Opening of Fire Plugs.—The recent order of the Mayor to the Lieutenant, directing them to enforce the ordinance relating to the opening of fire plugholes in the hands of firemen, is likely to work disadvantageously. It is a measure that will scarcely lead his most intransigent opponents to conciliate him for directing the enforcement of a law which Councils should take an early step in revoking.

L. W. Witting, of the Ninth Ward, assures us that the use of the plugs is almost indispensable in certain portions of his police division. For instance, the contractor for cleaning the streets of the city has herebefore had the use of the plugs for the purpose of cleaning the market houses, which it has been necessary to move from two to three times a week during the summer season.

The large quantity of produce exposed for sale along Market st., from Eighth to Broad, causes an accumulation of offal in the gutter, and the use of the plugs to cleanse them thoroughly is indispensable to prevent a stench, and remove stagnated water and filth from the street. This can be accomplished by tying the public water in a case like this, but the non-enforcement of the law in this instance would form as great a symptom of the complaint as the subject referred to. Where special enjoyment, is not rejected, a case like the present.

A Sad Disappointment.

Great indignation has been raised among the advocates of the party in power, in consequence of the re-election of Frederick Graft as Chief Engineer of the City Water Works. A dead set was made at Mr. Graft, in consequence of his continuance as in refusing to join the "Order." It was thought that it was not judicious to allow any person to perform a service for the city who was not bound by the strictest obligations. Mr. Graft refused to join, and, although he was universally admitted that he had scientific attainments and experience such that his displacement would be very disadvantageous to the general interests, still his attachment to the "Order" was so great, and the good of the city was considered nothing to the necessity of administering to him a rebuke, which would have been of most impressing significance to others in like cases offending. In the "American" was it determined to support Frederick Berryman for Chief Engineer. At the election on Tuesday last, by Councils, that candidate received the Know-Nothing support, but quite unexpectedly the Democrats voted for Mr. Graft in solid force, some of the Whigs joined in, and two or three Know-Nothingites of the Board "bolted" from the caucus nomines. The result was that Mr. Graft received 49 votes, while Mr. Berryman could only count up 44. Weeping, wailing and grumbling of both has been the consequence, and much indignation at their defeat is manifested by the "American" politicians. The public and the Whigs were well satisfied with the result. In capacity, fitness, and practical knowledge, Mr. Berryman is not to be compared to Mr. Graft, and the removal of the latter would, of course, have been regarded as an injury to the public.

ARTISTIC AND ARCHITECTURAL.

Site. — In selecting a site for the city hall, it is necessary to consider the feasibility of each location, and the cost of constructing the building. The site should be selected after careful consideration of the following factors: the location of the site in relation to the city, the natural features of the site, the cost of constructing the building, the cost of providing utilities, and the accessibility of the site.

Architectural and engineering considerations are also important in selecting a site. The architectural style of the building should complement the surrounding structures, and the building should be designed to be energy-efficient and sustainable. The site should also be selected with safety and security in mind, and the building should be designed to be earthquake-resistant and secure against other natural disasters. Finally, the site should be selected with consideration for the environment, and the building should be designed to be environmentally friendly and sustainable.