

## WASTE OF CROTON WATER.

CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT, NOV. 12, 1859.

**THE CROTON AQUEDUCT BOARD BEING** charged by law with the protection of the supply of water for the city, find it necessary again to call the attention of the inhabitants to the extraordinary waste which is committed.

It is believed upon sufficient data that not less than thirteen millions of gallons are wasted every day. When it is considered that the total quantity which can be brought into the city for the present is but thirty millions of gallons daily, this amount of waste seems altogether unjust and inexcusable. If but one-half of this can be prevented by the very simple practice of a reasonable economy, the supply will be adequate to all emergencies.

This extravagant abuse in the consumption of water is not confined to any particular points of draught, but is universal. Reckless profusion in its use is permitted by heads of families in every department of domestic life, as well as in public buildings and manufactories, and probably results in a greater amount of waste in the former than in the latter. Another and most extravagant source of waste, in cold weather, is the practice of permitting the water, both in private houses and in stores, to run day and night in order to prevent its freezing in the pipes. This can be prevented by drawing off the water from the pipes in the houses at night, or whenever it is not in active use. A faucet on the pipe at its entrance into a building is all the fixture that is necessary for this purpose.

All continuous streams of water for any purpose whatever, all self-acting, standing, or sitting fixtures discharging quantities of water enormously disproportioned to the amount required for any legitimate purpose, and all other sources of waste, can be prevented by proper care, and are, therefore, required so to be, under the penalties provided by the city ordinances.

Wasteful practices are as unnecessary, in fact, as they are unjust to the honest consumer, who is thereby deprived of his proportion of the general supply.

The public is notified that, in obedience to their duty, the Board find it imperatively necessary to exercise increased vigilance. Reports will be made daily of every description of waste, when the proper fines will be exacted, and the water will be cut off from every house, whether public or private, in which it is allowed. When the supply is cut off, it will not be renewed until the expense attending it be paid, and satisfactory assurance be given that no further waste will be permitted.

By order of the Board.

THOMAS B. TAPPAN, Commissioner.