

CORROSION LESS RAPID IN IRON WATER PIPES

To the Editor of The New York Times:

The corrosion of water pipes referred to in detail in *The Sunday Times* is much greater with the steel now almost universally used than with ordinary soft iron, which was the material solely employed some years ago. This was very clearly laid down after meticulous scientific tests by the recently deceased eminent sanitary engineer, Dr. William Paul Gerhard.

Where steel and iron pipes are laid side by side, under the same conditions, the steel is useless long before the iron needs replacement. Sometimes where steel pipes are put in a building where there are already iron ones, the steel must be replaced before it is necessary with the iron.

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