build-
jected in the "East Side" District. In addition to this, other figures are given, so as to make the tables as comprehensive and interesting as possible.

In the first place, we will take the number and estimated cost of the new buildings for which plans were filed during the years 1886 to 1889 inclusive. From these, which are given below, it will be seen that the large sum of $\$ 47,815,636$ was expended in new buildings during these four years, the number planned being 2,866 . This is exclusive of expenditures made in alterations, which involved several millions more ; but allowing for a number of building plans filed and abandoned, it is safe to say that the figures given represent at least the amount expended, and if the actual cost could be obtained it would probably exceed $\$ 50,000,000$. It will be noticed that the largest number and estimated cost of the buildings planned was in 1887, which in reality was the high water mark year for the east side-a great many builders in that part of the city having in 1888 and 1889 transferred their operations to the west side, the result of which is shown, in a subsequent table below, in the comparison made between the two sides of the city, which is favorable to the latter section. The following is the table above referred to, which shows that the years 1887, 1886, 1889 and 1888 come in the order of precedence in the number and estimated cost of the
buildings planned in the district between 59th and 125th streets, east of 5 th avenue:
table 1.
bulldings planned between 59th and 120th streets, east of 5th avenue.
1886.
1878.
188.
1889.

| No. | Estimated cost. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 853 | $\$ 12,978,875$ |
| 888 | 1,752963 |
| 537 | $9,57,293$ |
| 588 | $9,667,595$ |
| 2,866 | $\$ 47,815,636$ |

The second table will be found very interesting, giving as it does a comparison of the different classes of buildings erected on both sides of the city. It has been generally known that more private dwellings have been built on the west side than on the east side, but to what extent was never ascertained. The figures which we now give, published for the first time, shed a clear light on the matter, and enable us to ascertain exactly to what estent the west side shows up better than the east side, as a whole.
In one particular both sides of the city correspond, viz. : they show that the largest amount expended is in flats and tenements. These buildings, cur1ously enough, are within a few units of being exactly the same in number. But it is in their total amount that the difference displays itself, for while the 375 buildings on the east side cost $: \$ 7,080,200$, the 379 buildings on the west side cost $\$ 10,973,500$. This gives an average of $\$ 18,880$ per building on the east side, and $\$ 28,953$ on the west side, which tends to show that the buildings, on an average, have bien more costly in construction in the latter section than in the former.
Another point, very forcibly illustrated in the figures, shows to what a large extent private house building has been undertaken on the west side, as compared with the east side. In 1889 the sum of $\$ 8,372,000$ was the estimated cost of the 420 private houses planned in the former section


## East Side Madison Avenue, bet. 91st and 92d Streets.

while only $\$ 1,502,500$ was the estimated cost of 101 buildings planned in the latter section.
The dwellings planned on the west side numbered more than four to each one on the east side, while they cost about five-and-a-balf times as much. In other words, the average cost of each private dwelling, grouping the three and fcur-story houses together, was $\$ 14,876$ on the east side, while on the west side it was nearly $\$ 20,000$. These figures demonstrate that in the former section the houses, on an average, were les $_{\mathrm{S}}$ costly in construction than in the latter section.
Still another point of comparison. The east side, in churches, hotels and store buildings, shows a smaller number and a lesser cost in 1889 than the same character of buildings planned on the west side, and they averaged more in cost in the latter section, as the table below shows. Again-and it is a very strong point in favor of the west side-the number of stables, factories and other structures of a character that are objectionable in residential localities, were more numerously planned on the east side than they were on the west, there being no less than 104 of such miscellaneous buildings erected on the east side against but 28 on the west side. The only offset to this is the fact that the average size of the buildings in the latter section was larggr, and the cost greater, than in the former sectionIt should be added, however, that these miscellaneous buildings on the east side were almost entirely confined to the section east of 3 d avenue, the district between 3d and 5th avenues being comparatively free from them.
The second table also gives the figures for the first quarter of 1890. From these it will be seen that on the east side the number of apartment buildings planned somewhat exceeded those on the west side, while the estimated cost was considerably less. In private houses the east side continues, as in 1889, to make a much smaller showing, the comparison, in number, being as about as four to one in favor of the west side, and in cost about as three and a-half to une. In hotels, churches, etc., the east side shows up better
than the west, while in miscellaneous buildings, those of a non-residentia character, the east side continues its, reputation for superiority, the number being about as three to one, and the cost about as two and a-balf to one. The following is the table:

TABLE II.
buildings projected from april, 1889, to april, 1890.

| Flats and | Private | Hotels, Stores, Miscellane |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tenem'ts- | -Dwell'gs | \&e. ${ }^{\text {chen }}$ Factor's, \&c. |
| To. Cost. | No. Cost. | No. Cost. No. Cost. |

1889-January to De Bet 59th and 125th sts, Bet 59 th and 125 th.... sts,
west of Sth av.
$375 \quad \$ 7,080.200 \quad 101$ \$1,502,500
$\begin{array}{lllllll}379 & 10,973,500 & 420 & 8,379,000 & 12,810,800 & 28 & 411,90\end{array}$
1890-Januarv to March inclusive
59th and 125th sts, eas
$\begin{array}{rllllllll}\text { of } 5 \text { th av } \ldots \ldots . \ldots \\ \text { 59th }\end{array} 91 \quad 1,911,000 \quad 28 \quad 539,500 \quad 5 \quad 312,000 \quad 22 \quad 145,350$
 The third table shows the numb:r and cost of the different classes of buildings projected in the territory descrijed from the beginning of April, 1889, to the beginning of April, 1890. It shows that the number of tenements exceeds in the proportion of about three and threc-quarters to one the number of three and four-story dwellings, and in cost in the proportion of over four to one. Indeed, the number of tenements is 108 larger, and their estimated cost $\$ 3,541,020$ greater than all the other classes of buildings combined. This would be very extraordinary were it not for the fact that the records of conveyances show that the number of tenements sold is extremely large, proving that the supply is only made to meet the demand. The number of three-story houses planned was somewhat in excess of the four-story dwellings, though the cost of the latter was twothirds greater than the former. The number of miscellaneous buildings for which plans were filed was very large, being fifteen more than the three and four-story dwellings and flats combined, though their cost was only half. The number of flats were small, their estimated cost averaging less than $\$ 50,000$ each. By flats improved tenements are not meant, the latter being in nearly every case designated as "flats" in the plans filed. The following is the table:

TABLE $\amalg$.
Buildings projected from April, 1889, to April, 1890.
between 59 th and 125 th streets, east of 5 th avenue.
Three-story
dw llings. -Four-story
 $\begin{array}{llllllllll}\text { No. } & \text { Cost. } & \text { No. } & \text { Cost } & \text { No. } & \text { Cost. } & \text { No. } & \text { Cost. } & \text { No. } & \text { Nost. } \\ \$ 604,000 & 3 \dot{7} & \$ 1,037,809 & 11 & \$ 517,00 j & 315 & \$ 6,765,600 & 111 & \$ 1,065,780\end{array}$

## Lots Improved and Unimproved.

## statistics that will be read with interest.

Table 1V., dealing with the vacant and improved lots in the territory under consideration, section by section, is of considerable interest. We first see that there are 20,633 lots between 59 th and 125 th streets, east of 5th avtnue. Of these 12,466 , over 60 per cent, or about three-fifths, iave been improved. This will be quite a revelation to those who have an impression that the east side is nearly all built up. There are still 8,167 lots vacant and unimproved at the present time. The section showing the most number of lots improved is between 72d and 86th streets, where there are 3,249 lots buiit upon, the section between 59 h and 72 d streets coming next with 2,784 lots, and the section between 110th and 116th streets coming last with only 1,125 lots improved The number of lots vacant and unimproved is largest between 96th and 110th streets, and smallest between 110th and 116th streets. In 1886 the total number of such lots in the territory dealt with was 9,656 . Since then 1,489 more lots have been improved. Of course these lots do not each represent one building, for a large number of structures cover several lots, while others cover a frontage of only twothirds or four-fifths of a lot. It should be added, also, that the list, when made out in 1886, did not include, among the vacant lots, any three-story frame buildings, whereas in the list for 1890 all frame buildings, of whatever character, as well as all small brick buildings not of a permanent character, were included in the number of lots unimproved, under the heading of "vacant," otherwise the number of lots improved since 1886 would bave shown up considerably larger than 1,489 . It will be seen that the section which has been most improved since 1886 is that between 96th and 110th streets, between 86th and 96th streets coming rext; while the sections between 116th and 125th streets, and between 59th and 72 d streets stand at the bottom of the list. The table is quite an instructive one:

TABLE IV.

|  | Total No. of lots improved and unimproved. | No. vacant in 1886. | No. vacant at present time. | Lots improved since 1886 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 59th to 72d st. | .. 4,199 | 1,442 | 1,415 |  |
| 72 d to 86th st. | . 4,648 | 1,645 | 1,399 | 243 |
| 86th to 96th st. | 3,092 | 1,989 | 1.491 | 498 |
| $9^{\text {rth }}$ th to 110th st | . 4,194 | 2,753 | 2,157 | 596 |
| 110th to 116th st | . 1,818 | 794 | 693 | 101 |
| 116th to 125th st. | ..... 2,682 | 1.033 | 1,012 | 21 |
|  | 20,633 | 9,656 | 8,167 | 1,489 |

An extremely interesting table is that which follows. Builders aud others interested in building operations will scan it eagerly. It shows how many vacant and unimproved lots there are on each avenue between 59 th and 125 th streets, 5 th avenue and Avenue B, on eack side of the avenue, and between certain streets, divided into sections. To elaborate upon this very useful tıble would be unnecessary. A few points, however, are worthy of notice. The table shows us that there are more lots vacant on Madison avenue, between 59th and 125 th streets, than there are on any other avenue, their number being 458 , of which 245 are on the west side and 213 on the east side. Park avenue has 335 vacant luts and 5 th avenue (one side) 389, while 3d avenue has 180, and 2d avenue 194, Avenue B having the least of all, namely, 89 , owing to the irregular lines of the river, which runs to the avenue at certain points.
A glance along the totals between each section shows that there are more
vacant avenue lots between 96th and 110th streets than in any other section， namely，705．＇The section between 86 th and 96 th streets comes next with 544 lots，that between 110th and 116th streets showing the least number of avenue lots vacant unimproved．But the figures tell the story in detail：
TABLE V.

|  |  | Bet． 59th and 72 d sts | Bet． 72d and 86th sts | Bet． 86th and 96 th sts． | Bet． 110th sts 110 th st | Ret． 110th and 116th sts． |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { iv lots } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5th |  | ${ }^{49}$ | 81. | 71 <br> 63 | ${ }^{112}$ | ${ }_{4}^{44}$ | ${ }_{32}^{32}$ | 389 <br> .45 <br> 8 |
| Madison av． | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { w s．．．} \\ \text { es s．．．}\end{array}\right.$ | 13 13 | 35 26 | 63 56 58 | ${ }_{88}^{88}$ | 14 8 | $\stackrel{32}{28}$ | 213 |
|  | ws． | 21 | 37 | 26 | 76 | 11 | 18 | 189 |
| Park av． | es． | 8 | 36 | 24 | 40 | 16 | 22 | 146 |
| Lexington av | w s．．． | 0 | 19 | 15 | 94 | 9 | 28 | 95 |
| Lexington av |  | 10 | 19 | 17 | 34 | 10 | ${ }_{21}^{23}$ | 113 |
| 3d av | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { w s．．} \\ \text { es．．．．}\end{array}\right.$ | ${ }_{10}^{9}$ | ${ }_{26}^{15}$ | $\begin{array}{r}5 \\ 24 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | ${ }_{24}^{12}$ | 12 | 14 14 | $\begin{array}{r}74 \\ 106 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
|  | w s．．．． | 85 |  | 36 | 7 | 5 | 13 | 98 |
| 2 dav | \｛es． | 19 | 3 | 28 | 37 | 4 | 5 | 96 |
|  |  | 34 |  |  | 69 |  | ${ }_{17}^{22}$ | 185 |
|  | es．．．． | 37 | 5 | 52 | 92 | 10 | 17 | 213 |
| Av A |  | 74 | 20 | 21 |  | 34 | 40 | 197 |
|  | es．．． | 84 | 44 | 2 | River | ${ }_{\text {river }}^{31}$ | －15 | 196 |
| Av B | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { w s．．．．} \\ \text { es．．．}\end{array}\right.$ | ${ }_{0}^{0}$ | ${ }_{36}^{14}$ | ${ }_{24}^{15}$ | River River | River | River | ${ }_{60}$ |
| Total． |  | 416 | 426 | 544 | 705 | $2{ }^{29}$ | 330 | 2，644 |

An almost equally interesting table is that which follows．It shows the number of vacant and unimproved lots on the streets，between the different avenues，section by section．From this it will be seen that there are more street lots unimproved between 1st avenue and Avenue A than between any other avenues in the territory here dealt with，namely， 1,276 ，and that the least number of unimproved lots is between Lexington and 3 d avenues． where there are only 280 ．The section containing most unimproved street lots is between 96th and 110th streets，namely 1,452 ，while that containing the least is between 110th and 116th streets，where there are but 470 ．The total number of street lots，unimproved，is 5,523 ，and the total number of avenue lots 2,644 －less than one－half the former．The following is the table：

TABLE VI．

| Streets．from |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 玉 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F9th－7ed． | ${ }^{68}$ | 10 | 15 | 19 | 97 | 135 | 308 | 347 | 999 |
| $72 \mathrm{~d}-8 \mathrm{sth}$ ． | 107 | 56 | 40 | 31 | 73 | 72 | 125 | 469 | 973 |
| 88th－96th | 130 | 77 | 48 | 50 | 164 | 257 | 174 | 47 | 947 |
| 96 th－110th． | 2,7 | 168 | 99 | 67 | 126 | 299 | 476 | River | 1，452 |
| 110th－116th． | 78 | 22 | 40 | 22 | 71 | 8 | 85 | ${ }^{65}$ | 470 |
| 116th－125．th．．．． | 57 | 60 | 66 | 91 | 88 | 87 | 108 | 125 | 682 |
| Total． | 657 | 393 | 308 | 280 | 619 | 937 | 1，276 | 1，053 | 5，523 |
| Addendum： |  | Total avenue lots． |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,644 \\ & 5,523 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  | Total |  |  |  |  |  | 8，167 |  |

## A Ytar＇s Conveyances Tabulated．

statistics showing the number，character and cost of the proper－

## ties sold from april，1889，till april， 1890.

Table VII．，which follows，is the result of a laborious and painstaking effort to get at the particulars of the sales of real estate for the period named above，together with the number，cost and character of the various proper－ ties sold or conveyed during that time．It shows the number and amount of the properties transferred，together with the number conveyed for nomi－ nal considerations，as well as the number reconveyed，for the year ending April 1， 1890.
This is the first time a table of such a character has ever been made，and it will therefore be perused with some interest．It is worth studying，from an investor＇s point of view，and will also have considerable value for build－ ers．It will be seen that 437 three－story private houses were purchased or convesed during the year on the streets between 59th and 125th，east of 5th avenue，aud 272 four－story houses， 28 flats and 1,072 tenements．These buildings all front on streets．
The number of three－story houses conveyed which front on avenues was 101．These have mostly been on Lexington，Park and Pleasant avenues The four－story avenue houses number 52 ，the flats 8 and the tenements 537.
Perhaps the most notable surprise to the reader in perusing this table will be the unexpectedly large proportion of the whole number and cost which the tenements occupy．It has been generally supposed that a good deal of money is put into east side tenements，but that so large a number as 1,609 were conveyed，of which 1,182 cost $\$ 25,476,227$ wouid scarcely have been surmised．Now， $1,0 \mathrm{~T}_{2}$ were tenements fronting on streets，and 537 fronting on avenues．The tenements are not far from double the number of the flats and three and four－story dwellings combined．This goes far to show that builders are not necessarily unwise in putting up such a large number of tenements on the east side，for，when so many millions of dollars are inrested in them，builders are erecting structures to meet a very large demand．In using the word＂tenements＂it should be added that in a great many instances these buildings are named in the conveyances as flats or apartment houses，but the amounts at which they were conveyed shows clearly that they were tenements，although a great many of them are evi $\mathrm{d}=$ ntly of the better class，and contain various improvements．This expla－ nation is necessary，for the word＂tenement＂has been much misconstrued， and the tables may be used to institute comparisons with other sections of the city to the disadvantage of the east side，when such a comparison might be incorrect and unjust．
The vacant lot table of convevances during the year is one of consider able interest．It shows that nearly $\$ 12,000,000$ has been placed in real estate of a vacant and unimproved character．The number of lcis under
the heading of＂Vacant and Unimproved＂include all frame dwellings of whatever character，as well as old one and two－story brick buildings and other structures that cannot be classified under any of the other headings． These properties have，in the vast majority of instances，been purchased fre improvement，and most of those not acquired with that object will no doubt within a comparatively short time be used for building purposes．The unimproved properties transferred cover 1,950 lots，averaging $25 \times 100$ ，of which nearly 1,200 were on streets and 758 on avenues．Of the total amount for which those properties were transferred nearly six and three－ quarter millions was for street lots and over five and a－quarter millions for a venue lots．It should be added that in the transfers many of the single lots have frontages of various sizes，from 16.8 to 25 feet，but these have been entered as two－thirds of a lot，or otherwise，according to their size，so that the total number of lots given in each case represents actual average lots of 2,500 square feet each．Where，for instance，a transfer appears of $230 \times 100$ it has been entered as 91.5 lots in the detailed tables，and this acccunts for the fractional figures in the totals．

The properties suld of a miscellaneous character numbered 63 ，of which 57 were on street：and 6 on avenues．These include factories，stables，one or two churches and other buildings not of a residential cbaracter．The total amount at which 33 of these were conveyed was $\$ 1,490,410$ ，a comparatively small sum in the grand total．
There are two items in the tables which require explanation as well as comment．These are the pr perties conveyed for a nominal consideration and those reconveyed．The＂No．nominal＂include every transfer where the price is not named in the deed，or where the amount stated is not the proper value of the property，such as＂$\$ 1$, ＂＂gift，＂＂exchange，＂etc． Such transfers are in no case included in the amounts given．For instance， although 1,609 tenements were transferred in the territory named，the number conveyed for nominal considerations was 427 ．The amount in the same column，namely，$\$ 25,476,227$ ，represents the price of the 1,609 tene－ ments，minus the 427 conveyed at a nominal figure；that is， 1,182 ，which gives an average of $\$ 21,553$ per tenement．In the same way the number of four－story dwellings which were transferred for $\$ 5,657,720$ was 324 ，minus 92 ，namely，？ 32 ，an average of $\$ 24,386$ per house；the number of flats trans ferred for $\$ 2,059,971$ being 29 ，an average of over $\$ 70,000$ per building，and the unimproved lots conveved for $\$ 11,990,016$ numbering over 1,349 ，an average of ahout $\$ 8,888$ each．In the same way the average in each case can be obtained of each class of building，both on the streets and avenues． It is worth adding that if it were possible to obtain the value of each par－ cel conveyed for a nominal consideration the total amcunt－which would then be the actual figure at which the properties were transferred－would， in the same propnrtion，be $\$ 72,460,68 \mathrm{~S}$ ．For，if 3,254 buildings and lots are conveyed for $\$ 52,162,910$ ，then 1,266 parcels－the number conveyed at nominal figures－would amount to $\$ 20.297 .778$ ，which would give a grand total of $\$ 72,460,688$ involved in the properties conveyed between 59th and 125th streets，east of 5th avenue，for the year ending April 1，1890．This total，while theoretical，is probably not far from correct．
The second item requiring some explanation，namely，the parcels recon－ veyed，has reference to the number of properties which were resold or re－ conveyed by parties of the second part，either for the same amounts as paid to the parties of the first part，or at an advance，or for a nominal considera tion．The number of reconveyances given do not include every parcel that was sold or conveyed more than once during the year，but only such parcels as were on the same day，or within a very few days，reconveyed．They repre－ sent the largest part of the total number，so reconveyed，but no attempt was made to get at the exact number，for that would have taken several weeks＇ work to ascertain，and the result would scarcely have been commensurate with the labor involved．But the numbers named in the tables represent probably three－fourths of the number of properties conveyed more than once during the year，and they therefore teach us something．Of these recon－ veyances，as we have called them，there were 220 properties of an improved character．As the total number of building，transferred was 2，570，the reconveyances represent over $81 / 2$ per cent．of the whole．In the unim－ proved lots they represent nearly $91 / 2$ per cent．of the whole．This we know positively，but it is not improbable that somewhere between 12 and 15 per cent．of the total number of properties sold or transferred were reconveyed during the year．
The importance of the real estate transactions in the territory here dealt with will at once be seen at a glance of the total figures of the street and avenue properties conveyed．These amount to over $\$ 52,000,000$ ．Of this amount properties were sold and conveyed in strictly private dwellings to the extent of over $\$ 1 i, 000,000$ ；in flats and tenements of over $\$ 27,500,000$ ， and in vacant and unimproved properties nearly $\$ 12,000,000$ ，the balance being in buildings of a miscellaneous character．These figures do not，of course，include the parcels conveyed for nominal considerations，as explained above．The table，which is well worth studying，speaks for itself：

TABLE VII．
CONVEYANCES FROM APRIL， 1889 ，Till APRIL， 1890.
Between 59th and 125 th streets，east of 5 th avenue．

Number．．
No．nominal
No．reconvey＇d
$\$ 487,000 \begin{array}{r}8 \\ 0 \\ 0\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r}7582-5 \\ \$ 5,250.601 \\ 28 i \\ \hline 2-5\end{array}$
$6262,500^{6}$
1
0

Number．
＊A mount．．．．
No．reconvey＇d


## GRAND TOTAL



| No. |  | No. lots |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| buildings. | *Amount. | vacant. \&c. | Amount. | unimprov'd |
| 1.866 | \$2R, 874.623 | 1,1921/4 | $\$ 6,739,415$ $5,250,601$ | $\$ 33,614,638$ 18,548,872 |
| 74 | 13,: 98 , 2 íl | $7582-5$ | 5,250,601 |  |
| 2,570 | \$10,172,894 | 1,950 13-20 | \$11.990,016 | \$52,162,910 |

* The amount includes the total number of properties transferred, minus the * The amount includes the total number of properties transferred for nor'inal considerations. For instance, in the street prop erties $\$ 4,530.196$ represents the cost of the 437 thiee-story awellings, minus 74 which would leave 363 as the number conveyed for $\$ 1.580,196$


## Foreclosures on the East and West Sides.

We give herewith a list of the foreclosure suits commenced during the first three months of 1890 on the east and the west sides. It will be seen that they number about the same in both sections, there being fifty-seven on the east side and sixty-two on the west, and that, furthermore, in both

28-120th st, s s, 175 w Pleasant av, $16.8 \times 100$. An Association for the Relief of Respectable Aged and Indigent Females agt Elijah W.
 Henry J. McGuckinet al agt John C. Graham
21-Same property. 2 mort. Same agt same Sophie Dittenheefer 100.30 . Jonas weil and Bernard Mayer 14-1st av, es, 75.5 s 124th st, $25.4 \times 1 \mathrm{no}$. Philip Bohnet agt Mary $\dddot{\mathrm{L}}$.
 21-2d av. sw cor 96th
14-4th av, es. $6 \pi .7$ n 82 d st, 2 lots, each $34.7 \times 1 \mathrm{n} 0$. Gottlob Gunther agt John C. Umber field et al.. .. ......... ............ 2 morts., each
FEBRUARy.
3-59th st, s s, 100 e 5 th av, $50 \times 100.5$. George R. Fearing trustee agt
Vernon K. Stevenson....... 5--64th st. n S. 190 e Madison av, $20 \times 100.5$. Charles $\ddot{\mathrm{G}}$ Pease exr. C. . E. Pease agt Clara M. Egan.


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sections there were proportionally more foreclosure suits during the month of Februan $y$ than during either of the other two. Taken allin all, the exhibit must be regarded as very favorable. Considering the speculative character of much of the building done, the small margin on which builders bave carried on tbeir operations, and the fact that many houses remain unsold, it is singular that so few have been unable to meet their obligations.
BETWEEN FIFTY-NINTH AND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH STREETS,
Date east of fifth avenue.

JANUARY.
30 -Sist st, se cor Lexington av, i(x104.4. Germania Life Ins. Co. agt Bernard Spauldi ig et al
$17-85 t h$ st. S S. 155 e sd av, 25x100. Em. I. \&. Bank agt Patrick Sulilivan et al
$20-85 t h$ st, s s, 235.6 e $4 t h$ av, $40.2 x 102.2$. Caroline L. Macy agt Bar-24-105th st, n s, 125 e 4th av. 25xion.i1. Edward $\dddot{F}$. Kobinson agt Ann
 Traphagen et al

8-71st st, s s, 21 C .3 w 3 d a
Thacdeus B Wakeman... $163 \times 100.5$. Equitable Life, \&c., agt 5-i3d st, s s, 235 e 3d av, 25xic 2.2 . Richard E . L. Townsend agt Isa 15- 73 d st, $\mathrm{n} \mathrm{s}$,115 w Lexington av, $17 \times 102.2$. Abraham M. Delaney agt Annie McGuire .............................................. 1- 79 th st, s s, 75 w Av A, 19x79. Henry Greenbaum agt Kate Mul
 $10-85$ th st. s s, 155 e 3 d av, $25 \times 100$. Emigrant Indust. Savings Bank agt Pat’k Sullivan .. $26-105 t h$ st, $n$ s, 50 e 4 th av, $16.8 \times 80$. William H. Willetts exr. Pat' $\dddot{k}$
 18-114th st.
Behrens
18-114th st. 173 e 5th av, $25 \times 100$. Same agt same
18-114th st, 200 e 5th av, $25 \times 100$. Same agt same
13-115th st, $s$ s, 245 e 5th av, 100x100.11. Marx and Moses Ottinger agt
3-119th st, n s, 33 e Av A. 20xilo. Elizabeth Kimberly agt James
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[^0]| 3,200 | 97-69th st, n s, 70.8 e 9 th av, 3 lots, abt $18 \times 100.5$ each. Frederick J Middlebrook agt John C. Shaw et al. 3 morts., each. | 2,00] |
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|  | 27 -\%oth st. s s, 70.8 e 9 th av, 2 lots, abt $18 \times 100.5$ each. Same agt same. |  |
| 3,200 | 1st st, $\mathrm{n} \mathrm{s}, 53$ e West End av, $17 \times 102$ 2. Mary A. Astor Wool | ,00 |
| 5,250 | agt Wm. K. Mills et al <br> $22-92 \mathrm{~d}$ st, n s, 225 e $1^{1}$ th av, $70 \times 100.11$. Riverside Baptist Church Joseph W. Bates | $15,000$ <br> 6. 'R8 |
| 5,000 | 22-92d st, n s, 295 e 10th av, 30x100.11. Chas. Emmons agt same. | 25', '86 |
| 163,500 | 7-94th st, n S, 80 e 9th av, 20x100.5. Bradley \& Currier Co. (Lim Francis McQuade et al | 6,000 |
| 35,000 | 14-94th st, n S, 10 J w 9th av, $50 \times 100.8$. Jacob Korn agt John H. B cock | 21,000 |
| 6,000 | $24-97 \mathrm{st} \mathrm{st}, \mathrm{s}$ s, 100 e 10th av, $75 \times 100$. German-American R. E. T. Co. agt Gerrit J. W. Vanslingerlandt et al. | 65,000 |
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| 30,000 | $17-98$ th st, n s, 100 e 10th av, $325 \times 113.2 \mathrm{x}-\mathrm{x} 129$. Jul'us Lipman ag John C. Wilson | 57.538 |
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| 2,500 | $30-$ Same property. Same agt same. | 1,500 |



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Widows and Children \& $14-97$ th st, n s, 154 e e 10th av, $14 \times 1,0.11$. Thos. D. Mason agt John J. J.
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