

Mr. Editor—As the Common Council are now engaged on a project for supplying the central part of the city with water for extinguishing fires, you will allow me I presume a small space in your paper to make one or two suggestions on the subject.

In the first place it is the opinion of the writer that the plan now before the Common Council of opening Works street to the river will be not only the most expensive but the least feasible of any which has been suggested. In severe weather in the *winter*, and in dry weather in the *summer*, it will be difficult if not impossible to obtain a full supply of water from this source without great inconvenience and loss of power, nor could it at any time be obtained with as great convenience as it could from the flume in the rear of Griffith's store to which access can be had through a street thirty feet wide from Buffalo street, by inserting in the flume two or three boxes to which hose can be attached with very little trouble, and water can be carried to the Arcade or to any point in the neighborhood under a head of ten or fifteen feet instead of being forced *up* that distance as it must be in low water at Works street.

Another plan and one which offers still greater advantages, would be the construction of large reservoirs in central situations and supplying them with water through iron pipes extending to the mill race on aqueduct street. This would be attended with considerable expense but much less it is thought, than the continuation of Works st, while the benefit of it would be four fold, as the reservoirs could be increased from time to time as they might be deemed necessary, and a large territory supplied, whereas the benefit from the Works street improvement would be limited to a small section of the city; and the heavy expenses attending it would be properly assessed on the small district benefited thereby.